

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**Los Alamitos Racing Association**  
Los Alamitos, California

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**GENERAL DATA:**

**Mailing**

**Address:** 4961 Katella Avenue  
Los Alamitos, California 90720  
Telephone number of association: (714) 820-2800

**Dates:** Friday, September 15, 2023, through Sunday, September 24, 2023.  
Total number of racing days is six.

**Races:** Nine races a day unless otherwise designated.

**Post time:** 1:00 p.m. weekdays and weekends.

**Scratch time:** Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, unless otherwise noted.  
The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.

**Wagering:** Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Pick Three; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfecta on all qualifying races; \$1.00 Pick Four on races 2 thru 5 and final four races; \$0.50 Pick Five on races 1–5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races. \$1.00 Super High Five on every last race.

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**Report for Monday, September 11, 2023, through Sunday, September 17, 2023**

**TUESDAY**

9/12/23<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRIES**

Steward David Nuesch came into the office to oversee program changes for Friday's races. The office carded the seven (7) races.

**WEDNESDAY**

9/13/23<sup>1</sup>

**PROGRAM CHANGES AND ENTRIES**

Steward David Nuesch was in on Wednesday to oversee entries for Saturday and program changes for Friday. The racing office carded nine (9) races for Saturday.

**THURSDAY**

9/14/23<sup>1</sup>

**CHOLLIMA HEARING (case #23DM0013)**

The CHRB filed a complaint citing HISA rule #3060 (a)(Claiming Races and Voidable Claims) for the horse "Chollima" for the expenses that incurred from June 23, 2023, until July 29, 2023. Trainer Lorenzo Campuzano claimed the horse "CHOLLIMA" from Trainer Milton Pineda on June 23, 2023, at Los Alamitos Race Course. Present in the hearing was CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama, Trainer Milton Pineda, Trainer Lorenzo Campuzano, Owner Filiberto Talamantes and Owner Albert Gonzaz, who was also acting in behalf of Owner Lizbeth Medina. After reviewing all the bills and speaking to all parties both sides agreed that no money would be exchanged. The purse that CHOLLIMA earned for finishing second on July 4, 2023, would offset the expenses for training. Therefore, the matter was settled.

9/14/23<sup>2</sup>

**BAROCIO HEARING (case #23DM0018)**

Trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO was in to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for rule violation of #1865(Altering of Sex of Horse) after his horse "Classical" was scratched from 8<sup>th</sup> race at Del Mar Racetrack on August 17, 2023. Presenting the case was CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama for the CHRB. Mr. Barocio took full responsibility and would accept the following ruling.

**LATL Ruling #01**

Trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO, who entered the horse CLASSICAL, in the eighth race on August 17, 2023, at Del Mar is fined One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865 (Altering Sex of Horse - true sex not identified) necessitating a late declaration.

9/14/23<sup>3</sup>

**KNAPP HEARING (case #23DM 0013)**

Trainer STEVE KNAPP called in to answer to a complaint filed by the CHRB for rule violation of #1865 (Altering of Sex of Horse) when he entered his horse "Wicked Facts" (first time starter) in the 6th race at Del Mar on August 25, 2023. Mr. Knapp stated that he received the horse already gelded from the farm. He also stated that it would not happen again. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

**LATL Ruling #02**

Trainer STEVE KNAPP, who entered the horse WICKED FACTS, in the sixth race on August 25, 2023, at Del Mar Race Track is fined Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1865 (Altering Sex of Horse - true sex not identified) necessitating a late declaration.

**FRIDAY**  
9/15/23<sup>1</sup>

**DERSORMEAUX RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX dropped his appeal of ruling DMTD #16 on August 3, 2023 when he was issued a three-day suspension.

**LATL Ruling #03**

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTD Ruling #16 (August 3, 2023) has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey KENT DESORMEAUX is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 29, 30, and October 1, 2023).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

9/15/23<sup>2</sup>

**FRESU RULING**

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU was issued the following ruling after he rode two designated stakes races on closing day while under suspension.

**LATL Ruling #04**

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU is suspended for ONE (1) additional SUSPENSION DAY (October 15, 2023) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races - participated in more than one designated race on September 10, 2023).

9/15/23<sup>3</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

The seven-race card went with no major issues to report other than the late declarations listed below. The second race went as No-Show wagering as the late declaration of the #5 SAPADILLA, knocked down the field to four (4) starters.

9/15/23<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #5 Sapadilla- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick (NO-SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$559.20
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Mars On Fire- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured Refund \$565.32
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$8.20

9/15/23<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	582	\$132,056.34
SCOTWinc	1,799	\$630,258.04
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$2,997,712.14
Total	2,381	\$3,760,026.52

**SATURDAY**

9/16/23<sup>1</sup>

**RIDING CROP RULINGS**

Apprentice Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO was issued the following ruling for violating HISA rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) in yesterday's third race at Los Alamitos. Mr. Escobedo admitted that he went over the permitted level and accepted the following penalty.

**LATL Ruling #05**

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Apprentice Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO, who rode BLUEGRASS RYDER in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 15, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (September 23, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Apprentice Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on March 16, 2024, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties) – first offense. Apprentice Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO has accrued a total of three (3) points.

Pursuant to California horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockey HECTOR BERRIOS also received the following ruling as he violated the riding crop rule HISA #2280(Use of Riding Crop) in yesterday's sixth race at Los Alamitos. Mr. Berrios acknowledged his mistake and accepted the penalty. This was his third violation in the past six (6) months.

**LATL Ruling #06**

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3), Jockey HECTOR I. BERRIOS, who rode THE KEY IS UNITY in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 15, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (September 23, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey HECTOR I. BERRIOS is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on March 16, 2024, six (6) months from the date of final adjudication pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties) – third offense. Jockey HECTOR I. BERRIOS has accrued a total of three (9) points.

Pursuant to California horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

LATS #068 on 05-29-23 and DMTD #015 on 08-03-23.

9/16/23<sup>2</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

The nine (9) race card went with no major issues to report. The only issues are listed below in the Declarations, Changes and Refunds.

9/16/23<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$6.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Dallas Alice- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick. Refund \$700.21  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Take Charge Curly- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick  
 #4 Thirsty Pappy- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, unsound  
 #6 Tik Tok- Claimed by J. Periban, trainer  
 (NO-SHOW WAGERING) Refund \$0  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Mastermind- Claimed by L. Barocio, trainer  
 #10 Aberdeen's Knight- Steward's scratch- Enter back  
 #11 Relaxed Artist (IRE)- Steward's scratch- Enter back  
 Refund \$440.41  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Geezer- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund \$496.08

9/16/23<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,234	\$418,497.11
SCOTWinc	3,559	\$1,382,424.69
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,026,722.89
Total	4,793	\$5,827,644.69

**SUNDAY**

9/17/23<sup>1</sup>

**CITATION**

Trainer JOSE FLORES was in our office after he was cited by Safety Steward George Yniguez for entering the track after it was closed during qualifying. Mr. Flores stated that he did not have enough time to get all his horses out since he only had two riders. After deliberating all the facts, he was issued a warning. Steward Jauregui voted for a fine.

9/17/23<sup>2</sup>

**FILM REVIEWS**

Jockey HECTOR BERRIOS was accompanied by his Agent Michael Burns to review the fifth race in which it was possible he violated the riding crop rule. After reviewing the race, it was not clear if the last time he used his riding crop, was a strike. Therefore, no penalty was issued.

Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR was called via telephone as he did not appear for the scheduled review time to review his ride in the last race in which he

appeared to stand up before the finish line, ultimately costing him a placing (4<sup>th</sup> place). Mr. Aguilar stated his horse had a breathing issue. We unanimously voted to issue him a three-day suspension.

**LATL Ruling #07**

Apprentice Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode FINNEUS in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 16, 2023, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 30, October 1 & 6, 2023) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1692 (Requirements for Horse, Trainer and Jockey - failure to ride his mount to the finish, costing him a better finish position).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

9/17/23<sup>3</sup>

**FRANCO RULING**

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO was in our office to give an explanation why he was late to the paddock for the 3<sup>rd</sup> race. Mr. Franco stated the he lost track of time, and admitted it was his fault. The following ruling was issued.

**LATL Ruling #08**

Jockey GEOVANNI FRANCO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations – late to paddock) prior to the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 16, 2023.

9/17/23<sup>4</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGES**

We posted the inquiry sign after the fourth race to review the start of the #5 SUGAR SUGAR (E. Payeras) in which she lunged at the start unseating the rider. After reviewing the start several times we declared the #5 a starter. We unanimously voted that the #5 received a fair start.

9/17/23<sup>5</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE/ACCIDENT**

We posted the inquiry sign to review an accident involving #1 KING HEAT (D. Herrera) who ducked in at the gap (temporary rail), in the stretch, unseating the rider. After reviewing the video several times, we made no change to the order of finish. The #1 ducked in on his own, placing no blame on any other participants. Mr. Herrera was transported to the local hospital to be evaluated.

9/17/23<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Colonel Vargo- Claimed by L. Barocio, Trainer. Refund \$0  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Big Rainbow- LATE Veterinarian scratch, Dr. Stead, injured Refund \$43,666.26  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Shared Future- Claimed by M. Rheinford, trainer. Refund \$0  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Brutto- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, trainer. Refund \$977.34  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race No changes; Refund \$0  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Smuggler's Run- A. Alsagoor replaces D. Herrera, injured  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Relaxed Artist (IRE)- R. Vasquez replaces D. Herrera, injured  
 #5 Cathedral Light- Stewards scratch- Ineligible. Refund \$3,721.32  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Handy Dandy- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick Refund \$724.10

9/17/23<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,020	\$291,494.34
SCOTWinc	2,775	\$1,046,786.11
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,440,154.39
Total	3,795	\$4,778,434.84

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 9/14	Fri 9/15	Sat 9/16	Sun 9/17	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	0	1	1	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	0	3	1	4	4
<b>Claims</b>	0	0	3	2	5	5
<b>Disqualification</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	0	2	2	2
<b>Refunds</b>	0	3	5	4	12	12
<b>Rulings</b>	2	2	2	2	8	8
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 9/11/23 TO 9/17/23**

Horses on Vet List	16
Horses off Vet List	4
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward

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George Yniguez, Safety Steward

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