

## 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 February 21, 2023, through February 26, 2023.

**Tuesday**

02/21/2023

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer will be in the office the week following the Super Bowl and will record the minutes during that reporting period.

**(2) RULING #20****Ruling # 20**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER HECTOR PALMA, WHO STARTED MAJESTIC GIGI, THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 5, 2022, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* AND ASSESSED ONE HALF (1/2) POINT – EXPIRES NOVEMBER 4, 2023 - IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 (MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES - PHENYL BUTAZONE). FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 365 DAYS.

An informal hearing was conducted today to address complaint #22LA0225. Present were trainer Hector Palma testifying telephonically, investigator Racowschi presenting the case for the Board and Stewards Tom Ward, David Nuesch and James Dreyer.

Trainer Palma accepted full responsibility for the positive, but had no explanation as to how it could have occurred. He explained that the last time Majestic Gigi received "bute" was two days out and that the race was run at night, giving her an additional amount of time.

**Wednesday**  
02/22/2023

(1) **NO ENTRIES**

After Santa Anita cancelled their Saturday program due to weather related issues, Los Alamitos followed suit and did the same.

**Thursday**  
02/23/2023

(1) **CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens three years old, attracted no interest.

(2) **THE DRAW**

Sunday's feature will be the \$87,750.00 2023 Los Alamitos Maiden Stakes.

**Friday**  
02/24/2023

(1) **SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Sunday resulted in no changes on the program.

**Saturday**  
02/25/2023

(1) **RULING #21**

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TRAINER STEPHEN CUNNIFF, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$188.50 OWED TO POST TIME SELF INSURANCE GROUP) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #177, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON DECEMBER 10, 2022, IS SET ASIDE.

Having been notified by Post Time Self Insurance Group that Stephen Cunniff's debt to them had been satisfied, the foregoing ruling was issued.

(2) **RULING #22**

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JOCKEY RICARDO S. RAMIREZ IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup>, 11<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, AND 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023) FOR ALTERING COURSE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT CLEARANCE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FOURTH TO UNPLACED WHILE RIDING YOUR ROYAL COIL IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 19, 2023. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

Jockey Ricardo Ramirez was in to defend his ride in Sunday's seventh race on #4 Your Royal Coil. His deviation from a straight path was minimal, however just enough to cause #3 My Spy to clip his heels and fall, resulting in Your Royal Coil's disqualification and prompting the foregoing ruling.

**Sunday**  
02/26/2023

(1) **NO RACING**

With another storm looming on the horizon, management elected to cancel this evening's program.

(2) **INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry following the third race to review the stretch run. Nearing the eighth pole #2 McWherter (2<sup>nd</sup> – K. McDaid) dropped in causing #4 Superman Shaq (4<sup>th</sup> – E. Garcia) to steady for a couple of strides and, in the stewards' opinion, costing him a better placing. The vote was unanimous to disqualify McWherter.

Original Order 5-(2)-6-4-1-3

Official Order 5-6-4-(2)-1-3

(3) **TOTE EXPLANATION (refer 01/22/23 - #4)**

There will be an explanation letter from tote concerning the incident on Saturday, January 21, 2023.

(4) **LATE DECLARATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #4 Maui Road (J. Hernandez, Sr.) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$229.65
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Mavalous Mavalous (J. Nunez) - Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$248.95
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Spanish Channel (J. Wong) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$207.15
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 More Than Chance (S. Willoughby) – Broke through Gate and Ran Off – Stewards Refund \$6,986.70

(5) **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	539	\$62,534.40
Off track	965	\$174,509.70
Out of state	N/A	\$1,194,818.58
Total	1,504	\$1,431,862.68

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on February 26, 2023. 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. Steward James Dreyer submitted this report.

**SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 02/25	Sun 02/26	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			D		0	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			A		0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R			R		0	24
<b>Disqualification</b>	K			K		0	3
<b>Inquiries</b>		D			D	0	3
<b>Refunds</b>		A			A	0	48
<b>Rulings</b>		Y			Y	0	22
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S			S	0	2

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

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward