

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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



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

Honorable Gregory L. Ferraro DVM, Chairman  
Honorable Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chairman  
Honorable Dennis V. Alfieri, Member  
Honorable John Carvelli, Member  
Honorable Damascus Castellanos, Member  
Honorable Brenda Washington Davis, Member  
Honorable Thomas C. Hudnut, Member  
C. Scott Chaney, Executive Director  
Cynthia Alameda, Deputy Executive Director  
Marc Shaw, Chief, Enforcement Division  
Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

**Report for the Week of Wednesday, September 25 through Sunday, September 29, 2024.**

**WEDNESDAY**

- 9/25/24<sup>1</sup> **DUTY STEWARD AND ENTRIES**  
James Dreyer will be on hand to oversee morning business in addition to authoring the minutes during this reporting period.
- 9/25/24<sup>2</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**  
The first race in the book, maiden two years old, failed to fill.
- 9/25/24<sup>3</sup> **THE DRAW**  
It was a challenge, but fifty-six horses were finally recruited to make up our nine race card.

**THURSDAY**

- 9/26/24<sup>1</sup> **SCRATCHES**  
One rider change completed Saturday's program changes.
- 9/26/24<sup>2</sup> **CAL-BRED REPORT**  
The first race in the book, maiden two years old, once again failed to fill.
- 9/26/24<sup>3</sup> **THE DRAW**  
Things went better for Sunday with enough horses passing the entry box to put together ten races.
- 9/26/24<sup>4</sup> **COMPLAINT #24LA0123**  
With no opposition to the above complaint rule #1859.5 was invoked. A ruling will be issued.
- 9/26/24<sup>5</sup> **COMPLAINT #24LA0122**  
A formal hearing was held this morning to address the above complaint.

Present were trainer Vuocolo, Jr., stewards Tom Ward, Ron Church and James Dreyer, investigator Vito Racowski presenting the case for the Board and Michelle Derieg recording the proceedings.

Mr. Vuocolo, Jr., was adamant he had done nothing wrong. He felt so strongly about the situation that he requested permission to take a lie detector test. Having made that request he was advised we would contact the Boards council to see if that was admissible. Following Mr. Vuocolo's departure, the Board was contacted, and we were advised lie detector testimony would not be acceptable. We contacted a company that manufactured a fly spray he was using to see if it contained Minoxidil and are waiting for the results of that call. Their response was the spray does not contain Minoxidil.

9/26/24<sup>6</sup>

**COMPLAINT #24LA0127**

When owner Jesus Avila failed to appear, we contacted him by phone. He was very abrupt stating he was ill and hung up. A ruling will be issued.

**FRIDAY**

9/27/24<sup>1</sup>

**SCRATCHES**

Scratch time for Sunday's program resulted in one declaration.

**SATURDAY**

9/28/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #139 (Refer 9/26/24 - #4)**

**Ruling #139**

Acting on a report from the University of California, Davis, an official testing laboratory for the California horse racing board, that blood sample #pro2118, taken from the horse "Mylittlerunaway", the second place finisher in the first race at Los Alamitos race course on June 8, 2024, tested positive for minoxidil (class iii), it is ordered that "Mylittlerunaway" be disqualified from all purse monies earned in said race, in accordance with California horse racing board rule #1859.5 (disqualification upon positive test finding).

After addressing complaint #24la0123 the foregoing ruling was issued.

9/28/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #140 (Refer 9/26/24 - #6)**

**Ruling #140**

Owner Jesus Avila, having been duly noticed, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). Suspension to commence on September 30, 2024.

The above ruling was issued after owner Avila chose to ignore Complaint #24LA0127.

9/28/24<sup>3</sup>

**CLAIM VOIDED**

The third race claim of Rally Cat by trainer Angela Aquino was voided after Dr. Beck placed the gelding on the vet's list as unsound. He was returned to trainer Jesus Uranga.

9/28/24<sup>4</sup>

**OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

Following the sixth race jockey Edgar Payeras claimed an objection against #3 Black Magician (4<sup>th</sup>-R. Ramirez) entering the stretch. After, reviewing the incident the stewards, in a majority decision, Ron Church dissenting, felt that although Black Magician did drift out slightly it did not cost Reconciling Force (5<sup>th</sup>) a better placing. No change was justified.

