

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 263-6000
www.chrb.ca.gov



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS

Los Alamitos Racing Association

Los Alamitos, California

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 C. Hudnut, Member
Honorable Wendy Mitchell, Member
C. Scott Chaney, Executive Director
Cynthia Alameda, Deputy Executive Director
Marc Shaw, Chief, Enforcement Division
Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report for Thursday, December 11, 2023, through Sunday, December 17, 2023

TUESDAY

12/12/23¹

DUTY STEWARD

Luis Jauregui was available to oversee entries for Friday (8 races). Also, to adjudicate any other issues that may arise.

WEDNESDAY

12/13/23¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Jauregui was present to supervise entries for Saturday (9 races) and approve scratches and program changes for Friday (8 races).

THURSDAY

12/14/23¹

DUTY STEWARD

Luis Jauregui was responsible to watch over entries for Sunday (12 races) and approve program changes for Saturday.

12/14/23²

CARPENTER HEARING CASE 23SA0161

The CHRB filed a complaint against Veterinarian Ryan Carpenter for alleged violation of CHRB rule 1842 (Veterinarian Report). The complaint reads as follows:

PERFECT FLIGHT was entered into the 7TH race at Santa Anita on Sunday October 29, 2023. The trainer submitted the entry blank on Sunday, October 26, 2023 and the attending veterinarian completed "Clear to Race" examination for PERFECT FLIGHT on October 27, 2023. The Entry Exam Report in EquiTAPS showed the veterinarian recorded his examination on November 1, 2023. Dr. Carpenter failed to record his examination electronically in EquiTAPS in the manner prescribed by the Official Veterinarian.

In attendance before the BOS representing the CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokohama, Dr. Carpenter was available via Microsoft teams. His testimony was recorded, evidence was entered into the record and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

12/14/23³

BYRD HEARING CASE 23SA0159

The CHRB filed a complaint against Veterinarian John Byrd for alleged violation of CHRB rule 1842 (Veterinarian Report). The complaint reads as follows:

SOUTH COAST ROUTE was entered into the 4TH race at Santa Anita, October 27, 2023. The trainer submitted the entry blank on Sunday, October 22, 2023: and the attending veterinarian completed "Clear to Race" examination for SOUTH COAST ROUTE on October 22, 2023. The Entry Exam Report in EquiTAPS showed the veterinarian recorded his examination on November 2, 2023. Dr. Byrd failed to record his examination electronically in EquiTAPS in the manner prescribed by the Official Veterinarian.

In attendance before the BOS representing the CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokohama, Dr. Byrd was available via Microsoft teams. His testimony was recorded, evidence was entered into the record and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

12/14/24⁴

MATUSZAK HEARING CASE 23SA0168

The CHRB filed a complaint against Veterinarian Steven Matuszak for alleged violation of CHRB rules 1581.1 (Entries) and 1842 (Veterinarian Report). The complaint reads as follows:

Attending veterinarian Dr. Steven Matuszak failed to comply with CHRB rules 1581.1 and 1842. No veterinarian pre-entry exam was reported to the EquiTAPS electronic system by 10:00 am two (2) days before the horse GRAND SLAM SMILE was scheduled to race. The horse GRAND SLAM SMILE was entered into the 2nd race on Saturday, November 3, 2023, at Santa Anita Park.

In attendance before the BOS representing the CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokohama, Dr. Matuszak was available via Microsoft teams. His testimony was recorded, evidence was entered into the record and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

12/14/23⁵

THOMAS HEARING CASE 23SA0164

This complaint was filed against owner Keron Thomas for violation CHRB 1877 (Checks). Mr. Thomas previously paid a debt in the amount of \$1,262.93 to Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc. The check submitted revealed non-sufficient funds. Employee for SCEF Margie Levine contacted the Stewards at the time of the hearing. She stated, Mr. Thomas called her and offered a credit card number. Unfortunately, Ms. Levine declined the offer and told him cash was the only acceptable form of payment. It was suggested she let him use a credit card, if the card was not accepted it would be declined immediately. More to follow.

FRIDAY
12/15/23¹

PROPOSED DECISIONS

The following two rulings were issued after the BOS were informed of the adoption of the Proposed Decisions by the California Horse Racing Board, with the decisions being, to affirm the Board of Stewards' Official Rulings.

The first adoption involved, Tiago Pereira, ruling #25, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, dated August 17, 2023.

The second adoption involved, Ramon Vasquez, ruling #40, Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, dated August 31, 2023.

12/15/23²

PEREIRA RULING

LWTL RULING #05

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTD Ruling #25 (issued at Del Mar Race Track on August 17, 2023) has been overruled, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey TIAGO PEREIRA is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (December 26, 29, and 30, 2023).

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

12/15/23³

VASQUEZ RULING

LWTL RULING #06

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of DMTD Ruling #40 (issued at Del Mar Race Track on August 31, 2023) has been overruled, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey RAMON VASQUEZ is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (December 29, 30 and 31, 2023).

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

12/15/23⁴

LATE AFTERNOON VISIT

Two HIWU representatives, Marcy Parker and Pierson Laughlan visited the Stewards' stand after an afternoon of a guided tour by Safety Steward George Yniguez introducing them to racing operations at Los Alamitos Race Course. Questions, opinions and answers were shared among everyone.

12/15/23⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	No Changes; Refund \$0
2nd race	No Changes; Refund \$0
3rd race	No Changes; Refund \$0
4th race	#5 Mega Moon (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$889.67
5th race	#3 Toledo Rocket (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill #6 Hungry Hearts (Tr. B. Koriner) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$513.71
6th race	#6 Mo Rewards (Tr. J. Mullins) Stewards-entered back Refund \$657.86
7th race	#3 Barbera (Tr. G Stute) claimed by A. Ordonez
8th race	No Changes; Refund \$0

12/15/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	712	\$174,771.35
SCOTWinc	1,890	\$666,314.23
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,515,657.86
Total	2,602	\$4,356,743.44

SATURDAY

12/16/23¹

SECURITY VIOLATIONS

The following rulings were issued after the two exercise riders, Welfin Orantes and Domingo Mendoza had telephonic hearings. Both accepted their penalties listed in the rulings below.

LWTL Ruling #07

Apprentice Jockey WELFIN ORANTES is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(1) (Use of Riding Crop – use of crop during a.m. training) at Santa Anita Park on December 8, 2023.

LWTL Ruling #08

Exercise Rider DOMINGO MENDOZA is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(1) (Use of Riding Crop – use of crop during a.m. training) at Santa Anita Park on December 13, 2023.

12/16/23²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Diego Herrera and Giovanni Franco both met with the Stewards as directed to review their use of the crop in the third race yesterday. Mr. Franco went one over the limit and Mr. Herrera was two over, as listed in the follow rulings.

LWTL RULING #09

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 DIEGO HERRERA, who rode GRAZED in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 15, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (December 26, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for two (2) strikes over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey DIEGO HERRERA is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on June 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) – second offense. Jockey DIEGO HERRERA has accrued a total of six (6) points.

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

Ruling LAFL 05 on 6/24/2023

LWTL RULING #10

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 GIOVANNI FRANCO, who rode SPIRITUAL ADVISOR in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 15, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (December 26, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit.

Furthermore, Jockey GIOVANNI FRANCO is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on June 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. Jockey GIOVANNI FRANCO 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.

12/16/23³

INQUIRY /ACCIDENT /FIFTH RACE /5 ½ furlongs

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the start. Involved was #2 Conch Daddy (H. Lopez DNF) who stumbled severely causing the jockey to be dislodged. After a review of the video and conversation with the Patrol Judge, in a unanimous decision there were no other factors involved in the incident and the original order of finish was made official.

12/16/23⁴

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /NINTH RACE 1 1/16

Following the running of the race the Inquiry sign was posted to review an incident near the 1/8 pole. Involved were #2 Wynstock (K. Frey 1st) and #3 Stronghold (A. Fresu 2nd). After a review of the videos, conversation with the Patrol Judge and both jockeys, in a unanimous decision the original order of finish was made official. It was the BOS opinion both horses contributed to the contact between the two horses.

12/16/23⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	#2 Bring Him Home (Tr. E. Kruljac) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp
2nd race	#1 Bougie Like (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
	Refund \$1,090.25

3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0
 4th race #2 Red Cross Knight (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
 #5 Sir Laughalot (Tr. T. Abraham) Stewards-entered back
 Refund \$2586.40
 5th race #2 Conch Daddy (Tr. R. DeLeon) DNF-jockey off at start
 #6 Thunderheart (Tr. K. Craigmyle) claimed by Tr. A. Aquino
 6th race #2 Eddie's Wave (Tr. J. Hollendorfer) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead
 #6 Tiger by the Tail (Tr. R. Hanson) Veterinarian-injured gate-Dr.
 Stead. Refund \$15,391.41
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 9th race #1 Moonlit Sonata (Tr. T. Yakteen) Steward-stake. Refund \$2,580.38

12/16/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,179	\$336,609.12
SCOTWinc	3,106	\$1,073,296.75
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,226,563.56
Total	4,285	\$5,636,469.43

SUNDAY
 12/17/23¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Kyle Frey, after receiving notification to see the Stewards, contacted them and agreed he over used his crop in the second race yesterday. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LWTL RULING # 11

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 KYLE FREY, who rode RYDER'S CANDY in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 16, 2023, is suspended for (1) day (December 26, 2023), and fined TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)* for one (1) strike over the limit. Furthermore, Jockey KYLE FREY is assigned three (3) violation points that will be expunged on June 17, 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. Jockey KYLE FREY 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.

12/17/23²

STEWARDS' REVIEW /SECOND RACE /6 furlongs

Following the running of the race the BOS called for a Stewards' Review to obtain an assessment of the start of #3 Mo Rewards (U. Rispoli 8th). After an analysis of the video in a unanimous decision, the horse caused its own problems that created the tardy start, thus no need for an inquiry.

12/17/23³

LETTERS OF EXPLANATION

After the second race the BOS were informed there had been an issue with the odds shown on the in-house feed that portrayed different odds compared to what was showing on the infield tote board for the first two races. It was reported before the third race that the problem had been remedied. See attached letters of explanation from John Ferrero, Mutual Manager and Robert Rodriguez representing Amtote CRDC-WEST.

12/17/23⁴

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE TENTH RACE /5 furlongs

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review the start of the race. Involved were, #1 Beer Money (E. Maldonado 2nd), #2 Mr. Suds (K. Frey

8th), #3 Beau Soleil (A. Fresu 1st) and #4 Des Doigts (G. Franco 3rd). Soon after the start, #2 stepped into the hind quarters of #1 which tipped that one inward into #3 who was affected the most. The contact to #3 was moot as it won the race, #4 was only slightly bothered. In a unanimous decision the congestion at the start did not affect the final placing and the race was made official.

12/17/23⁵

INQUIRY /JOCKEY OBJECTION /NO CHANGE ELEVENTH RACE /one mile

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch run. Involved were #2 Low Expectations (M. Gutierrez 1st) and #7 Bright Leaf (J.G. Torrealba 2nd) who lodged the objection against #2. After a review of the videos, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with both jockeys in a unanimous decision there was no change in the original order of finish. There were several points of contact in the stretch that were mutually generated by both horses.

12/17/23⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No changes; Refund \$0
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0
 4th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 5th race #3 Flatterwithjewels (Tr. S. Naranjo) Stewards-ineligible
 Refund \$941.00
 6th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 7th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 8th race #5 Alex's Girl (Tr. M. Rheinford) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Stead
 Refund \$320.70
 9th race #6 Duty First (J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp
 #7 Big Splash (Tr. S. Naranjo) Stewards-ineligible
 #8 Magnificent Ride (Tr. H. Palma) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
 Refund \$877.59
 10th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 11th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 12th race #4 Tom Seaver (Tr. P. D'Amato) Steward-stake. Refund \$2,687.38

12/17/23⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,093	\$310,417.45
SCOTWinc	2,757	\$992,957.50
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$4,865,770.39
Total	3,850	\$6,169,145.34

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 12/11/23 TO 12/17/23

Horses on Vet List	16
Horses off Vet List	8
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Fri 12/15	Sat 12/16	Sun 12/17	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	1	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	2	2	2	6	13
Claims	2	1	1	4	9
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	1
Inquiries	0	2	2	4	6
Refunds	3	4	4	11	24
Rulings	2	4	1	7	11
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	3

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

George Yniguez, Safety Steward

BOS:KS:dw