

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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

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**GENERAL DATA:**

**Mailing**

**Address:** 4961 Katella Avenue  
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Telephone number of association: (714) 820-2800

**Dates:** Friday, September 13, 2024, through Sunday, September 22, 2024.  
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; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 (10 cent minimum) Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Pick Four on races 2 thru 5, and last four races; \$0.50 Pick Five (14% Takeout) on races 1 thru 5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races; \$1 Super High Five on final race of the day.

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**Report for Monday, September 9 through Sunday, September 15, 2024.**

**TUESDAY**

9/10/24<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Luis Jauregui was present to oversee entries for Friday's opening day card. Eight races were carded, with a first race post time of 1pm.

**WEDNESDAY**

9/11/24<sup>1</sup>

**DUTY STEWARD**

Once again, Luis Jauregui was present to oversee entries for Saturday. He also approved scratches and program changes for Friday afternoon's eight-race card

**THURSDAY**

9/12/24<sup>1</sup>

**HEARINGS DAY**

In addition to Steward Luis Jauregui being present to oversee entries for Sunday, the entire Board of Stewards were in today to address multiple CHRB complaints.

9/12/24<sup>2</sup>

**WITHDRAWN**

After receiving confirmation that the debt owed to the Southern California Equine Foundation was paid in full, the complaint filed against owner Alexander Spascano (case #24DM0030) was withdrawn.

9/12/24<sup>3</sup>

**CONTINUED (Case #24SA0107)**

The Vincent Baker hearing scheduled for today was continued and will be heard next month at Santa Anita Park.

9/12/24<sup>4</sup>

**QUINONEZ HEARING (CASE #24SR0028)**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Rolando Quinonez after three of his horses worked at San Luis Rey Downs without any records of pre-work veterinarian examinations. Mr. Quinonez, along with investigator Steven Manila, attended the hearing via Microsoft Teams, from San Luis Rey Downs. The Stewards will deliberate the facts presented and reach a decision in the coming days. More to follow...

9/12/24<sup>5</sup>

**FINCHER RULING**

The following ruling was issued after Show of Force arrived to the receiving barn with toe grabs behind, that had to be ground-down prior to the turf event.

**LATL RULING #01**

Trainer TODD W. FINCHER, who started the horse, SHOW OF FORCE in the ninth race at Del Mar Race Track on September 8, 2024, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1853 (Examination Required – Improperly Shod).

9/12/24<sup>6</sup>

**AMESCUA RULING**

As a result of a late jockey change in Del Mar's final race of the meet, the following ruling was issued.

**LATL RULING #02**

Jockey Agent RENE AMESCUA is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations – failure to conduct business in a proper manner on September 8, 2024, at Del Mar Race Track).

9/12/24<sup>7</sup>

**DISQUALIFICATION RULING**

The following ruling was issued as a result of receiving notice from HIWU of a positive test for the horse HOUSE OF MAGIC, at last year's Del Mar autumn meet.

**LATL RULING #03**

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, HOUSE OF MAGIC was disqualified for a positive test obtained from Race 3 at Del Mar Race Track on November 23, 2023, Case #ECM2023-241/ECM. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 – Disqualification of the Covered Horse's Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owner KALEEM SHAH.INC and Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ and Trainer PETER MILLER be returned to the Paymaster of

Purses at Del Mar Race Track on or before October 13, 2024, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1st NOKIE      2nd AVENTAPP      3rd JORDAN      4th ONE SMOKIN MOON

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any parimutuel pool shall be affected.

**FRIDAY**  
9/13/24<sup>1</sup>

**PRE-MEET MEETINGS**

This morning, the Board of Stewards met with Racing Secretary Randy Valdez to discuss the first three days of entries and how the racing office is operating under Randy's leadership. Mr. Valdez has an optimistic outlook for the two-week meet. Additionally, Dr. Nolton Pattio, VMD (official vet) and Dr. Laura Austgen DVM (track vet) came in to discuss various procedures and protocols for this meet.

9/13/24<sup>2</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM - Race 3**

After failing a post-race veterinarian examination, the claim submitted by trainer Jorge Periban was voided and Shore Road returned to the John Sadler barn.

9/13/24<sup>3</sup>

**CLEAR DAY OF RACING**

Today's eight-race card was conducted smoothly, with no notable incidents.

9/13/24<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race      No Changes; Refund: \$0  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race      #2 Birth of Cool (Tr. C. Dollase) claimed by Tr. P. Miller  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race      #1 Shore Road (Tr. J. Sadler) claim VOIDED  
                  #3 Big Gain (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. P. Miller  
4<sup>th</sup> Race      #3 Incredible Shot (Tr. C. Dollase) Vet - injured - Dr. Pattio  
                  Refund: \$214.55  
5<sup>th</sup> Race      No Changes; Refund: \$0  
6<sup>th</sup> Race      #3 Bruins Mastery (Tr. K. Bainum) Vet - injured - Dr. Pattio  
                  Refund: \$449.85  
7<sup>th</sup> Race      #1 Hula Candy (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins  
8<sup>th</sup> Race      No Changes; Refund: \$0

9/13/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	744	\$202,173.39
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,791	\$635,917.48
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$3,102,944.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,535	\$3,941,035.12

**SATURDAY**  
9/14/24<sup>1</sup>

**QUINONEZ RULING (ref: 9/12/24<sup>6</sup>)**

After deliberating the facts presented in Thursday's hearing and considering that this is Mr. Quinonez's second CHRB rule #1878 violation (ref: ruling LATS 036, dated 2/25/24), the following ruling was issued.

**LATL RULING #04**

Trainer ROLONDO QUINONEZ is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1878 (Workouts – No seventy-two

(72) hour pre-workout veterinarian examinations on June 22, 2024, at San Luis Rey Downs).

9/14/24<sup>2</sup>

**CROP RULING**

As a result of violating the HISA crop rule in yesterday's seventh race, jockey Edwin Maldonado was issued the following ruling.

**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 – first offense), Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO, who rode RED CROSS KNIGHT in the seventh race (Purse \$42,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 13, 2024, is suspended for ONE (1) day (September 21, 2024), and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)\* for one (1) strike over the limit.

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

9/14/24<sup>3</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM - Race 4**

After failing a post-race veterinarian examination, the claim submitted by trainer Jesus Nunez was voided and C'Mon Man returned to the Steve Knapp barn.

9/14/24<sup>4</sup>

**ACCIDENT / INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION**

Following the running of the fifth race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident on the far turn where #7 Damazio bobbed sharply, unseating jockey Edgar Payeras. After reviewing the race from multiple angles, the Stewards determined that seventh-place finisher #6 Smiling Tony, with jockey Francisco Ramirez shifted into the path of Damazio, causing that runner to clip heels. As a result, the Stewards unanimously agreed to disqualify Damazio from seventh position to unplaced.

Original order of finish: 4-8-3-1-9-2-6-7(DNF)

Official order of finish: 4-8-3-1-9-2-7(DNF) - 6(Unplaced)

9/14/24<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes; Refund: \$0  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes; Refund: \$0  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes; Refund: \$0  
4<sup>th</sup> Race #1 C'Mon Man (Tr. S. Knapp) claim VOIDED  
#5 Yes He Can (Tr. G. Lopez) claimed by Tr. K. Castaneda  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Mongolian Frost (Tr. A. Williams) Vet - injured - Dr. Austgen  
Refund: \$223.15  
6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes; Refund: \$0  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #9 Petesoldfashioned (Tr. H. Palma) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp  
8<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Rhino (Tr. R. DeLeon) Stewards - Entered back  
Refund: \$358.49

9/14/24<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	1,237	\$384,516.23
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,046	\$1,249,343.59
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$3,974,786.94
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,283	\$5,608,646.76

**SUNDAY**  
9/15/24<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW (ref: 9/14/24<sup>4</sup>)**

Jockey Francisco Ramirez came into the Stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's fifth race where his mount was the focus of an inquiry, following a horse clipping heels on the far turn and unseating jockey Edgar Payeras. The Stewards felt that Mr. Ramirez, while in a drive around the turn, allowed his mount to shift inward, interfering with the runner to his inside. Regrettably, Mr. Ramirez agreed with the Stewards' assessment of the incident and accepted the penalty outlined in the following ruling.

**LATL RULING #06**

FRANCISCO RAMIREZ, who rode SMILING TONY in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 14, 2024, is suspended for seven (7) racing days (September 22, 27, 28, 29, and October 4, 5 & 6, 2024) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the turn, causing interference, resulting in the disqualification from seventh to unplaced; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules-careless riding).

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

9/15/24<sup>2</sup>

**WEIGHT CHANGE**

With apprentice jockey Welfin Orantes being victorious in today's fifth race, he notched his tenth career victory, and under the new California apprentice rule, his "bug year" officially started. As a result, the assigned weights of his remaining mounts on the card were adjusted to reflect a five-pound apprentice allowance.

9/15/24<sup>3</sup>

**CLEAR DAY OF RACING**

Today's eight-race card was conducted smoothly, with no incidents.

8/15/24<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes; Refund: \$0  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Stay Zappy (Tr. C. Treece) claimed by Tr. F. Gonzalez  
#5 Spicy Spouse (Tr. G. Vallejo) Stewards - starting gate  
Refund: \$19,616.60  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes; Refund: \$0  
4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes; Refund: \$0  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Spread the Risk (Tr. R. Hess Jr.) Vet - sick - Dr. Austgen  
#2 Amelia Blue (Tr. L. Campuzano) Vet - sick - Dr. Austgen  
Refund: \$1,301.57  
6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes; Refund: \$0  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #8 Be Punctual (Tr. E. Freeman) Vet - unsound - Dr. Austgen  
Refund: \$628.24  
8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes; Refund: \$0

9/15/24<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	1,009	\$238,464.44
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,909	\$977,554.08
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,223,470.43
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,918	\$4,439,488.95

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Thu 9/12</b>	<b>Fri 9/13</b>	<b>Sat 9/14</b>	<b>Sun 9/15</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	0	0	1	0	1	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	0	3	3	2	8	8
<b>Claims</b>	0	3	2	1	6	6
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	1	0	1	1
<b>Inquiries</b>	0	0	1	0	1	1
<b>Refunds</b>	0	2	2	3	7	7
<b>Rulings</b>	3	0	2	1	6	6
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	1	1	0	2	2

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David Nuesch, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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