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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
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**Report for the Week of Tuesday, July 2 through Sunday, July 7, 2024.**

**TUESDAY**7/02/24<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

James Dreyer will be in the office to address morning situations in addition to authoring the minutes during this reporting period.

7/02/24<sup>2</sup>**ENTRIES ADJUSTED**

Entries will be taken on Tuesday and Wednesday this week to accommodate anyone that has 4<sup>th</sup> of July plans, which falls on Thursday.

7/02/24<sup>3</sup>**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was used open. 1 Cal-Bred.

7/02/24<sup>4</sup>**THE DRAW**

Seven of our eight races will be made up of two Governor's Cup Derby Trials and five Governor's Cup Futurity Trials all for California Breds.

**WEDNESDAY**7/03/24<sup>1</sup>**CAL-BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, maidens two years old, was used open. 1 Cal-Bred.

7/03/24<sup>2</sup>**THE DRAW**

Sunday's program will highlight the \$150,000 Vessels Maturity.

**THURSDAY**7/04/24<sup>1</sup>**SCRATCHES**

Three rider changes completed Saturday's program corrections.

**FRIDAY**

7/05/24<sup>1</sup>

**SCRATCHES**

Scratch time resulted in one equipment change – flipping halter on.

**SATURDAY**

7/06/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULINGS #95 and #96**

**Ruling #95**

Jockey Cesar Franco 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 Above in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 30, 2024.

**Ruling #96**

Jockey Cesar Ortega is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* 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 Auntie Bev in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 30, 2024.

The above rulings were issued after both riders violated rule #1688.

7/06/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #97**

**Ruling #97**

Exercise Rider Carlos Huerta is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases not covered by rules and regulations-failing to pull his mount up while the sirens and warning lights were activated).

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Huerta accepted full responsibility for continuing to gallop after the sirens and warning light had been activated.

7/06/24<sup>3</sup>

**INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the first race, the Stewards hung the inquiry to review the start. #4 RGR Western Justice (4<sup>th</sup>- J. Valenzuela, Jr.) broke and immediately ducked in taking #3 Eagle Dropping Fire (5<sup>th</sup> – A. Viramontes) completely out of the race. The vote was unanimous to disqualify RGR Western Justice.

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

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

7/06/24<sup>4</sup>

**LATE DECLARATIONS**

7<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Verbosity (Tr. J. Flores) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$516.18

7/06/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	734	\$139,320.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,101	\$324,117.90
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$893,795.07
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,835	\$1,357,233.17

**SUNDAY**

7/07/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULINGS #98 and #99**

**Ruling #98**

Jockey Cesar Franco is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (July 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024) 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 – fourth offense) while riding Bruno Czech in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 6, 2024.

**Ruling #99**

Jockey Cruz Mendez is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* 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 Mask Mandate in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 6, 2024.

The above rulings were generated after both riders were in violation of Rule #1688.

7/07/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #100**

**Ruling #100**

Jockey John Valenzuela, Jr., who rode RGR Western Justice in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 6, 2024, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (July 14<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course leaving the starting gate, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from fourth to fifth position. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules-Careless Riding).

Apparently, Jockey Valenzuela chose to leave his fate in our hands concerning last night's disqualification in the first race. We made our decision without his presence with all of us of the opinion he made a very mediocre effort to alleviate the interference he had created.

7/07/24<sup>3</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED**

The first race claim of Thirsty Gambler by trainer Jesus Uranga was voided after Dr. Fitzgerald place the gelding on the vet's list as unsound. He was returned to trainer Jesus Nunez.

7/07/24<sup>4</sup>

**GOOD EVENING**

Empressum humbled all challengers in the Vessels Maturity this evening.

7/07/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	761	\$114,389.40
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	930	\$205,076.50
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,114,941.19
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,691	\$1,434,407.09

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat 7/06</b>	<b>Sun 7/07</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	7	0	7	7
<b>Claims</b>	R	0	0	0	64
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	1	0	1	15
<b>Inquiries</b>		1	0	1	32
<b>Refunds</b>	D	1	0	1	151
<b>Rulings</b>	A	3	3	6	100
<b>Voided Claims</b>	Y	0	1	1	24

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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