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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, June 18, through Sunday, June 22, 2025.**

**WEDNESDAY**06/18/25<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will be in the office this week for entries, scratches and changes. Ward will also be documenting the events of the week.

06/18/25<sup>2</sup>**EARLY DRAW**

The card for Saturday was drawn rather early today, at least by Los Alamitos standards, as an eight race program was finalized by 2:00 P.M.

**THURSDAY**06/19/25<sup>1</sup>**SUNDAY ENTRIES**

Entries for the Sunday evening card are being accepted this morning, with the hope that they fill as well as yesterday. The Los Alamitos panel met this morning and, unfortunately, had to scratch two horses from the sixth race. Trainer Felix Gonzalez entered two horses, a four-year-old named Consyderation and a five-year-old by the name of Da One Of Kind – both first time starters. According to rule, they had to work before a regulatory veterinarian within thirty days of a race. These horses last worked in company on May 11, well beyond the limit. The field was reduced to five racing interests.

06/19/25<sup>2</sup>**TRAINER REQUESTS CHANGE IN SUSPENSION DATES**

Trainer Gail Ruffu, who was the subject of a ruling last week, was in the office this morning requesting a change in the dates of her suspension. The ruling, issued last Sunday, suspended her from June 23<sup>rd</sup>, through June 29<sup>th</sup>. Her appeal and request for a stay of the ruling was denied by HIWU. She is now requesting that the starting date be amended to at least July 5<sup>th</sup>, as she has a horse to run on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The request was denied.

06/19/25<sup>3</sup>**THURSDAY HEARINGS**

There were two hearings scheduled for this morning. However, neither licensee appeared to address the issues. Rulings will be issued.

**FRIDAY**  
06/20/25<sup>1</sup>

**SUNDAY SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

The entry process for Sunday was a bit slower than the previous day, but Racing Secretary George Yniguez and his staff put together a nice eight-race card for Sunday. The panel met this morning, with one horse being scratched due to an injection too close to race time. The horse received a steroid injection within thirty days of the race and since 1000 yard races are considered Quarter Horse races for the purposes of injections, the horse had to be scratched.

**SATURDAY**  
06/21/25<sup>1</sup>

**RULINGS**

**Ruling #92**

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, Modera, is disqualified for a positive test sample from race One at Los Alamitos Race Course on March 16, 2025. Case #ECM2025-97ECM. The Consequences of Disqualification results include 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 Margarito Farias, Jockey Efrain Hernandez and Trainer Jorge Farias be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Los Alamitos Race Course on or before July 20,2025 for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize Withheld).

This ruling was issued to finalize the report from HIWU.

**Ruling #93**

Groom Raul Rosado, having failed to appear before the Board of Stewards at Los Alamitos Race Course on or before June 19, 2025 to answer charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct) is hereby suspended pursuant to CHRB rule #1547 (Failure to Appear).

Mr. Rosado failed to appear for his hearing, prompting the above ruling.

**Ruling #94**

Jockey Christian Ramos is suspended THREE (3) Racing Days (July 5, 6 and 12, 2025) for violation of CHRB rule #1688(c)(2) (Use of Riding Crop – Striking mount with crop in the overhand position) while riding Relentless Eagle in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 15, 2025.

The foregoing ruling was issued as Mr. Ramos offered no valid excuse for the violation.

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**STEWARDS’ INQUIRY – DOUBLE DISQUALIFICATION**

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the second race – 300 yards – to review an incident at the start which involved the third, fourth and fifth finishers - #3 Checkn Eagle (A. Viramontes), #1 Rich Flex (A. Cervantes) and #2 Winding (F. Ramirez). Following a conversation with the riders and reviewing video of the start, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Checkn Eagle from third to fourth position and #1 Rich Flex from fourth to fifth position. The video showed the #1 horse breaking out sharply, while the #3 horse broke in rather dramatically, creating significant contact with the horse in the middle. That horse was beaten a “neck” for fourth place and the Stewards were convinced the incident cost that horse a better placing.

06/21/25<sup>3</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 No Changes

6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

06/21/25<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	786	\$85,192.90
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,029	\$252,845.60
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$783,302.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,815	\$1,121,340.85

**SUNDAY**

06/22/25<sup>1</sup>

**RULINGS #95**

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Jockey Francisco J. Ramirez 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 Kiddin You in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 21, 2025 (Third offense in the past 60 days).

The rider offered no valid excuse.

06/22/25<sup>2</sup>

**RIDERS EXCUSED**

Jockey Erick Garcia, who was injured in a spill on Saturday afternoon, was excused from his mounts this evening as he is still body sore. Juan Lopez and Irving Lara were excused due to illness. Replacement riders were announced.

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**CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim deposited by trainer Troy Dial for #3 Papa Tiger from the first race was voided as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the horse was “off” in both front legs while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Luke Lindsey.

06/22/25<sup>4</sup>

**TRAINER OBJECTION – NO CHANGE**

The Objection sign was posted following the fifth race as Jesus Nunez, the trainer of #5 Winhappy, the second place finisher, lodged a claim of foul against the winner, #6 Heather’s Heathen for interference mid-race.

After speaking with the riders and reviewing video of the race the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection. The review showed the incident to be minor in nature, having no effect on the original placings.

06/22/25<sup>5</sup>

**LATE REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the seventh race as #2 Salomon broke through the starting gate doors, lost the rider, and ran off. The refund amounted to #11,074.34.

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**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 #8 Southern Slang (Tr. G. Vallejo) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$587.97

6<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

7<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Salomon (Tr. P. Jones) Broke through gate – Stewards – Refund: \$11,074.34

8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

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**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	582	\$72,793.50
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	901	\$180,585.50
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,096,212.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,483	\$1,349,591.70

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 6/20</b>	<b>Sat 6/21</b>	<b>Sun 6/22</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	4
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	1
<b>Claims</b>	R	0	2	2	46
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	2	0	2	12
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	1	1	2	13
<b>Refunds</b>	A	0	2	2	171
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	3	0	3	94
<b>Voided Claims</b>		0	1	1	13

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Tom Ward, Steward

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John Herbuveaux, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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