

**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 Racing Association**  
Los Alamitos, California

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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

**Report for Monday, June 23, through Sunday, June 29, 2025.**

**TUESDAY**

06/24/25<sup>1</sup>

**STEWARD DUTIES**

David Nuesch was available to oversee entries and the draw for Friday (9 races) and resolve any issues; none were presented to him.

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**DARK DAY ENTRIES**

Again, Steward Nuesch was in attendance for Saturday entries (9 races). He also approved program changes for Friday.

**THURSDAY**

06/26/25<sup>1</sup>

**SUNDAY ENTRIES**

Steward Nuesch was notified first of any issues pertaining to entries for Sunday (8 races), declarations and finalizing the program for Saturday.

06/26/25<sup>2</sup>

**RONDAN INFORMAL HEARING CASE 25SA0075**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Felix Rondan for violation of CHRB rule 1875 (Workouts). In attendance before the BOS were CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama and respondent Felix Rondan.

The complaint read as follows:

*An audit of workouts performed at Santa Anita Park showed Trainer Felix Rondan recorded five (5) timed workouts in April 2025 without a corresponding clearance by an attending veterinarian.*

Upon hearing testimony and a description of the complaint, documents were entered into evidence and the hearing was closed, with the caveat that Mr. Rondan could still

present possible evidence that his practicing veterinarian Melinda Blue may have charged his owners for the examinations in question. More to follow.

06/26/25<sup>3</sup>

**MIYADI INFORMAL HEARING CASE 25SA0082**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Steven Miyadi for an alleged violation of CHRB rule 1875 (Weapons and Ammunition). Before the BOS were CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. who represented the CHRB. Investigator Anne Dillion memorialized the original complaint; she was unavailable to present the case.

The complaint read as follows:

*CHRB Investigators found an unloaded air powered BB gun leaning against the wall of Steve Miyadi's office (Room D) in Barn 107. The weapon was taken by Investigators and placed in a safe in the Investigator Office at Santa Anita. No BBs or other ammunition were found.*

Mr. Miyadi testified the gun was purchased (no ammunition confiscated in the barn search) with the thought he could reduce the population of pigeons as they have taken over the barn area. He explained he had purchased plastic spikes to resist their attendance in his barn, but Santa Anita maintenance will only allow their employees to nail them down and they have been unavailable to do so. He has tried nerf balls and water guns to scare the birds away to no avail. He reported he was desperate as pigeons are "not known" for their cleanliness, they eat out of the feed tubs with the horses and drop their feces at the same time into the tubs. Decision to follow.

06/26/25<sup>4</sup>

**GOMEZ INFORMAL HEARING CASE 25SA0073**

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Ruben Gomez for alleged violations of CHRB rule 1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination) and 1846.3 (Veterinary and Training Records for Horses Requiring Training Soundness Examination). Present for the hearing before the BOS were CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama and respondent Ruben Gomez.

The complaint read as follows:

*A review of horses trained by Ruben Gomez at Santa Anita Park resulted in four horses on layoffs longer than 90-days which required the completion of Training Soundness Examinations. MISCHIEF MOMENTS, NEXT TRICK, STORMY GAL, and TOP GUN CLASSIC shipped to Santa Anita Park as a 3-year-old and had not received a training soundness examination by the attending and regulatory veterinarian prior to resuming their training.*

Mr. Gomez testified, documents were entered into evidence and the hearing was closed with the stipulation he (Gomez) would be allowed to produce copies of two extra months of training charts. Decision to follow.

06/26/25<sup>5</sup>

**ENTRY ISSUE**

It came to light the conditions of a race (X6 on Sunday's overnight) were changed prior to the close of entries. This change made five of the seven entrants who had previously entered prior to the change eligible after the change. The two trainers who entered under the original condition were not informed of the change made by the Racing Office prior to the entries going to the counter for the draw. More to follow.

**FRIDAY**  
06/27/25<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Armando Aguilar met with the Stewards to review his ride in the fourth race on Sunday (ref 06-22-25<sup>4</sup>) wherein his mount was disqualified in a Stewards' Inquiry. Mr. Aguilar believed this was not a careless ride because he tried to straighten his continual float by pushing on the right side of his horse's neck with his hand. This BOS could not verify his belief and if so would not agree this action would relieve him of culpability. The video showed he never tried to correct his float, causing a horse behind him to check in order to stay off of his heels. The following ruling was issued in a majority vote; Steward Baker voted for a four-day penalty following Aguilar's seven day suspension last month at Santa Anita.

**LAFI RULING #08**

Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode MAJESTIC PALISADES in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on June 22, 2025, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (July 18, 19 and 20, 2025) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to fourth; 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.

06/27/25<sup>2</sup>

**INQUIRY /ACCIDENT /DISQUALIFICATION /NINTH RACE — 5 ½ dirt**

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident /accident near the 3/16's marker. Involved were #6 Mr. Machupicchu (W. Orantes DNF) and #9 Pokerknightatvees (A. Lezcano 2<sup>nd</sup>). After a review of the available video, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with jockey Abel Lezcano, in a unanimous decision #9 was disqualified and placed unplaced. Around the turn and into the stretch #9 continuously leaned into #6, followed by a bump inward, enough to unseat the jockey of #6 which resulted in an accident.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-(9)-7-4-2-1-10-8-11-3 – (6 DNF)  
 OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-7-4-2-1-10-8-11-3 (6 DNF) (9 UNPLACED)

06/27/25<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st race #4 Double Bay (IRE) (Tr. M. McCarthy) Stewards - not notified of blood pending clearance prior to shipping. Refund \$1,902.90  
 2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
 4th race #1 Tiergarten (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. R. Hanson  
 #3 Hollywood Mistress (Tr. F. Rodriguez) claimed by Tr. J. Mullins  
 5th race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
 6th race #7 Infamius Angel (Tr. E. Freeman) claimed by Tr. J. Raudales  
 7th race #4 Tamarando Star (Tr. J. Bonde) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio  
 #10 (J. Bautista) Stewards-loose off track. Refund \$2,656.74  
 8th race #9 Prince Prancealot (Tr. P. Capestro) claimed by Tr. A. Garcia  
 9th race #6 Mr. Machupicchu (Tr. J. Bonde) DNF

06/27/25<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	702	\$98,041.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,160	\$228,654.57
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$2,665,863.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,862	\$2,992,559.46

**SATURDAY**

06/28/25<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Abdul Alsagoor met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the first race on Sunday June 22, 2025. He agreed he was overzealous and left with the knowledge that the following ruling would be issued.

**LAFL RULING #10**

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 – first offense) Jockey ABDUL ALSAGOOR, who rode WILD TEXAS ROSE in the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 22, 2025, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 18, 2025) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$250.00) for three (3) strikes over the limit.

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

06/28/25<sup>2</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Abel Lezcano came to the Stewards' office to review the ninth race yesterday that involved an accident /inquiry and the disqualification of his mount after another rider became unseated (ref 06-27-25<sup>2</sup>). Mr. Lezcano's agent Ryan Glatt joined the meeting. After an extensive review of all the video angles, Mr. Lezcano was held responsible for the incident. It was a unanimous belief that Mr. Lezcano constantly leaned into #6 (Welfin Orantes) in the turn and in the stretch he initiated the bump that triggered the hind quarters of that horse to sashay out from under the jockey, which caused Mr. Orantes to fall.

The use of Mr. Lezcano's crop in the same race was then reviewed and all agreed he violated the HISA crop rule. Both penalties are listed in the following rulings.

**LAFL RULING #11**

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 – first offense) Jockey ABEL LEZCANO, who rode POKERKNIGHTATVEES in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 27, 2025, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 31, 2025) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for three (3) strikes over the limit.

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

**LAFL RULING #12**

Jockey ABEL LEZCANO, who rode POKERKNIGHTATVEES in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 27, 2025, is suspended for SEVEN (7) racing days (July 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 & 27, 2025) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch, resulting in an accident and the disqualification of his mount from second to unplaced; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules - Careless Riding - second offense within sixty (60) days.)

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

06/28/25<sup>3</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

The nine race card was performed without notable incidents. Changes made are listed below.

06/28/25<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1st race #7 Leyas Candy (Tr. M. Badilla) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp  
2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
3rd race #2 Mongolian Altia (Tr.L.Barocio) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Austgen  
#8 Hollywood Impact (Tr. J. Periban) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery. Refund \$2,546.08  
4th race #7 Oscar Night (Tr. H. Palma) A. Escabedo replaced W. Orantes (injured).  
5th race #4 Salty Sally (Tr. A. Farias) A. Bautista replaced W. Orantes (injured)  
6th race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
7th race #4 Lovin' On the Run (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio Refund \$1,210.89  
8th race WIN ONLY WAGER  
#2 Tiz Secure (Tr. B. Baffert) Stewards-stake. Refund \$1,249.73  
9th race No changes; Refund \$0.00

06/28/25<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	1,426	\$265,693.13
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,527	\$264,487.57
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$2,814,822.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,953	\$3,345,002.92

**SUNDAY**

06/29/25<sup>1</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Eduard Rojas Fernandez met with the Stewards to review his ride in the fourth race yesterday. Near the wire his tired horse ducked inward into the path of another horse, which was the issue in question. He admitted he could do better and left the office with a warning.

6/29/25<sup>2</sup>

**JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Sofia Barandela met with the Stewards to review her actions or non-actions into the first turn of the third race yesterday. On the outside of a four-horse spread, she allowed her mount to float inward and made contact that affected three horses to her inside. She stated her horse stepped in on its own. After a long discussion, in a unanimous decision, this BOS disagreed with her version of events and her penalty is listed below.

Also, the ninth race was reviewed for a possible crop violation. It was decided that out of the possible strikes, the first was questionable and the third totally missed the horse. She left the office with a warning.

**LAFL RULING 13**

Jockey SOFIA BARANDELA, who rode TWILIGHT MOON in the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 28, 2025, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (July 18, 19 and 20, 2025) for crossing over without sufficient clearance entering the

first turn and causing interference; 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.

6/29/25<sup>3</sup>

**CLEAR SAILING**

The eight-race slated program was conducted without a ripple. Changes made are listed below.

6/29/25<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1st race #4 Howin (Tr. B. Baffert) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Austgen  
Refund \$2,837.60  
2nd race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
3rd race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
4th race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
5th race #8 Crucible (Tr. A. Farias) A. Baustia replaced W. Orantes (injured)  
6th race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
7th race No Changes; Refund \$0.00  
8th race No Changes; Refund \$0.00

6/29/25<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	1,208	\$136,875.45
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	3,286	\$240,527.09
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	\$2,262,673.74
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,494	\$2,640,076.28

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 6/27</b>	<b>Sat 6/28</b>	<b>Sun 6/29</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	1	0	0	1	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	3	2	3	8	12
<b>Claims</b>	4	1	0	5	14
<b>Disqualifications</b>	1	0	0	1	2
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	0	1	3
<b>Refunds</b>	2	3	1	6	19
<b>Rulings</b>	1	4	2	7	14
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	1

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 06/23/25 TO 06/29/25**

Horses on Vet List 6  
Horses off Vet List 11  
Shock Wave Therapy 4  
Fatalities 1  
Medication 0

---

Kim Sawyer, Steward

---

David Nuesch, Steward

---

Grant Baker, Steward

BOS:KS:sh