

## CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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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 September 6, 2022, through September 11, 2022.

**Tuesday**

09/06/2022

**(1) TUESDAY HEARING DAY – VETERINARIAN NO SHOW**

The Stewards met this morning to adjudicate a complaint filed against Veterinarian Ashley Troncatty for failing to report the gelding of the horse J Best Star, who was scheduled to run in the sixth race at this venue on June 12, 2022, but was scratched because of the error.

Dr. Troncatty did not attend the hearing after being notified of her tardiness by text message sent by Investigator Vito Racowschi; nor did she have the courtesy to contact the Stewards. She instead sent a return text message approximately fifteen minutes later to the effect that she was too busy to respond due to a heavy work schedule. Mr. Racowschi then sent her a message that the Stewards would make a decision in her absence. We have not had a response from the doctor. A decision will be formulated on Sunday.

**Wednesday**

09/07/2022

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will be the Steward on duty this week, handling entries, scratches, changes, and the minutes. The entry process for Saturday went fairly well, as ten races were drawn for Saturday at a reasonable hour. The card will be headed by three trials for the PCQHRA Breeders Derby.

Dr. Chuck Jenkins will be with us this coming week as he is taking over the Racing Veterinarian position for Dr. Fitzgerald, who is on a well-earned vacation.

**Thursday**

09/08/2022

**(1) FATALITY REVIEW**

Tom Ward, along with Safety Steward Paul Atkinson and Dr. Mary Beth Whitcomb, met with Dr. Alina

Vale and Official Veterinarian Dr. Gary Beck to discuss the necropsy findings on the horse One More Fly, who was euthanized following a qualifying workout here on July 16, 2022. Trainer Elena Andrade was also in attendance. The filly suffered a fracture in her spine and fell, likely incurring a broken foreleg in the spill.

Dr. Whitcomb was in attendance as she has been commissioned by management to conduct a study on spine injuries occurring at this venue in the hope of finding reasons for the number of aforementioned injuries suffered by Quarter Horses.

**(2) SUNDAY ENTRIES AND PANEL REVIEW**

A ten race card was drawn for Sunday, with seven of those races being trials for the PCQHRA Breeders Futurity. The Los Alamitos panel met to discuss Saturday entries, with one "hard watch" horse being noted. Changes were negligible.

**Friday**  
09/09/2022

**(1) SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL MEETING**

Scratches for Sunday were more than anticipated, as two horses in the six-horse-field second race had to be scratched. #3 Little Mischief (Tr. Dan Dunham) and #5 Resilient (Tr. Brian Koriner) had received intra articular injections in the ankles with corticosteroids within thirty days of the race. This was in contravention of house rules at Los Alamitos, which preclude horses from running during that period. The time period at the major thoroughbred meetings in Southern California is different, as fourteen days following injections is the minimum. That is where the confusion came from, as Mr. Dunham is stabled at San Luis Rey Downs and Mr. Koriner is at Del Mar. Other than that, there was not much to report.

**Saturday**  
09/10/2022

**(1) EARLY DECLARATION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 Anna Volante (Vet- sick) Refund of \$184.50

**(2) RULING**

**Ruling # 112**

RACING OFFICIAL TYLER HART IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00\*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1874 (DISORDERLY CONDUCT- AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR TOWARDS OTHER RACING OFFICIALS) AND IS PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE.

This preceding ruling was issued to finalize the complaint against Mr. Hart for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) while on duty as a Placing Judge at Los Alamitos on April 23, 2022. While the report from investigators suggested that Mr. Hart was under the influence of alcohol while on duty, the Stewards did not have sufficient evidence to charge him with that violation. There was no doubt, however, that he became belligerent and argumentative when confronted by Director of Racing/Racing Secretary Scott Craigmyle.

**(3) RULING**

**Ruling # 113**

VETERINARIAN DR. ASHLEY TRONCATTY IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1842 (a) (VETERINARIAN REPORT) FOR FAILURE TO REPORT THE GELDING OF J BEST STAR NECESSITATING A LATE SCRATCH ON JUNE 12, 2022, FROM THE SIXTH RACE.

The ruling was issued following the Doctor's failure to appear at a hearing to address a complaint filed against her not reporting the gelding a horse trained by Jesus Nunez. As mentioned in an earlier minute entry, Dr. Troncatty did not attend the hearing, nor did she contact the Stewards to advise of her whereabouts. We took her absence as an admission of guilt.

**(4) VIDEO REVIEW**

Owner David Hinkins, along with his trainer Adan Farias and jockey Erick Garcia, were in the office

to discuss the merits of a disqualification in last Sunday's third race. Their horse, Bam Bam Again, was disqualified for an incident close to the finish in which a horse clipped heels and fell. The trio came up with a number of excuses which would have exonerated their horse, but none were acceptable to the Stewards.

**(5) RULING**

**Ruling # 114**

JOCKEY ERICK GARCIA IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 18<sup>TH</sup>, AND 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2022) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE A PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO UNPLACED WHILE RIDING BAM BAM AGAIN IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2022. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

This ruling was issued after a thorough review of the race in which his mount was disqualified for interference. (Refer above)

**(6) RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Ramon Sanchez was excused from his only mount of the evening due to illness. A replacement rider was named. He also asked to be excused from his engagements on Sunday.

**(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	758	\$97,189.10
Off track	1,130	\$244,453.90
Out of state	N/A	\$933,010.79
Total	1,888	\$1,274,653.79

**Sunday**  
09/11/2022

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>ND</sup> Race #3 Little Mischief (Stewards- steroid injection within 30 days)  
#5 Resilient (Stewards- steroid injection within 30 days) Refund of \$453.90  
9<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Jess A Five Bar (Vet-injured) Refund of \$38.20

**(2) RULING**

**Ruling # 115**

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING PANCHO ROYALTYS IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2022.

The preceding ruling was issued as Mr. Franco was over, way over, the six strike limit. No more than two at a time, but excessive nonetheless. It was his second violation in less than two months.

**(3) RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio was excused from his mount in the last race as he complained of illness. A replacement rider was named.

**(4) DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards reviewed video of the eighth race (Trials) to review an incident shortly after the start involving the sixth place finisher, #5 AA Cartel (J. Roman). After video review, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify AA Cartel from sixth to eighth position. Video showed the horse coming in after the start, interfering with several horses to its inside. The rider made a good effort to control his mount, but the horse made the move so quickly that he could not react in time to forestall the interference.

**(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	637	\$90,452.00
Off track	1,041	\$225,807.40
Out of state	N/A	\$1,118,502.92
Total	1,678	\$1,434,762.32

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on September 11, 2022. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 7 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 1 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

**SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 09/10	Sun 09/11	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	5
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			0	0	0	16
<b>Claims</b>	R			1	0	1	145
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K			0	1	1	19
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		0	1	1	42
<b>Refunds</b>		A		1	2	3	332
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		3	1	4	115
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		0	0	0	25

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

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Rich Williams, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward