

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Board of Stewards Report for the week of December 27 through December 31, 2023.

GENERAL DATA

DATES: December 30, 2023, through December 22, 2024. Racing is Saturday through Sunday.

POST TIMES: Saturday: 6:00pm - Sunday: 5:15pm

ENTRIES: Seventy-two hours in advance or as specified in the condition book. Scratch time is 10:00am the following day after entries.

WAGERING: \$1 win, place and show wagering on every race; Daily Doubles (early, mid-card and late) on each card. \$1 Rolling Pick Threes (starting with race 2); \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$1 Pick Four on the first four and final four races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All beginning with first race. Mid-Card Daily Double starts midway through the card. The Late Daily Double will always occur in the last two races of the race card. The Pick 6 will always occur on the last six races of the race card. In the event that there are not enough horses carded in a race to offer a Superfecta, we will then offer a \$1 Quinella. Place Pick All occurs in the first through final race.

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TRACK OFFICIALS

FRANK SHERREN..... Facility Manager
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PEGASUS..... Video Communications
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AMBER MENDEZ..... Track Photographer
PLUSMIC USA..... Photo Finish

WEDNESDAY

12/27/23¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, December 30, 2023, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

THURSDAY

12/28/23¹

HEATH TAYLOR – (CASE #23LA0202)

Trainer Heath Taylor appeared before the Board of Stewards for a tape recorded hearing to address a complaint filed against him for alleged violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843(a,b&d), #1843.1(a), #1843.4 and #1887. Present at the hearing were trainer Heath Taylor, who was not represented by counsel, and California Horse Racing Board Investigator Barrett Halcromb, who presented the case. After testimony and evidence were submitted, the hearing was concluded. Decision Forthcoming.

12/28/23²

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, December 31, 2023 and changes to Saturday's program.

12/28/23³

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were no recommended panel scratches and three entries were listed as a hard watch.

FRIDAY

12/29/23¹

SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee scratches and changes for Sunday's program.

12/29/23²

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were no recommended panel scratches and three entries were listed as a hard watch.

SATURDAY

12/30/23¹

RULING #01

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Trainer Raul Corona, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$231.00 to Equine Sports Medicine), is restored to good standing. Ruling #LAQL155, issued at Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Association on July 7, 2018, is set aside.

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards received written notice from Equine Sports Medicine that Mr. Corona has paid his debt in full.

12/30/23²

RULING #02

Ruling #2

Trainer Heath Taylor, who started the horse Hot Prodigy, the second place finisher in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 8, 2023, is fined TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00)* and assessed ½ point in accordance with California Horse Racing Board Rule #1843.4 (Multiple medication violations – expires October 7, 2024) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rules #1887 (Trainer or Owner to insure condition of horse), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843 (a, b & d) (Medication, drugs and other substances) and #1843.1 (Prohibited drug substances – Phenylbutazone and Flunixin – third Class C violation within the past 365 days).

The above ruling was issued after the Stewards considered the testimony and evidence presented during the hearing held on December 28, 2023. The decision was unanimous.

12/30/23³

RULING #03

Ruling #03

Jockey Victor M. Salazar is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* 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 Don't Sass KVN in the twelfth race (Grade II) at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 17, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Salazar failed to meet with the Stewards, as directed, to review his use of the crop in the twelfth race on Sunday, December 17, 2023.

12/30/23⁴

DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 Fever (Tr. S. Naranjo) – Entered Back – Stewards Refund: \$108.99
- #4 Chevy Girl (Tr. J. Wallace) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$247.70
- #5 Mighty Gypsy (Jockey K. Camacho) Replaced by J. Valenzuela, Jr.
- 2nd Race #7 San Jac (Jockey J. Leon) – Replaced by D. Herrera
- 3rd Race #5 McWherter (Tr. B. Cunningham) Off Track Stewards Refund: \$134.30
- 4th Race #5 Honest Coop (Jockey D. Herrera) – Replaced by A. Escobedo
- 5th Race #4 Cairo Calling (Jockey D. Herrera) – Replaced by C. Figueroa
- 6th Race #4 Hollywood Rumor (Jockey Dr. Herrera) – Replaced by A. Escobedo
- 7th Race No Change
- 8th Race No Change
- 9th Race No Change

12/30/23⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	707	\$62,771.20
Off track	1,235	\$189,127.90
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,064,705.13
Total	1,942	\$1,316,604.23

SUNDAY

12/31/23¹

RULING #04

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Jockey Kevin Jesus Camacho is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement), causing a late rider change in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 30, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Camacho notified the Stewards that he was delayed in traffic and would be unable to fulfill his riding engagement in the first race on December 30, 2023.

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RULING #05

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Jockey Juan Pablo Leon is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1683 (Maximum Overweight), causing a late rider change in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 30, 2023.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Jockey Juan Pablo Leon was unable to get within the five-pound limit on his mount in the second race on December 30, 2023.

12/31/23³

INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – 1st RACE

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the first race for a review of the start involving #7 Ko Olina (Jockey Juan Lopez) fourth and #6 Well Spoken Lady (Jockey Jose Rodriguez) eighth (last). After interviewing the riders involved and reviewing the video of the race, the Stewards, in a unanimous decision, disqualified #7 Ko Olina from fourth to eighth. The video shows #7 Ko Olina breaking in sharply at the start

making hard contact with #6 Well Spoken Lady, costing that rival the opportunity of a better placing.

Original Order of Finish 2-3-1-(7)-5-8-4-6
 Official Order of Finish 2-3-1-5-8-4-6-(7)

12/31/23⁴

VOIDED CLAIM – 2ND RACE

The claim submitted by Trainer Tim Abraham for #4 Aunt Opal (Trainer Sergio Morfin) was voided by the Stewards after they were notified by Official Veterinarian Gary Beck that the filly was unsound and placed on the vet's list. Aunt Opal was returned to the barn of trainer Sergio Morfin.

12/31/23⁵

DECLARATIONS/ CHANGES/ REFUNDS

1st Race #5 Drizella (Jockey Juan Leon) – Replaced by Henry Lopez
 #6 Well Spoken Lady (Jockey Javier Matias) Replaced Jose Rodriguez
 2nd Race No Changes
 3rd Race #3 True Friend (Tr. Tim Abraham) Injured–Dr. Fitzgerald Refund \$127.09
 # Ms Parkside (Tr. Tim Abraham) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$86.72
 4th Race No Changes
 5th Race #4 Smarty Nose (Tr. S. Miyadi) – Claimed by Tr. Sally Rivera
 #6 Intense Moment (Jockey J. Gonzalez) – Replaced by J. Valenzuela
 #7 Getemdusty (Tr. S. Miyadi) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald Refund: \$306.19
 6th Race No Changes
 7th Race #1 Separation By Fire (Jockey Panfilo Alegria) Replaced by Juan Leon
 8th Race No Changes
 9th Race #1 Change Happens (Jockey Jairo Rangel) – Replaced by Juan Leon
 #7 Favorite Runaway (Tr. Juan Aleman) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
 \$946.20

12/31/23⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	428	\$61,920.30
Off track	778	\$200,918.30
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$1,175,819.32
Total	1,206	\$1,438,657.92

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat 12/30	Sun 12/31	Week	Meet
Accidents	D			0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A			0	0	0	0
Claims	R			0	1	1	1
Disqualification	K			0	1	1	1
Inquiries		D		0	1	1	1
Refunds		A		3	4	7	7
Rulings		Y		3	2	5	5
Voided Claims		S		0	1	1	1

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

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 31, 2023. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 4 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Seven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List was examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Ron Church.

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward