STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
CHRB 65 (Rev 1-23)

OFFICIAL COMPLAINT

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) hereby files an official complaint against Heath Taylor for violation of CHRB Rule(s) 1588 (a),1843 (a,b&d), 1843.1 (a), 1843.4, 1866 (h) & 1887. The person named in this complaint is licensed by the CHRB as a Trainer, under license number 230862-03/2026. The alleged offense occurred on or about 7/22/2023 and is described as follows:

Official blood sample #NC62352 taken on 7/22/2023 at LARC from horse, "Political Rivalry" was reported by Ben Moeller, PhD of the Maddy EACL at UC Davis contained Phenylbutazone & Flunixin. The Horse "Political Rivalry" worked on 7/22/2023 for removal from the Veterinarians List. Phenylbutazone & Flunixin is a prohibited drug substance, class 4, penalty class C. The split analysis was not requested in accordance to 1859.25. Taylor is the trainer of record.

Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Sections 19420 and 19440, as well as the authority outlined in the CHRB Rules, the Board of Stewards are empowered to impose penalties for violations of any provision of a CHRB Rule, or HISA Rule, where authorized. Such penalties may include suspension of any CHRB-issued license, monetary fine, assessment of penalty points, and/or exclusion from any/all racing enclosures under the jurisdiction of the Board, or any combination of the penalties listed above.

Investigator Name: B. Halcromb Date of Filing: 8/25/2023 Case Number: 23LA0159

NOTICE TO APPEAR

You are hereby ordered to appear before the Board of Stewards as noted below.

Location: Los Alamitos Date: 9/14/2023 Time: 10:00am

You are entitled to reasonable notice of this hearing and reasonable time to prepare for the hearing. If you require additional time to prepare for the hearing, you must contact the Board of Stewards within 72 hours of receipt of this notice. All requests for continuance must be submitted in writing and fully justify the need for continuance. The granting or denial of a request for continuance rests with the Board of Stewards. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the attached "Governing Procedures for Hearing Before the Board of Stewards."

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

☒ In Person ☐ Certified Mail (Tracking #): _____ ☐ Other: _____

Documents Served: ☐ Complaint Packet ☒ Governing Procedures ☐ Other: _____

Served By: B. Halcromb Date: _____ Time: _____ ☐ 10 Day Time Waived

DISPOSITION

The Board of Stewards took the following action on the aforementioned case.

☐ Ruling Issued ☐ Formal Warning ☐ Case Dismissed ☐ Withdrawn

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