

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE
Cypress, California
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report for the Week of Wednesday, September 11 through Sunday, September 15, 2024.

WEDNESDAY9/11/24¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church will be supervising entries, scratches and monitor morning activities for the week and will also record the minutes.

THURSDAY9/12/24¹**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Sunday, September 15, 2024, and changes to Saturday's program.

9/12/24²**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there was one recommended panel scratch.

9/12/24³**TRAINER BOBBY WESTBROOK HEARING – (CASE #24LA0114)**

An informal tape-recorded hearing was held this morning to address complaint #24LA0114 filed against Trainer Bobby Westbrook by the California Horse Racing Board, alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1887, #1894, and #1902.5.

Present, in addition to the Board of Stewards was Mr. Westbrook and California Horse Racing Board Investigator Barrett Halcromb, who read the complaint into the record. Mr. Westbrook was advised of his right to counsel and agreed to go forward without representation.

There were no witnesses called and Mr. Westbrook testified on his own behalf. Mr. Westbrook testified that he felt that he did not do anything wrong and treated the filly properly to cure her injuries. Evidence and testimony were submitted for the record and the hearing was concluded. Decision Forthcoming.

FRIDAY

9/13/24¹

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Sunday’s program. After reviewing all entries, there were no recommended panel changes.

9/13/24²

SCRATCHES

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

SATURDAY

9/14/24¹

STEWARD ABSENT

Steward Tom Ward was absent this evening for personal reasons and replaced by Safety Steward Paul Atkinson.

9/14/24²

RULING #132

Ruling #132

Jockey Armando Cervantes is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b)(3) (Use of Riding Crop – struck mount during post parade/warm up period) prior to the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 8, 2024.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Cervantes contacted the Stewards, acknowledged he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed.

9/14/24³

RULING #133

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Jockey Gabriel Lara, who rode Royal Eye Special in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 8, 2024, is suspended for three (3) racing days (September 21st, 22nd, and 28th, 2024) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from second to fifth. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules- Careless Riding).

Jockey Gabriel Lara failed to appear or contact the Stewards as requested to review his ride in the second race on September 8, 2024, where his mount was disqualified. We reviewed the race and could not excuse his actions or lack thereof to correct his mount at the start. In a unanimous decision, we issued the above ruling.

9/14/2024⁴

ACCIDENT – INQUIRY – 3rd RACE

The Stewards conducted an Inquiry following the third race for a review of an accident mid-race of the 300-yard Quarter Horse event. The video shows that #2 Tarzan In The Wagon was injured, fell and unseated Jockey Jesse Gonzalez mid-race and no other horses were involved. Tarzan In The Wagon was vanned off and Jockey Jesse Gonzalez was reported to be uninjured. Safety Stewards accident report attached.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No Changes
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race #5 Cowboy Sweetheart (Tr. J. Aleman)-Identification-Stewards-Refund: \$1,058.92
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race #4 Budder Off Friends (Tr. A. Farias) – Panel – Stewards- Refund: \$346.20
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race No Changes

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	692	\$90,620.30
SCOTWINC	1,050	\$267,760.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$771,709.11
TOTAL	1,742	\$1,130,090.01

SUNDAY

9/15/24¹

RULINGS #134 AND #135

Ruling #134

Jockey EDWIN G. ESCOBEDO is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (7) (Use of Riding Crop – more than twice in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond) while riding R Ladys Dynasty in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 14, 2024.

Ruling #135

Jockey Rodrigo Aceves 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 Jessica Cruz in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 14, 2024.

The above rulings were issued after Mr. Aceves and Mr. Escobedo met with the Stewards and acknowledged they violated the crop rule and accepted the penalties imposed.

9/15/24²

RULINGS #136

Ruling #136

Trainer Bobby D. Westbrook is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* and placed on probation for as long as he holds a Trainer’s license in this jurisdiction, for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1894 (Duties of Trainer – failed to contact attending veterinarian in a timely manner).

Any future complaint regarding the physical condition of horses in his care will be considered a violation of probation.

After considering the evidence presented in the Westbrook hearing held on Thursday September 12, 2024, we dismissed the alleged violations of CHRB Rule #1887 and #1902.5, feeling that the evidence did not support the rule violations and issued the above ruling. The decision was unanimous.

9/15/2024³

CLAIM VOIDED – 6TH RACE

The claim deposited in the sixth race by trainer Sergio Morfin for #1 Magestic Boots (Trainer Adan Farias) was voided after Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported the filly bled and would be placed on the vet’s list. Magestic Boots was returned to the barn of Andan Farias.

9/15/24⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes

2nd Race #5 Harlan Trooper (Tr. J. Hernandez Jr.) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$130.80

3rd Race No Changes

4th Race #4 Jess Being Famous (Jockey A. Cervantes) Replaced by R. Arvizu

5th Race No Changes

6th Race No Changes

7th Race #5 Luffytaro (Tr. J. Farias) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$619.50

#6 Royal Eye Special (Jockey G.Lara) Replaced by J. Roman
 #6 Royal Eye Special (Tr. J. Mendoza) Claimed by Tr. J. Farias
 8th Race No Changes
 9th Race No Changes

9/15/24⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	617	\$91,634.40
SCOTWINC	842	\$204,507.20
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$962,170.78
TOTAL	1,459	\$1,258,312.38

SUMMARY

	Fri 9/13	Sat 9/14	Sun 9/15	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	1	0	1	3
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	15
Claims	R	0	2	2	91
Disqualifications	K	0	0	0	20
Inquiries	D	1	0	1	40
Refunds	A	2	2	4	222
Rulings	Y	2	3	5	136
Voided Claims		0	1	1	34

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

BOS:RC:dj