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## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB Del Mar, California**

### **TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

**Report for Monday, August 18, 2025 through Sunday, August 24, 2025.**

### **WEDNESDAY ENTRY DATE**

08/20/25<sup>1</sup> Racing Secretary David Jerkens and his staff accepted entries for a racing card on Saturday August 23, 2025. Ten (10) races were drawn by veteran racing officials Bob Moreno and Charles McCaul. Ninety-one (91) horses are scheduled to start. The feature race for Saturday is the \$250,000 Guaranteed Pat O'Brien Stakes (Grade 2). Steward Grant Baker was on duty and observed the "draw" in the backside racing office.

08/20/25<sup>2</sup>

### **2025 BREEDERS' CUP SALES MEETING**

Breeders' Cup Ltd. held a short meeting this morning via Microsoft Teams. CHRB Executive Director Scott Chaney, Deputy Executive Director Cynthia Alameda and Duty Steward Grant Baker were on the call. Breeders' Cup staff said they were happy with last year's sale at Del Mar. This will be a digital sale with no horses in a sales ring. CHRB Board Members will have an opportunity to ask questions about the sale at an upcoming Board meeting.

### **THURSDAY MIRCO DEMURO FILM REVIEW**

08/21/25<sup>1</sup>

Jockey Mirco Demuro appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the third race on Sunday August 17. Jockey Demuro was aboard #3 Yacowlef (IRE) who finished third in this 1 1/16th mile turf event. Eighth place finisher #4 Crosby Beach (Armando Ayuso) steadied at the 3/16 mile marker when passed by # Yacowlef (IRE). The Stewards felt that Jockey Demuro could have and should have allowed more room to #4 Crosby Beach when passing. The Stewards, in a unanimous decision, issued a Warning following this film review.

08/21/25<sup>2</sup>

### **WILLAM ANTONGEORGI FILM REVIEW**

Jockey William Antongeorgi appeared in our office to review his winning ride in the Solana Beach Stakes (Race #7- August 17) Jockey Antongeorgi was aboard #7

Grand Slam Smile in this one (1) mile turf event that carried a purse of \$150,000 Guaranteed. After the start of this race Jockey Antongeorgi and #7 Grand Slam showed early speed. This four (4) year old filly did not 'tuck in' to the rail going into the first turn. Instead, Jockey Antongeorgi maintained his position leaving the starting gate. This action kept eventual second place finisher #8 Sneaker (Kazushi Kamura) wide for the early stages of this race. The Stewards felt Jockey Antongeorgi may have been overly focused on keeping #8 Sneaker out wide, where he should have been focused on riding his own horse. He told us that was not his intent. We took him at his 'word'. No penalty was issued in this matter.

08/21/25<sup>3</sup>

**ADRIAN ESCOBEDO FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Adrian Escobedo appeared (late) in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the fourth race on Sunday August 17. CHRB Chief Steward Darrel McHargue was an observer at this hearing. Jockey Escobedo rode sixth place finisher #3 Rumpus in Paradise who broke out in this 5 ½ furlong main track event. Jockey Escobedo was slow to correct (straighten) his mount prior to contacting fourth place finisher #5 Closing Time (Abel Lezcano). Jockey Escobedo was told to make a better effort to leave the starting gate straighter. Warning issued.

08/21/25<sup>4</sup>

**JIM PEGRAM RULING**

Jockey Agent Jim Pegram requested that his rider, Jockey Mike Smith be taken off #9 THEA, who started in the ninth race Sunday, August 17. The change was made after scratch time and Jockey Agent Pegram accepted the following penalty.

**DMDT Ruling #24**

Jockey Agent JIM PEGRAM is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1530 (Cases not Covered by Rules and Regulations – failure to conduct business in a proper manner on August 17, 2025, at Del Mar Race Track).

08/21/25<sup>5</sup>

**ARMANDO AGUILAR FILM REVIEW/RULING (REF: 8/17/25 (2))**

Jockey Armando Aguilar appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the fifth race on Sunday August 15. Jockey Aguilar was aboard first place finisher #8 Harcyn in this five (5) furlong turf race. There was a Stewards inquiry in this race.

