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 Nicholas Hines for violation of HISA Rule(s) 2280 and 2282 (b).

The person named in this complaint is licensed by the CHRB as a Owner, under license number 083581-06/2028. The alleged offense occurred on or about August 24, 2025 and is described as follows:

On August 28, 2025, Investigators were notified that Jockey Armando Aguilar (406554-05/2028) who rode "FAST SERVICE" in the sixth race at Del Mar on August 24, 2025, and placed third, was observed using his riding crop five times over the limit (Class 2 violation). The horse is owned by Nicholas Hines (083581-06/2028) DBA Battle Born Racing Stable (600244-12/2027) and trained by Antonio Garcia. In accordance with HISA Rule #2282(b), the horse "FAST SERVICE" will be disqualified and all purse money forfeited. Hines is also licensed by the CHRB as a Jockey Agent (402476-06/2026).

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: A. Dillon Date of Filing: 08/28/2025 Case Number: 25DM0045

NOTICE TO APPEAR

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

Location: Santa Anita Date: January 15, 2026 Time: 9:00 am

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 #): 9589071052701734284275 ☐ Other: EMAIL

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

Served By: A. Dillon Date: 12/29/2025 Time: 3:00 PM ☐ 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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