

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, May 21, through Sunday, May 25, 2025.

WEDNESDAY05/21/25¹**DUTY STEWARD / ENTRIES**

Steward Tom Ward was present to oversee entries for Saturday, May 24, 2025.

THURSDAY05/22/25¹**DUTY STEWARD / ENTRIES**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Sunday, May 25, 2025, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

05/22/25²**ENTRY PANEL/SCRATCHES**

Steward Tom Ward was present to oversee scratches and changes to Saturday's program. Mr. Ward also joined the entry panel this morning for a review of Saturday's entries.

05/22/25³**STEWARD ABSENT**

Steward James Dreyer was absent this morning for personal reasons. Safety Steward Paul Atkinson filled in for Mr. Dreyer.

05/22/25⁴**FINANCIAL WITHDRAWN (Case #25LA0077)**

The financial complaint filed against Owner Albert Polanco by Equine Sports Medicine (Larry Overly, DVM) alleging an overdue debt for veterinarian services rendered, was withdrawn after the Stewards were informed by CHRB Investigator Stuart Ida that the debt had been paid in full.

05/22/25⁵**OWNER DENI MARTINEZ (CASE #25LA0078)**

The hearing scheduled for today to address the financial complaint filed by Equine Sports Medicine (Larry Overly, DVM) against Owner Deni Martinez alleging an outstanding debt for veterinarian services rendered did not take place as Mr. Martinez failed to appear. Ruling to follow.

05/22/25⁶**STEWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Stewards Tom Ward, Paul Atkinson and Ron Church joined the Stewards Committee Meeting this morning via Microsoft Teams.

FRIDAY
05/23/25¹

ENTRY PANEL

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

05/23/25²

SCRATCHES

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

SATURDAY

05/24/25¹

RULING #66

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Owner Deni M. Martinez (license expired), having failed to appear after being properly noticed, is declared ineligible for a license pending satisfaction of an outstanding debt to Equine Sports Medicine - \$1,338.00.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Martinez failed to appear for his scheduled hearing on Thursday May 22, 2025.

05/24/25²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #3 Al B Raecin (Tr. V. Belvoir) – Claimed by Tr. Jorge Farias
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race #7 I Am Amadeo (Tr. J. Ramos) – No Lasix – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$178.60
- 5th Race #1 Ur In Trouble (Tr. R. Hanson) – Claimed by Tr. Jesus Uranga
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race No Changes
- 9th Race #2 Rf Divine Excellency (Tr. S. Morfin) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$76.95

05/24/25³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	737	\$102,735.40
SCOTWINC	1,085	\$289,702.70
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$958,239.36
TOTAL	1,822	\$1,350,677.46

SUNDAY

05/25/25¹

RULINGS #67

Ruling #67

Jockey Justine Klaiber is suspended for THREE (3) Racing Days (June 8, 14 and 15, 2025) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (c)(2) (Use of Riding Crop – striking mount with crop in the overhand position) while riding Dynamic Eyes in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 24, 2025.

Jockey Justine Klaiber met with the Stewards regarding her use of the riding crop during the seventh race on Saturday May 24, 2025.

Ms. Klaiber was observed using her crop in the overhanded position during the running of the race in question. Ms. Klaiber agreed that she violated the crop rule and was very apologetic and accepted the penalty imposed. The decision was unanimous.

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RULING #68

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Jockey Damian Diaz Cruz 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 Nightbirde It's Ok in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 24, 2025.

Jockey Damian Diaz Cruz stopped by the office as directed and took responsibility for his crop use in the fourth race on Saturday May 24, 2025. We issued the above ruling. The decision was unanimous.

05/25/25³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race No Changes
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race No Changes
- 4th Race No Changes
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race No Changes
- 8th Race No Changes
- 9th Race No Changes
- 10th Race #7 Morning Star K (Tr. J. Aleman) – Injured- Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$48.65
- 11th Race No Changes
- 12th Race No Changes

05/25/25⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	988	\$141,437.20
SCOTWINC	913	\$252,924.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,892,819.20
TOTAL	1,901	\$2,287,181.20

SUMMARY

	Fri 5/23	Sat 5/24	Sun 5/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A	0	0	0	1
Claims	R	2	0	2	38
Disqualifications	K	0	0	2	10
Inquiries	D	0	0	0	11
Refunds	A	2	1	3	150
Rulings	Y	1	2	3	68
Voided Claims		0	0	0	12

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

BOS:RC:dj