Today's film review shows #8 Harcyn closing strongly in this five (5) furlong turf race. At the 3/16ths pole #8 Harcyn swings out wide and into the path of ninth place finisher #4 Zoffarelil (IRE) (Juan Hernandez). Jockey Aguilar told us that his mount shied from a rival in the race. The Stewards respectfully disagreed and blamed this incident solely on the actions of Jockey Aguilar, who shifted out without sufficient clearance.

Jockey Aguilar was issued a 3-day riding suspension on June 27, 2025 (Ruling #8) at Los Alamitos Racecourse. For his second violation of CHRB Rule #1699 (Riding Rules) in a 60-day period, Jockey Armando Aguilar was issued the following ruling. Our decision was unanimous.

**DMDT Ruling #25**

Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode HARCYN in the fifth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 17, 2025, is suspended for FOUR (4) racing days (September 5, 6, 7, and 12, 2025) for altering course without sufficient clearance in the stretch and

causing interference, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules careless riding-second offense in last sixty days).

08/21/25<sup>6</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM/RACE 2**

#4 Video Review (Tr. J. Sadler) was claimed \$50,000 by Trainer Steve Knapp. Following the race, the claim was recommended to be voided by State Veterinarian Nolton Pattio. We were informed the horse was medically compromised.

08/21/25<sup>7</sup>

**FOURTH RACE INQUIRY/ACCIDENT**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident at the start of this five (5) furlong event on the Jimmy Durante turf course. #1 Final Table Lady (Ruben Silvera) ducked inward and broke thru the Mawsafe Turf Rail. Jockey Silvera was unseated in the incident. He was later reported to be in good condition. #1 Final Table Lady ran riderless in the Del Mar infield. Following some uncertain moments this 2 year old filly was captured by one of our able Del Mar Outriders.

08/21/25<sup>8</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 Thirsty Trickster (Tr. D. Pederson) claimed, R.B. Hess Jr, trainer  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Issa Court (Tr. J. Kent Sweezey) claimed, J. Sadler, trainer  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Petit Filet (Tr. B. Cunningham) Sick- Brent Cassady DVM  
REFUND: \$2,058.38

08/21/25<sup>9</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	6,316	911,350.62
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,016	2,533,092.18
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	4,867,150.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,332	8,311,593.27

**FRIDAY**  
08/22/25<sup>1</sup>

**WILIAN CHAVEZ INFORMAL HEARINGS/RULING**

Exercise Rider Wilian Chavez appeared in the Stewards' office to address two (2) DMTC Violation Notices' that he has been issued.

**VIOLATION NOTICE #16800**

This notice was issued on August 9. It alleges that Exercise Rider Chavez was using an unauthorized crop. Exercise Rider Chavez told us he would use the proper crop moving forward. We issued a warning.

**VIOLATION NOTICE #16801**

This notice was issued the following day, August 10. A morning outrider reported that Exercise Rider Chavez was galloping a Ryan Hanson trained horse along the inside rail during morning training, For safety reasons, the area adjacent to the rail is for horses performing timed workouts only. Mr. Chavez apologized and understood the importance of our enforcement of safety rules. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

**DMTD Ruling #26**

Exercise Rider WILIAN CHAVEZ is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1437 (Condition of a Race Meeting – galloping on the rail within 25 feet) at Del Mar Race Track on August 10, 2025.

08/22/25<sup>2</sup>

**JAY NEHF HEARING/RULING**

Trainer Jay Nehf was issued a 'Violation Notice' by DMTC Backside Investigator James Hamilton on August 20. The alleged violation written on the ticket is the following:

*(Disobedience to Security Officer) Spooking horses at the gap outside Barn R- Per Outrider Camacho.*

Safety Steward David Nuesch was in our office for today's hearing. Rita Baker (CHRB Staff) sat in as an observer. Hearing testimony indicated that Trainer Nehf is stabled very close to the 'entry gap' to Del Mar's main track. During the 10 minute 'workers only' period, following a track renovation break, horses that want to gallop/ jog gather and back up at the 'entry gap' area. During this time Trainer Nehf was hosing out a plastic hay steamer in his shedrow. The sound of the water shooting into the tub was spooking some horses according to Morning Outrider Jesus Camacho, who testified telephonically in this informal hearing. According to Outrider Camacho some colorful language was spoken by Mr. Nehf, while he continued his actions.

