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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, 2022, through December 18, 2022.

Tuesday

12/13/2022

(1) HEARING

Angela Aquino was in to address California Horse Racing Board complaints #22LA0164 and #22LA0172, both for positive tests for Caffeine.

The hearing was recorded by court reporter Michelle Derieg. During testimony, there was evidence which brought into question the ability of trainer Angela Aquino to protect her horses from contamination. In addition, during a conversation with Equine Medical Director Dr. Jeffery Blea, Dr. Blea stated it was his belief that the lab results indicated administration within 30 to 60 minutes of the sample collection. This would be during the time that the horses were in the test barn.

In light of this information, as well as a personal issue with a test barn employee (no longer on the staff), the Stewards felt that there was no definitive proof that Angela Aquino was at fault and had in fact taken some steps to insure this didn't happen. Therefore, the Stewards have dismissed both complaints.

Wednesday

12/14/2022

(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Rich Williams was present for the week's entries and will compose the minutes for the week. Eight races were assembled by the Racing Office for Saturday night's program. Fifty-four horses were drawn with 2 Thoroughbred, 2 Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred, and 4 Quarter Horse Races.

Thursday

12/15/2022

(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Scratch time for Saturday's card resulted in one rider change.

Sunday's card was compiled, and a total of 10 races were scheduled for Sunday night. 76 horses made up 2 Thoroughbred, 3 Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse, and 5 Quarter Horse races.

Friday
12/16/2022

(1) SCRATCH TIME AND ENTRY PANEL

Scratch time for Sunday's card resulted in one equipment change and one rider change.

Saturday
12/17/2022

(1) JOCKEYS IN TO ADDRESS CROP VIOLATIONS

The following hearings were recorded by court reporter Michelle Derieg.

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio appeared with his agent Saul Servin to address his use of the crop in the 8th race on Sunday 12/11/2022. Mr. Nicasio stated that he knew the rule and knew he had violated it. In viewing the race, Eduardo Nicasio used the crop about 14 times, including striking more 2 times without giving the horse a chance to respond and using the crop in the upright position. The Stewards will reach a decision and issue a ruling as needed.

Jockey Juan Pablo Leon appeared with Jockey Armando Cervantes to address his use of the crop in the 8th race on Sunday 12/11/2022. Mr. Leon stated that he knew the rule and knew he had violated it. In viewing the race Juan Pablo Leon used the crop about 14 times, including striking 2 more times without giving the horse a chance to respond and using the crop in the upright position. The Stewards will reach a decision and issue a ruling as needed

(2) RULINGS

Ruling # 179

GROOM ROLANDO POLANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORE RACING ASSOCIATION RULING #111 DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2022. FAILED TO APPEAR TO BE EVALUATED BY THE WINNERS FOUNDATION.

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

Ruling # 180

JOCKEY EDUARD E. ROJAS, WHO RODE THINK OF ANITA IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 11, 2022, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 31ST, 2022; JANUARY 1ST, AND 7TH, 2023) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE A PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE IN THE STRETCH, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO FOURTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

Ruling # 181

JOCKEY EDUARD E. ROJAS IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (JANUARY 8TH, 14TH, AND 15TH, 2023) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP-CROP IN THE OVERHAND POSITION) WHILE RIDING THINK OF ANITA IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 11, 2022.

Ruling # 182

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)* AND SUSPENDED FOR TEN (10) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 31ST, 2022;

JANUARY 1ST, 7TH, 8TH, 14TH, 15TH, 21ST, 22ND, 28TH, AND 29TH, 2023) 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), WHILE RIDING MAHOMES MAGIC IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 11, 2022. DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, JUAN PABLO LEON IS NOT ACCORDED THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING IN DESIGNATED RACES.

Ruling # 183

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)* AND SUSPENDED FOR TEN (10) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 31ST, 2022; JANUARY 1ST, 7TH, 8TH, 14TH, 15TH, 21ST, 22ND, 28TH, AND 29TH, 2023) 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), WHILE RIDING CYBER ATTACK IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 11, 2022.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, EDUARDO NICASIO IS NOT ACCORDED THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING IN DESIGNATED RACES.

(3) INQUIRIES

Following the running of the 4th race, the Stewards caused the inquiry sign to be posted for #6 Macho Sam at the start. After review, the Stewards determined that the #6 caused his own problems and therefore was declared a starter.

Following the 7th race, the Stewards caused the inquiry sign to be posted for interference between the #3 Recent Version and #2 Succession after the start. The #3 Recent Version broke in and interfered with the #2 Succession. Alberto Zepeda did his best to keep his horse straight but to no avail. #3 Recent Version finished 5th and was placed 6th.

(4) JOCKEY REPLACED

Jockey Kevin Jesus Camacho failed to pay fines owed to the CHRB and was relieved of his duties.

(5) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 Ardrea was claimed by Brian Cunningham.
#4 It's a Riddle was scratched (vet-injured)
#5 Flashy Pass was claimed by Jorge Farias. Refund \$267.80
- 2nd Race #6 Noisey Burglar was claimed by Silverio Martinez
#7 Thisonesforbary was scratched (vet-injured). Refund \$100.50
- 3rd Race #1 Tom Bombadil was scratched (vet-unsound)
#5 Party Town was scratched (Vet-injured). Refund \$609.30
- 4th Race No Changes
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race #2 One Jenuine Cartel V was scratched (stewards-stake scratch). Refund \$576.68

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	620	\$108,478.60
Off track	1,254	\$267,895.70
Out of state	N/A	\$669,983.51
Total	1,874	\$1,046,357.81

Sunday
12/18/2022

(1) JOCKEY IN TO ADDRESS CROP VIOLATION

Jockey Jesus Rios Ayala was in to address his use of the crop in the 8th race on Sunday, 12/11/2022.

Being a perfect gentleman, Mr. Ayala admitted he violated the rule and would accept any penalty the Stewards issued.

Watching the replay, Jesus Ayala did use the crop a total of 10 times. He did not violate using the crop more than 2 times in succession and did not use the crop in the upright position making this a lesser violation than the other violators in the same race.

The Stewards will issue a ruling as needed.

(2) **RULINGS**

Ruling # 184

JOCKEY JESUS RIOS AYALA IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* AND SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 31ST, 2022; JANUARY 1ST, 7TH, 8TH, AND 14TH, 2023) 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 EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 11, 2022.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, JESUS RIOS AYALA IS NOT ACCORDED THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING IN DESIGNATED RACES.

Ruling # 185

JOCKEY RICARDO RAMIREZ, WHO RODE ARDTREA IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON DECEMBER 17, 2022, IS FINED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* AND SUSPENDED FOR ONE (1) RACING DAY (DECEMBER 31, 2022) FOR VIOLATION OF HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY AUTHORITY RULE #2282 (RIDING CROP PENALTIES – CLASS 3) – TWO STRIKES OVER THE LIMIT.

ADDITIONALLY, JOCKEY RICARDO RAMIREZ IS ASSIGNED THREE (3) VIOLATION POINTS WHICH WILL BE EXPUNGED ON JUNE 17, 2023, SIX (6) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF FINAL ADJUDICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH HORSERACING INTEGRITY AND SAFETY AUTHORITY RULE #2282 (RIDING CROP VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES).

(3) **LATE DECLARATIONS**

- 1st Race No Changes
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race #2 Potente Alba, claimed by Jesus Uranga.
#4 Time Is Gone, claimed by James Crotts.
- 4th Race No Changes
- 5th Race #4 Stanford Bay, claimed by Lorenzo Ruiz
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race No Changes
- 9th Race No Changes
- 10th Race #1 A Famous Ribbon, scratched (Stewards- Stake Scratch). Refund \$238.80

(4) **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	492	\$87,116.10
Off track	876	\$172,968.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,233,896.15
Total	1,368	\$1,493,980.25

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 18, 2022. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 2 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 1 for EIPH. Five horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Rich Williams.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 12/17	Sun 12/18	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	5
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	16
Claims	R			3	2	5	142
Disqualifications	K			1	0	1	27
Inquiries		D		1	0	1	56
Refunds		A		5	1	6	439
Rulings		Y		4	2	6	184
Voided Claims		S		0	1	1	33

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

Rich Williams, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward