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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 November 22, 2022, through November 27, 2022.

Tuesday

11/22/2022

(1) JUAN ALFEREZ HEARING (CASE #22LA0194)

An informal taped record hearing was held this morning in the Stewards' office for Outrider Juan Alferez who was charged in a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1902.5 (Animal Welfare).

Present at the hearing besides the Board of Stewards (Tom Ward, James Dreyer and Ron Church) were respondent Mr. Alferez who attended by telephone, Safety Steward Paul Atkinson who appeared as a witness for the CHRB and CHRB Investigator Stuart Ida who presented the case. Mr. Alferez is alleged to have two pony horses in his care stabled at Los Alamitos that have open sores on their backs and appear to be under weight, the stalls were dirty with little bedding, water, and feed.

The hearing was opened, testimony was taken, and exhibits were entered into the record. Mr. Alferez has relocated to Del Mar where he holds the duties of afternoon Outrider. We will continue the matter when we can consult with Del Mar Safety Steward David Nuesch and get a report on the health and care of the two horses. Mr. Alferez was informed that when we receive the report and have had an opportunity to review the testimony and evidence, we will render our decision. Decision forthcoming.

(2) DUTY STEWARD

Ron Church will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes for this reporting period.

(3) ENTRY SCHEDULE CHANGE

Entries this week will be taken on Tuesday and Wednesday in order to accommodate the Thanksgiving Holiday.

(4) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Today's entries were taken for Saturday, November 26, 2022. The ten race program consists of six Quarter Horse, one Thoroughbred and three mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred races.

Wednesday
11/23/2022

(1) ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After review of all entries, there were no recommended panel scratches.

(2) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Saturday's program was completed at 9:00 a.m. with three rider and one equipment change.

(3) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Today's entries were taken for Sunday, November 27, 2022. The ten race program consists of four Quarter Horse, two Thoroughbred, and four mixed Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred races.

Friday
11/25/2022

(1) ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After review of all entries, there were no recommended panel scratches.

(2) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

One scratch and two rider changes completed Sunday's program changes.

Saturday
11/26/2022

(1) RULING #157

Ruling # 157

JOCKEY SERGIO BECERRA, JR., WHO RODE POWERFUL IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2022, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 3RD, 4TH, AND 10TH, 2022) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE AT THE START, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO EIGHTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES - CARELESS RIDING).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES. HOWEVER, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (f), SERGIO BECERRA, JR. WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RIDE IN THE FINALS OF THE LOS ALAMITOS 2 MILLION FUTURITY, TO BE RUN ON DECEMBER 11, 2022

Jockey Sergio Becerra Jr. failed to appear or contact the Stewards as requested to review his ride in the first race on November 20, 2022, where his mount was disqualified. We reviewed the race and could not excuse his actions, or lack thereof, to correct his mount at the start. In a unanimous decision, we issued the above ruling.

(2) RULINGS #158, #159, #160, #161, #162 AND #163

Ruling # 158

JOCKEY JUAN PULIDO, WHO RODE SICARIO V IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2022, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 3RD, 4TH, AND 10TH, 2022) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP- STRIKING MOUNT WITH THE CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES. HOWEVER, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (f), JUAN PULIDO WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RIDE IN THE FINALS OF THE LOS ALAMITOS 2 MILLION FUTURITY, TO BE RUN ON DECEMBER 11, 2022.

Ruling # 159

JOCKEY JOSE NICASIO, WHO RODE SYLENCER IN THE TWELFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2022, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 10TH, 11TH, AND 17TH, 2022) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP- STRIKING MOUNT WITH THE CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION).

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES. HOWEVER, PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (f), JOSE NICASIO IS NOT PERMITTED TO RIDE IN THE FINALS OF THE LOS ALAMITOS 2 MILLION FUTURITY, TO BE RUN ON DECEMBER 11, 2022.

Ruling # 160

JOCKEY JUAN PULIDO IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* FOR A BLATANT VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (7 & 8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) WHILE RIDING SICARIO V IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2022.

Ruling # 161

JOCKEY JIMMY DEAN BROOKS 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 HOTT DYNASTY IN THE NINTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2022.

Ruling # 162

JOCKEY JESUS RIOS AYALA 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 GOOD WAGON SA IN THE ELEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2022.

Ruling # 163

JOCKEY SERGIO BECERRA, JR., IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* 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 AJS LITTLE CHAMP IN THE TWELFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 20, 2022.

The above rulings were issued after we reviewed the video of the listed races involving the alleged violations of the crop rule. Mr. Nicasio and Mr. Ayala appeared as directed and accepted the penalties imposed. Mr. Brooks contacted the Stewards, acknowledged he violated the crop rule, and accepted the penalty imposed. Mr. Becerra and Mr. Pulido failed to appear or send a representative as directed and the above rulings were issued.

(3) INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 4th RACE

The Stewards conducted an inquiry following the fourth race to review an incident going into the far

turn of the 1000 yard race involving #4 BDR Dragster (Erick Garcia- fourth) and #1 Being Blessed (Cesar Ortega, who finished fifth).

The video shows #4 BDR Dragster drifts in and impedes #1 Being Blessed going into the far turn, forcing the latter to take back, lose momentum and the opportunity of a better placing. The Stewards decided unanimously to disqualify #4 from fourth to fifth.

Original Order of Finish 5-6-2-(4)-1
Official Order of Finish 5-6-2-1-(4)

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes
2nd Race #6 Paul L (Tr. G. Headley) – No Entry Exam – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$418.50
3rd Race #2 My Spy (Tr. G. Greiner) – Claimed by Tr. B. Cunningham
#3 Hot On The Trail (Tr. L. Ruiz) – Claimed by Tr. A. Farias
4th Race #3 Nap Time (Tr. R. Lucas) - Sick - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$98.75
#6 Rawhide Rawlins (Tr. M. Pineda) – Claimed by Tr. A. Farias
5th Race Ketchum (Tr. P. Jones) – Claimed by Tr. S. Morfin
6th Race No Changes
7th Race No Changes
8th Race Magical Boots (Tr. A. Farias) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$1,029.85
9th Race No Changes
10th Race No Changes

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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| On track | 839 | \$108,845.60 |
| Off track | 1,160 | \$292,480.90 |
| Out of state | N/A | \$897,479.74 |
| Total | 1,999 | \$1,298,806.24 |

Sunday
11/27/2022

(1) RULING #164

Ruling # 164

JOCKEY KEVIN CAMACHO, WHO RODE KING EAZY IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2022, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAY (DECEMBER 4TH, 10TH AND 11TH, 2022) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b) (7 & 8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE – FOURTH OFFENSE).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Camacho and the Stewards reviewed the seventh race from November 26, 2022. Mr. Camacho acknowledged he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed. This is Mr. Camacho's fourth crop violation in the last sixty days.

(2) RULING #165

Ruling # 165

OUTRIDER JUAN JOSE ALFEREZ IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE (AUGUST 30, 2025) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1902.5 (ANIMAL WELFARE).

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards considered the evidence and testimony presented during the hearing held on November 22, 2022.

(3) RULING #166

Ruling # 166

EXERCISE RIDER NERI R. ARANA, HAVING BEEN DULY NOTICED, IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Arana failed to appear as directed to address a Security Violation issued at Los Alamitos on November 22, 2022.

(4) RULING #167

Ruling # 167

JOCKEY ERICK GARCIA IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 4TH, 10TH, AND 11TH, 2022) FOR ALTERING COURSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO FIFTH POSITION WHILE RIDING BDR DRAGSTER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2022. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Garcia and the Stewards reviewed the fourth race from November 26, 2022. Mr. Garcia acknowledged he was careless in allowing his mount to drift into the path of an inside rival, causing interference and the disqualification of his mount.

(5) RULINGS #168 AND #169

Ruling # 168

JOCKEY IRVING LARA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL RIDING ENGAGEMENT), CAUSING A LATE RIDER CHANGE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2022.

Ruling # 169

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL RIDING ENGAGEMENT), CAUSING A LATE RIDER CHANGE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 26, 2022.

The foregoing rulings were issued after both riders notified the Stewards that they were delayed in traffic and would be unable to fulfill their engagement in the fifth race on Saturday November 26, 2022.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #6 Your Royal Coil (Tr. J. Uranga) – Ineligible – Stewards. Refund: \$293.20
- 2nd Race #3 Malakai Moxie (Tr. S. Naranjo) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$253.70
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race #1 Run King Stud Run (Tr. J. Nunez) – Injured - Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$267.55
#6 Winhappy (Tr. P. Aguirre) – Claimed by Tr. J. Nunez.
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race #1 My Little Taylor (Tr. R. Lucas) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$103.65
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race No Changes
- 9th Race No Changes
- 10th Race #1 Trick (Tr. V. Zamudio) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$143.20

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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| On track | 545 | \$73,632.10 |
| Off track | 1,012 | \$173,045.60 |
| Out of state | N/A | \$942,544.91 |
| Total | 1,557 | \$1,189,222.61 |

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 27, 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, 3 for injury, and 2 for sickness. Three horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

2022

SUMMARY

| | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat 11/26 | Sun 11/27 | Week | Meet |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|-----|--------------|--------------|------|------|
| Accidents | D | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Cal-Bred Races | A | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Claims | R | | | 4 | 6 | 10 | 181 |
| Disqualification | K | | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 24 |
| Inquiries | | D | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 50 |
| Refunds | | A | | 3 | 5 | 8 | 417 |
| Rulings | | Y | | 7 | 6 | 13 | 169 |
| Voided Claims | | S | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 |

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

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward