

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300

Sacramento, CA 95825

www.chrb.ca.gov

(916) 263-6000 Fax (916) 263-6042

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

Honorable Gregory L. Ferraro DVM, Chairman

Honorable Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chairman

Honorable Dennis V. Alfieri, Member

Honorable Damascus Castellanos, Member

Honorable Brenda Washington Davis, Member

Honorable Thomas Hudnut, Member

Honorable Wendy Mitchell, Member

C. Scott Chaney, Executive Director

Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of November 8, 2022, through November 13, 2022.**Tuesday**

11/08/2022

(1) TUESDAY MEDICATION HEARING

The Stewards met this morning to hear a complaint filed by the Board against trainer Angelo Tekos for an overage of the class IV drug substance Methocarbamol. The post-race test obtained from Mr. Tekos' horse FAST PER SE, the winner of the fourth race at this venue on August 21, 2022, contained 9.4 ng/ml of the drug. Unfortunately for Mr. Tekos, the allowable limit is 1.0 ng/ml.

Mr. Tekos was candid in his testimony, admitting to the violation but stating that the overage was not intentional. His normal routine with Methocarbamol is to give three 750 mg. tablets six days out from a race. In this instance, he could not remember if he administered the medication at the normal time so, in order to cover his bases, he gave the same dosage seventy-two hours out. He is certain that the second dose was responsible for the violation. The trainer has not had a Class C violation in over thirty six months and therefore will be eligible for a minimum penalty of \$500.00. A ruling will be issued this coming Saturday.

Wednesday

11/09/2022

(1) DUTY STEWARD-SATURDAY ENTRIES

Tom Ward will be in the office this week for entries, scratches, and changes. The entry process for Saturday was rather slow, possibly due to horses not being able to train because of inclement weather. The ten race card was finalized around 5:30 pm. Ward will be writing minutes for the upcoming week.

Thursday

11/10/2022

(1) SUNDAY ENTRIES AND PANEL MEETING

Entries for the Sunday card are being accepted this morning, with management hoping for a ten race program. The Los Alamitos "Panel" convened by telephone, with two horses listed as "hard watch" due to ongoing physical issues. One horse was scratched as it was not in compliance with the restrictions on claimed horses – entered for a lower claiming price within twenty five days of the claim.

Friday

11/11/2022

(1) FRIDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL

The Los Alamitos "Panel" met this morning to discuss entries for Sunday. One horse was declared as it did not meet minimum workout requirements. The card was very difficult to fill and was not completed until just before 7:00 pm. Highlighting the ten race program are two trials for open spots in the Champion of Champions finals to be run on December 10th.

Saturday

11/12/2022

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #5 Clubhouse Cat (Vet- injured)
#7 Makara (Entered Back) Refund of \$246.05
2nd Race #5 Vroysky (Vet- unsound) Refund of \$208.65
3rd Race #2 Paul L (Stewards-Missed Lasix) Refund of \$206.45

(2) RULING

Ruling # 146

TRAINER ANGELO TEKOS, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "FAST PER SE" IN THE FOURTH RACE, AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON AUGUST 21, 2022, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND ASSESSED 1/2 POINT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS (EXPIRES AUGUST 20, 2023) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES – METHOCARBAMOL – FIRST VIOLATION WITHIN THE PAST 365 DAYS).

This ruling was issued to finalize the case filed against the trainer for an overage of Methocarbamol. (Ref. 11-08-2022 1).

(3) RULING

Ruling # 147

JOCKEY RICARDO S. RAMIREZ IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 19TH, 20TH, AND 26TH, 2022) FOR ALTERING COURSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO THIRD POSITION WHILE RIDING MALAKAI MOXIE IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2022. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

The foregoing ruling was issued after the rider, along with his agent, Saul Servin, viewed the first race from last Sunday, following which his mount was disqualified for interference entering the far turn (Ref. 11-6-2022). Mr. Ramirez acknowledged his mistake, but stated that at the time of the incident, he thought he was clear.

(4) RULING

Ruling # 148

JOCKEY HENRY REYNOSO LOPEZ IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* 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 SOMEWHERE OUT WEST IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2022.

Mr. Lopez came to the office to view the eighth race from November 6, during which he violated the "crop" rule. When asked if he wanted to look at the video, he said it was not necessary as he was aware of the violation.

(5) RULING

Ruling # 149

TRAINER GUS HEADLEY IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1629 (PENALTY FOR LATE DECLARATION - LATE FOR LASIX), ON NOVEMBER 12, 2022.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Headley's horse, Paul L, did not arrive on these grounds in time to receive its Lasix administration. Mr. Headley had a number of excuses, none of which absolved him of culpability.

(6) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Armando Cervantes was excused from his mount in the tenth race after he contacted Jockeys' Room Custodian, Ramiro Castillo, to report that he was not feeling well and could not fulfill his engagement. A replacement rider was named.

(7) TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the fourth race as trainer Ricardo Guillen, whose horse, #3 Tony's Babe (C. Franco) who finished second, lodged a claim of foul against the winner, #7 Aunt Opal, with Edgar Payeras aboard. Mr. Guillen felt that his horse was interfered with entering the far turn. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection. While the rider aboard Mr. Guillen's horse did steady briefly, the margin of victory was five lengths and the Stewards did not feel that his finish position was affected by the incident.

(8) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the eighth race as #1 Mas Interest flipped in the starting gate and was declared on the recommendation of Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald. The refund amounted to \$11,162.40. The rider was not injured.

(9) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	584	\$94,695.90
Off track	1,228	\$297,258.20
Out of state	N/A	\$851,941.57
Total	1,812	\$1,243,895.67

Sunday
11/13/2022

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #1 Shift To Win (Vet-injured) Refund of \$104.25
3rd Race #5 Project Logic (Vet-injured) Refund of \$65.00
4th Race #6 Big Mama Thornton (Stewards-insufficient works) Refund of \$234.95
5th Race #4 Hudson Flyer (Stewards-No Vet Exam) Refund of \$135.05
7th Race #5 Ray's Prospect (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$90.90
10th Race #2 Apollitical Famous V (Vet-injured) Refund of \$108.40

(2) RULING

Ruling # 150

JOCKEY EDGAR PAYERAS IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 20TH, 26TH, AND 27TH, 2022) FOR ALTERING COURSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE, WHILE RIDING AUNT OPAL IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 12, 2022. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the fourth race from last evening, in which he and

his mount were the subjects of a trainer's objection. Mr. Payeras admitted his error, as he said he was aware of the presence of the rider to his inside. He also said that he thought he was clearing that rider quickly enough to drop over.

(3) RULING

Ruling # 151

JOCKEY KEVIN JESUS CAMACHO IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(7) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWICE IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND) WHILE RIDING SANCTIMONY IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 12, 2022.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Camacho, who was just fined last week for a "crop" violation, went over the permitted two strikes section of the rule. Unfortunately, he is a perfect two for two- two mounts, two violations. He had best get a handle on his "crop" usage.

(4) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident at the start involving the winner, the third place finisher, and the last place horse. They were, respectively, #1 Touch Of Fire (E. Gasca), #3 Up Yonder (C. Franco), and #2 Coronado Jet (I. Lara). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the start, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify #3 Up Yonder from third to fifth position. The video showed the horse breaking in sharply, causing a chain reaction which resulted in #1 Touch Of Fire being bumped in the hind quarters, causing it to come out. The rider on Coronado Jet was forced to check sharply and lost all chance. We did not feel that the winner was culpable, due to being "tipped" out.

The rider on the disqualified horse was not deemed at fault as he made a good effort to straighten his mount.

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	566	\$99,551.90
Off track	989	\$222,641.10
Out of state	N/A	\$922,515.79
Total	1,555	\$1,244,708.79

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 11/12	Sun 11/13	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			5	0	5	171
Disqualification	K			0	1	1	22
Inquiries		D		1	1	2	48
Refunds		A		4	6	10	402
Rulings		Y		4	2	6	151
Voided Claims		S		0	0	0	30

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

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 13, 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: 2 for soundness and 5 for injury. Two horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list.
This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Ron Church, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward