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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION****TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of December 13, 2021, through December 19, 2021.

Monday

12/13/2021

(1) OFFICE DUTY

The entire Board of Stewards was in attendance this morning to conduct two scheduled hearings.

(2) DECISION REACHED

Prior to the first hearing of the morning, the Stewards deliberated the facts of the Matthew Fales case (#21LA0171) and reached a decision. Trainer Fales was notified, and the following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 230

TRAINER MATTHEW FALES, WHO WORKED THE HORSE FREIGHTTRAIN STEW INSIDE THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIVING AN ESTW TREATMENT, IS SUSPENDED TEN (10) DAYS AND FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARDS (\$1,000.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1866 (e)(1) AND #1866.2 (g) (SHOCKWAVE RESTRICTIONS). THE SUSPENSION SHALL RUN FROM DECEMBER 20, 2021, THROUGH DECEMBER 29, 2021.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MATTHEW FALES ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), MATTHEW FALES IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(3) GONZALEZ COMPLAINT

Jockey Alberto Zepeda filed complaint #21LA0180 against Enrique Gonzalez Sr. of EG High Desert Farms for freelance gallop fees accrued in September and October. Mr. Gonzalez did not attend the hearing, but his office called, agreed to the outstanding balance due, and assured us that the bill would be paid by the end of the week. More to follow...

(4) PEREZ COMPLAINT

After exercise rider Marcos Perez did not appear before the Board of Stewards this morning to address the disorderly conduct charge in case #21LA0170, the following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 231

EXERCISE RIDER MARCOS PEREZ, HAVING FAILED TO RESPOND TO A WRITTEN NOTICE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 13, 2021, IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR) PENDING AN APPEARANCE AT A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS TO ANSWER TO CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CHRB RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT). SUSPENSION TO COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 18, 2021.

Wednesday
12/15/2021

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Steward Dave Nuesch was in attendance this week to attend to morning activities, entries, the draws for both Saturday and Sunday, as well as Panel reviews for both race-days this weekend.

(2) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, for California Bred Maiden two-year-olds going 300 yards, attracted three California Bred entries, but was ultimately opened to all runner and split into two races.

(3) THE DRAW FOR SATURDAY 12/18/2021

Entries were drawn at approximately 3pm today, with 69 horses making up the ten-race program. The card consists of one 4½ furlong event for thoroughbreds, three 1000-yard dashes for both quarter horses and thoroughbreds, and six Quarter Horse races, highlighted by the final race of the evening - The A Ransom Handicap, going 350 yards.

Thursday
12/16/2021

(1) SCRATCH TIME

At scratch time for Saturday 12/18/2021, there was just one rider change noted.

(2) PANEL MEETING

The Los Alamitos Panel met to review and discuss the entries for Saturday evening's races. Two entrants were found to be ineligible, which will result in two program scratches from Saturday's fifth race.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The first race in the book, for California Bred Maiden two-year-olds going 300 yards, was called off with just three entrants.

(4) THE DRAW

At approximately 5:30pm, 67 horses were drawn from the entry box to make up the ten races for Sunday evening, comprised of five around-the-turn races, and five Quarter Horse races, highlighted by the Grade II Southern California Derby, going 400 yards.

Friday
12/17/2021

(1) SCRATCH TIME

Scratch time for Sunday evening produced just one jockey change and one equipment change.

(2) PANEL MEETING

The panel at Los Alamitos met to discuss the entries for Sunday 12/19/2021. After reviewing the vet records of three "hard watch" horses, the panel found one to be a high risk, and ultimately scratched it from Sunday evening's card.

(1) CEDILLO RULING

Apprentice Jockey Jose Cedillo came into our office this evening to review last Sunday's eighth race where Mr. Cedillo was found to have violated the crop rule. The following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 232

APPRENTICE JOCKEY JOSE A. CEDILLO IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(7) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) WHILE RIDING IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 12, 2021.

(2) ADDITIONAL CROP RULINGS

The following three rulings were issued following crop violations during last week's Los Alamitos Two Million Futurity. All decisions were unanimous, except for the Jesus Ayala ruling (#234), where Steward Dave Nuesch was the dissenting vote, feeling a stronger penalty was warranted.

Ruling # 233

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA, WHO RODE DASHA GOOD REASON IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 12, 2021, IS FINED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00)* AND SUSPENDED FOR TEN (10) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 26TH, 2021 AND JANUARY 1ST, 2ND, 8TH, 9TH, 15TH, 16TH, 22ND, 23RD, AND 29TH, 2022) FOR A BLATANT VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(7 AND 8) AND (c) (2) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND; MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE; AND USING THE CROP IN THE "COCKED" POSITION).

ADDITIONALLY, DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ERASMO GASCA WILL NOT BE ACCORDED THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING IN DESIGNATED RACES OR TRIALS.

Ruling # 234

JOCKEY JESUS AYALA, WHO RODE WHIZKEY GLASSES IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 12, 2021, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 26TH, 2021 AND JANUARY 1ST AND 2ND, 2022) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP- USED CROP IN THE "COCKED" POSITION).

Ruling # 235

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES IS FINED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (7 & 8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWICE IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 12, 2021.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS

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| 3 rd Race | #4 Sweetener (trainer Oscar Heredia) was scratched (Vet – sick)
Refund \$82.06 |
| 5 th Race | #1 Yanque (trainer Mathew Fales) was scratched (Stewards – Panel) |

Refund \$76.40
 #2 Up And Atem (trainer Scott Willoughby) was scratched (Stewards – Panel)
 Refund \$247.00
 6th Race #2 Stolen Lives (trainer Valentin Zamudio was scratched (Vet – injured)
 Refund \$279.66
 7th Race #5 Shakem Train (trainer Cesar DeAlba) was scratched (Vet – sick)
 Refund \$51.06

(4) CLEAR NIGHT OF RACING

Tonight's ten race card went quite smoothly, with no notable incidents.

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	732	\$93,828.30
Off track	929	\$313,745.70
Out of state	N/A	\$987,386.44
Total	1,661	\$1,394,960.44

Sunday
 12/19/2021

(1) LATE DECLARATIONS

1st Race #3 Excess Coil (trainer Robert Bean) was scratched (Vet – Sick) Refund \$163.10
 3rd Race #1 Deputy Gary (trainer Angela Aquino) was scratched (Vet – Injured)
 Refund \$1,286.71
 #4 Run Manny Run (trainer Jesus Nunez) was scratched (Vet – Sick) Refund \$78.40
 4th Race #1 Brilliant Bird (trainer Robert Bean) was scratched (Vet – Injured) Refund \$167.72
 #4 Sarsaparilla (GB) (trainer Arturo Williams) was scratched (Stewards – Panel)
 Refund \$251.58
 5th Race #5 Candy Zip (trainer Robert Bean) was scratched (Vet – Unsound) Refund \$878.44

(2) INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the 1st race, the Stewards posted an inquiry for possible interference of the second-place finisher #1 A Dime For Me (jockey Ricardo Ramirez) by the first-place finisher #4 La Croix (jockey Edgar Payeras) in the stretch. Additionally, trainer Jerry Wallace lodged an objection citing interference in the stretch as well. After reviewing all the video angles, in a majority decision, the Stewards disqualified the runner in question for shifting inward and impeding the horse along the rail, causing that horse to take up sharply and costing him an opportunity at a better placing. Steward Tom Ward had the dissenting vote, feeling that the hole on the rail was not open long enough for A Dime For Me to establish position.

Original order of finish 4-1-5-6-8-2-7
 Official order of finish 1-4-5-6-8-2-7

(3) VOIDED CLAIM

After failing the post-race soundness exam, the claim deposited by trainer Jesus Nunez for the horse A Dime For Me was voided and that runner was returned to the Jerry Wallace stable.

(4) INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of tonight's sixth race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident shortly after the start, involving the second-place finisher #5 Kool Spirit and fifth-place finisher #4 CD Apocalipto. After further video review, and speaking to the players involved, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify #4 CD Apocalipto from fifth to six position for interfering with #3 Omar Al Aire at the start, costing that runner an opportunity at a better placing. The Stewards agreed to leave #5 Kool Spirit alone, as he did not contribute to the incident at the start.

Original order of finish 1-5-2-6-4-3
 Official order of finish 1-5-2-6-3-4

(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	584	\$81,812.50
Off track	882	\$164,999.30
Out of state	N/A	\$1,152,657.79
Total	1,466	\$1,399,469.59

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 19, 2021. There were no equine deaths to report this week. This report was submitted by Steward David Nuesch

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 12/18	Sun 12/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	19
Claims	R			4	3	7	232
Disqualifications	K			0	2	2	34
Inquiries		D		0	2	2	73
Refunds		A		5	6	11	481
Rulings		Y		6	0	6	235
Voided Claims		S		0	1	1	29

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dreyer, David Nuesch, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

David Nuesch, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward