

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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GENERAL DATA:

- Dates:** Friday, June 20, 2025, through Sunday, July 6, 2025.
Racing Fridays through Sundays. Total number of racing days is nine.
- Post time:** Weekdays/weekends/holidays – 1 p.m. first post, unless otherwise specified.
- Scratch time:** Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races, will be prior to the 3rd race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.
- Wagering:** Minimum \$2 Win, Place and Show wagering on every race; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 (10 cent minimum) Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Pick Four on races 2 thru 5, and last four races; \$0.50 Pick Five (14% Takeout) on races 1 thru 5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races; \$1 Super High Five on final race of the day.

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Report for Monday, June 16, through Sunday, June 22, 2025.

TUESDAY

06/17/25¹

DUTY STEWARD

Steward Grant Baker was present to oversee entries for Friday's opening day card. Eight races were carded, with a first race post time of 1 pm.

WEDNESDAY

06/18/25¹

DUTY STEWARD

Once again, Grant Baker was present to oversee entries for Saturday. The racing office assembled nine races, featuring the Bertrando Stakes. Steward Baker also approved scratches and program changes for Friday afternoon's eight-race card.

THURSDAY

06/19/25¹

HEARINGS DAY

In addition to Steward Baker being present to oversee entries for Sunday and scratches for Saturday's races, the entire Board of Stewards was in today to address three complaints filed by the CHRB.

06/19/25²

GUTIERREZ HEARING (CASE #24SA0133)

Jockey Valet Andres Gutierrez responded to a complaint filed by the CHRB on two counts of disorderly conduct at Santa Anita Park, one of which involved the Arcadia Police. Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. presented the case for the CHRB, with Darin Scharer of the Winners' Foundation being available via telephone for the duration of the hearing. Mr. Gutierrez gave his account of the two incidents that took place over a twenty-four-hour period. Mr. Vergara presented compelling video evidence obtained from Santa Anita's in-house surveillance cameras showing an altercation involving Mr. Gutierrez, that took place in the shedrow of the Debbie Winick stable. The Stewards will review all the facts of the case and reach a decision in the coming days.

06/19/25³

BAROCIO HEARING (CASE #25SA0054)

Trainer Librado Barocio was in our office today responding to a complaint filed by the CHRB after his horse Canani arrived late to the receiving barn for his race on March 29, 2025. Mr. Barocio said that the public address system was not working in his section of the barn area that day but understood that it is still his responsibility to ensure his horses arrived in a timely manner. Decision to follow.

06/19/25⁴

O'NEILL HEARING (CASE #25SA0069)

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Doug O'Neill after one of his horses, returning from a layoff, sustained a shoulder injury during a workout at Santa Anita Park, and there were no records of any required 90-day layoff veterinarian examinations. Mr. O'Neill attended the hearing in person, with court reporter Andy Hsiao joining via Microsoft Teams. Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. presented the case for the CHRB. The Stewards will deliberate the facts heard today and will reach a decision in the coming days. More to follow.

FRIDAY

06/20/21¹

HIWU RULING

The following ruling was issued after the Stewards received notice of a positive test sample from the horse My Kathryn Rose following a race at Santa Anita Park last October.

LAFL RULING #01

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, MY KATHRYN ROSE, was disqualified for a positive test sample from Race 7 at Santa Anita Park on October 19, 2024, Case #ECM2024-339. The Consequences of Disqualification results included 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 Owners ROBERT CANNON, KELLEY GOODWIN and TIMOTHY GOODWIN, Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO and Trainer ALFREDO MARQUEZ be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park on or before August 20, 2025, for redistribution pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize to Be Withheld).

Revised Order of Finish:

1st VENICE VIBE 2nd HEARTS FANTASY 3rd PEBBLES B AWESOME
4th AINTAFRAIDTODREAM 5th MUJER DE ORO 6th TAIL ON FIRE

All records are ordered changed to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel pool shall be affected.

06/20/25²

PAEZ RULING

After receiving confirmation that Mr. Paez complied with the terms set forth by the Winners' Foundation, the following ruling was issued, restoring Mr. Paez to good standing.

LAFL RULING #02

Groom ISIDRO R. PAEZ, having complied with the terms of Winners Foundation, is reinstated and LATS Ruling #39, issued at Santa Anita Park on February 16, 2025, is now set aside.

Furthermore, ISIDRO R. PAEZ must remain in compliance with the recommendations set forth by the Winners Foundation. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of all licenses held by ISIDRO R. PAEZ.

06/20/25³

VAN DYKE RULING

The Stewards issued the following ruling after receiving notice from HISA that jockey Drayden Van Dyke had dropped his appeal and reached an agreement with HISA, reducing his riding crop penalty in accordance with proposed HISA rules that are expected to be approved in the near future.

LAFL RULING #03

Having now dropped his appeal of DFTD Ruling #5 issued at Del Mar Race Track on November 3, 2024, the original ruling for Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE has been amended, and by the order of HISA, the following ruling is now issued.

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 – third offense) Jockey DRAYDEN VAN DYKE, who rode SOUL OF AN ANGEL in the fourth race (Purse \$1,000,000 – Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint, Grade 1) at Del Mar Race Track on November 2, 2024, is suspended for TWO (2) days (July 4 and 5, 2025) and fined FIVE THOUSAND AND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$5,200.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races. (prior violations 09/14/2024 and 10/25/2024).

06/20/25⁴

ACCIDENT / INQUIRY / NO CHANGE

Immediately following the running of the fifth race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in the stretch where #1 Queen Of Jazz shifted inward, making hard contact with the inner safety rail, dislodging jockey Erick Garcia. The Stewards determined that Queen Of Jazz drifted in on her own, with no other runners involved, so the original order of finish was made official. As a precaution, the horse ambulance was dispatched, and the three-year-old filly was vanned back to the Jose Hernandez Sr. stable.

06/20/25⁵

VOIDED CLAIM - Race 7

After failing a post-race veterinarian examination, the claim submitted by trainer Chuck Treece was voided, and Almost Snow returned to the Preciado stable.

06/20/25⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Grubauer (Tr. T. McCanna) Vet - sick - Dr. Austgen
 #6 Hard To Figure (Tr. B. Baffert) Vet - sick - Dr. Bohannan
 Refund: \$3,349.83

2nd Race No Changes; Refund: \$744.50

3rd Race No Changes; Refund: \$0.00

4th Race No Changes; Refund: \$0.00

5th Race No Changes; Refund: \$0.00

6th Race #9 Going Viral (Tr. R. Mandella) claimed by Tr. M. Stortz

7th Race #3 Street Talker (Tr. R. Hanson) Stewards - Entered back
 #11 Almost Snow (Tr. G. Preciado) claim VOIDED
 Refund: \$253.90

8th Race #11 Infamous Angel (Tr. E. Freeman) Stewards - Also eligible

06/20/25⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	730	\$101,469.50
SCOTWINC	2,003	\$171,808.91
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,153,747.61
TOTAL	2,733	\$2,427,026.02

SATURDAY

06/21/25¹

BAROCIO RULING (ref: 6/19/253)

After considering the testimony heard on Thursday, the ruling below was issued.

LAFL RULING #04

Trainer LIBRADO BAROCIO, who started CANANI in the fourth race on March 29, 2025 at Santa Anita Park, is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1852 (Reporting to the Receiving Barn – late arrival.)

06/21/25²

VET MEETING

Dr. Nolton Pattio, VMD (official vet) and Dr. Laura Austgen DVM (track vet) came into our office to discuss various procedures and protocols for this race meet.

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CLEAR DAY OF RACING

Today's nine-race card was conducted smoothly, with no notable incidents.

06/21/25⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes; Refund: \$0.00

2nd Race No Changes; Refund: \$0.00

3rd Race #3 Flash That Smile (Tr. S. McCarthy) Vet - sick - Dr. Pattio
 #5 My Kathryn Rose (Tr. A. Marquez) claimed by Tr. G. Headley
 Refund: \$1,192.45

4th Race #7 Don't Swear Dave (Tr. H. Palma) Vet - sick - Dr. Pattio
 Refund: \$688.90

5th Race #3 Gianis Girl (Tr D. Shidaker) jockey changed to A. Escobedo
 #8 Uffda (Tr. I. Kruljac) claimed by Tr. J. Farias
 #11 I'm A Risque Girl (Tr. R. Valdez) Stewards - Also eligible
 Refund: \$644.96

6th Race #11 Distant Fleet (Tr. J. Periban) Stewards - Also eligible
 #12 Infamous Angel (Tr. E. Freeman) Stewards - Also eligible

Refund: \$845.78
 7th Race #4 Quantum Innergy (Tr. A. Garcia) claimed by Tr. J. Periban
 #6 Wishtheyallcouldbe (Tr. H. Palma) Vet - sick - Dr. Pattio
 Refund: \$1,628.85
 8th Race No Changes; Refund: \$0.00
 9th Race #9 Rose Of Jericho (Tr. G. Vallejo) Stewards - Entered back
 #11 Pondergating (Tr. F. Rondan) Stewards - Also eligible
 #12 City Glitter (Tr. A. Ruvalcaba) Stewards - Also eligible
 Refund: \$1,521.88

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,298	\$143,412.20
SCOTWINC	3,363	\$259,794.89
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,200,916.45
TOTAL	4,661	\$2,604,123.54

SUNDAY
 06/22/25¹

CROP RULING

As a result of violating the HISA crop rule in yesterday's seventh race, jockey Ricardo Ramirez was issued the following ruling.

LAFL RULING #05

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 RICARDO S. RAMIREZ, who rode FLY ZAPPER in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 21, 2025, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 6, 2025) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

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

6/22/25²

O'NEILL RULING (ref: 6/19/25⁴)

After deliberating all the facts presented in Thursday's hearing, Mr. O'Neill was issued the following ruling.

LAFL RULING #06

Trainer DOUG O'NEILL, who trained IVAN THE GREAT on April 20, 2025 at Santa Anita Park, is suspended for SEVEN (7) days (July 6 through July 12, 2025) and fined TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1846.2 (Training Soundness Examination – no regulatory or attending veterinarian ninety-day examination.)

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of DOUG O'NEILL are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine) DOUG O'NEILL is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

6/22/25³

GUTIERREZ RULING (ref: 6/19/25²)

After considering all the facts presented in Thursday's hearing, the following ruling was issued.

LAFL RULING #07

Jockey Valet ANDRES GUTIERREZ is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* and suspended for ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY (120) days (June 28, 2025 through October 23, 2025) for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1874 (Disorderly Conduct – Threatening, Aggressive Behavior – Second Offense) at Santa Anita Park on October 14 and 15, 2025.

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of ANDRES GUTIERREZ are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend and Fine) ANDRES GUTIERREZ is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

Prior to the reinstatement of his license privileges, ANDRES GUTIERREZ must show proof of completion of an in-house rehabilitation program acceptable to the Winners Foundation, demonstrate a history of sobriety and must remain on a testing agreement with the California Horse Racing Board for as long as he is licensed in this jurisdiction.

6/22/25⁴

INQUIRY / DISQUALIFICATION / POST-RACE ACCIDENT

Following the running of the fifth race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review an incident in mid-stretch where #5 White Mountain (A. Escobedo) took up while racing between horses. After reviewing all available angles, the Stewards unanimously agreed that #1 Majestic Palisades (A. Aguilar) shifted out into the path of White Mountain, costing that runner an opportunity of a better placing. As a result, the original order of finish was changed.

Original order of finish: 3-1-4-5-6-2

Official order of finish: 3-4-5-1-6-2

Additionally, there was a post-race incident where #2 Cardinal Spirit suddenly fell while galloping-out and continued to lay on the track. The fallen runner was immediately attended to by the track veterinarian and the four-year-old gelding was back on his feet several minutes later. The event was attributed to heat exhaustion, and the runner was vanned back to the Doug O'Neill stable.

6/22/25⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No Changes; Refund: \$0.00
2 nd Race	No Changes; Refund: \$0.00
3 rd Race	No Changes; Refund: \$0.00
4 th Race	#1 Majestic Palisades (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin
5 th Race	#2 Soul Music (Tr. R. Gomez) Vet - injured - Dr. Pattio Refund: \$858.65
6 th Race	#6 Elegant Sway (Tr. A. Mathis) claimed by Tr. S. Knapp Refund: \$1,402.15
7 th Race	#7 Ultimate Hy (Tr. G. Vallejo) Stewards - ineligible Refund: \$2,584.97
8 th Race	#3 Lady Of Sky (Tr. R. Valdez) claimed by Tr. T. Dial #6 Sent By Angels (Tr. A. Aquino) claimed by Tr. V. Belvoir #11 Sanger Style (Tr. S. Paldanius) Stewards - Also eligible Refund: \$558.40

6/22/25⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,131	\$129,153.59
SCOTWINC	2,844	\$223,656.72
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,297,034.33
TOTAL	3,975	\$2,649,844.64

SUMMARY

	Fri 6/20	Sat 6/21	Sun 6/22	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	1	2	2
Cal-Bred Races	0	2	2	4	4
Claims	2	3	4	9	9
Disqualifications	0	0	1	1	1
Inquiries	1	0	1	2	2
Refunds	3	6	4	13	13
Rulings	3	1	3	7	7
Voided Claims	1	0	0	1	1

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 06/16/25 TO 06/22/25

Horses on Vet List 12
Horses off Vet List 9
Shock Wave Therapy 2
Fatalities 1 at hospital
Medication 0

David Nuesch, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

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