9/28/24<sup>5</sup>

**WHO'S ON FIRST**

Saturday evening was a fiasco for Nate Estrada and his officials. First, placing judge

Danielle Kasparoff notified him she was resigning citing that trying to work both Santa Anita and Los Alamitos was not feasible. Then paddock Judge Tom Bazley called in sick. Paymaster Dawn Jackson was gracious enough to volunteer to cover both her paymaster's position and paddock. Then placing Judge Randy Valdez called and said due to the big day at Santa Anita he was running late and would miss the first race. Now Nate had an empty stand. This was resolved by Nate going to the placing stand and jockey room custodian, Ramiro Castillo, taking Nates, position in the room. Nate then recruited his brother to assist him placing. His brother is not an official but in critical situations an occasional liberty is necessary. We'll probably be looking at the same situations Sunday evening.

9/28/24<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race No Changes
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Opt In (Tr. H. Taylor) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$191.00
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Dancin with Royalty (Tr. J. Uranga) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$170.25
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Its On You (Tr. J. Nunez) Unsound – Dr Fitzgerald – Refund: \$496.20

9/28/24<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	768	\$93,663.10
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,016	\$232,031.40
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$696,734.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,784	\$1,022,428.76

**SUNDAY**

9/29/24<sup>1</sup>

**RULINGS #141**

**Ruling #141**

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-second offense), jockey Jose R. Alcalá, who rode two bills in the seventh race (purse \$10,00.00) at Los Alamitos race course on September 28, 2024, is suspended for (2) days (October 6 and October 12, 2024), and fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00)\* for one (1) strike over the limit.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Alcalá violated HISA rule #2280. Steward Ward dissented.

9/29/24<sup>2</sup>

**RULINGS #142**

**Ruling #142**

Jockey JOSE M. NICASIO 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 Blownbubbles in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 28, 2024.

The foregoing ruling was issued following Jose Nicasio's violation of Rule #1688.

9/29/24<sup>3</sup>

**RULINGS #143**

**Ruling #143**

Jockey PANFILO V. ALEGRIA 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 Foursix Dustyred in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 28, 2024.

The above ruling was issued after another rider fell prey to rule #1688.

9/29/24<sup>4</sup>

**FILMS**

Jockey Ricardo Ramirez was in to review the sixth race from last evening. The stewards were divided in their opinion of the race and whether a disqualification was justified. After reviewing we still disagreed. With regard to Jockey Ramirez we exonerated him when the films show him dropping his left rein.

9/29/24<sup>5</sup>

**INQUIRY - DISQUALIFICATION**

The stewards hung the inquiry following the seventh race to review the start. #1 Nice And True (5<sup>th</sup> F. Olague) broke out so badly that #2 Storm D'Oro (6<sup>th</sup> R. Ramirez), #3 Blue Butterfly (3<sup>rd</sup> H. Lopez) and #4 Secret Of War (4<sup>th</sup> E. Payeras) were deprived of any chance at a fair placing. In a unanimous vote Nice And True was disqualified and placed last. Original Order 6-5-3-4-(1)-2 Official Order 6-5-3-4-2-(1).

9/29/24<sup>6</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Race No Changes  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 Perfecto Amor (Tr. A. Farias) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$90.52  
 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 5<sup>th</sup> Race #2 California Bling (Tr. L. Mendoza) Owner not licensed, Stewards. Refund: \$159.64  
 6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Favorite Prince (Tr. S. Morfin) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$137.20  
           #5 Plea Deal (Tr. E. Andrade) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$639.36  
 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
 10<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

9/29/24<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	509	\$69,458.60
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	799	\$181,459.20
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$937,547.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,308	\$1,188,465.11

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 9/27</b>	<b>Sat 9/28</b>	<b>Sun 9/29</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	15
<b>Claims</b>	R	2	3	5	101
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	1	1	21
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	1	1	2	42
<b>Refunds</b>	A	3	4	7	234
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	2	3	5	143
<b>Voided Claims</b>		1	0	1	36

---

James Dreyer, Steward

---

Ron Church, Steward

---

Tom Ward, Steward

BOS:JD:dj