Trainer Nehf was somewhat contrite at today's hearing. Stewards felt Trainer Nehf could have handled this matter much better. The following ruling was issued.

#### **DMTD Ruling #27**

Trainer JAY NEHF is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers – disrespectful towards an outrider) on August 20, 2025 at Del Mar Race Track.

08/22/25<sup>3</sup>

#### **GOOD RACING**

Today's eight (8) race card went well, as it was free of Steward Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

08/22/25<sup>4</sup>

#### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#2 Goatski (Tr. D. Blacker) claimed, S. Sherman, trainer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	Declaration #2 Sophistry (Tr. S. Wilensky) Sick-Brent Cassady DVM REFUND: \$1,018.44
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#3 Carmen Miranda (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer #4 Stay in Line (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed, A. Mathis, trainer
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#5 Emarites Affair (Tr. S. Wilensky) claimed, R.B. Hess Jr., trainer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	Declarations #1 Cactus Charlie (Tr. P. Miller) Sick Brent Cassady DVM #5 Bella's Bro (Tr. D. O'Neill) Sick- Brent Cassady DVM Refund Total: \$2,268.46
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#7 I'm No Swifty (Tr. P. Eurton) Injured-Brent Cassady DVM REFUND: \$1,391.30
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	Declaration #7 Miracle Mark (Tr. P. D'Amato) Sick Brent Cassady DVM. Refund: \$1,926.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Catmansue (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed, D. O'Neill, trainer
7 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 Cathal (IRE) (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, S. Morfin, trainer
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	Declaration #13 Savel (Tr. C. Kelly) Sick-Laurie Bohannon DVM Refund: \$916.90
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Ready to Dare (Tr. S. Sherman) claimed, J. Uranga, trainer

08/22/25<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	6,233	864,209.06
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	2,928	3,629,570.04
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	5,984,778.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	9,161	10,478,557.49

**SATURDAY SERAFIN CARMONA FILM REVIEW**

08/23/25<sup>1</sup>

Jockey Serafin Carmona appeared in the Stewards’ office to review his ride in yesterday’s first race. This race was contested at one (1) mile on the infield turf course. Stewards wanted to count the number of times Jockey Carmona used his riding crop in this race and whether he complied with HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop). The Stewards observed Jockey Carmona crop usage coming out of the starting gate and in the stretch. In a majority vote Jockey Carmona was excused without a penalty. Steward Baker felt he violated the rule.

08/23/25<sup>2</sup>

**RUEBEN SILVERA FILM REVIEW**

Jockey Ruben Silvera appeared in our office to review his winning ride aboard #1 Caisson in yesterday’s (August 22) seventh race. This race was contested at 1 1/16th miles on the Jimmy Durante turf course. The Stewards observed Jockey Silvera use his riding crop seven (7) times, which is one strike over the limit allowed by HISA. In a unanimous decision the Stewards issued the following ruling.

**DMTD Ruling #28**

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 RUBEN SILVERA who rode CAISSON in the seventh race (Purse \$51,000) at Del Mar Race Track on August 22, 2025, is suspended for ONE (1) day (September 6, 2025) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for one (1) strikes over the limit.

08/23/25<sup>3</sup>

**SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY/JOCKEY OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION**

Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the late stages of this one (1) mile main track event. Jockey Kyle Frey, who rode original second place finisher #5 Canani, also lodged a ‘riders claim of foul’ against original first place finisher #1 Mr. Disrespectful (Hector Berrios).

In the final few strides of this race #1 Mr. Disrespectful drifts out and contacts #5 Canani. The margin between these two rivals at the finish line was a very short ‘nose’. The Stewards received a Patrol Judge report, spoke to both jockeys involved and reviewed all camera angles of the incident. In a majority vote (Steward Sawyer dissented as she believed the incident occurred too close to the finish to affect the outcome). #1 Mr. Disrespectful was disqualified and placed second. Jockey Hector Berrios was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 1-5-4-2-8-6-7-10-3-9

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 5-1-4-2-8-6-7-10-3-9

08/23/25<sup>4</sup>

**EIGHTH RACE INQUIRY/NON-STARTER**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing the start of this race, which was contested at five (5) furlongs (Turf). Stewards wanted to review the actions of original

fifth place finisher #6 Patron d'Oro (Diego Herrera). This horse left the starting gate several lengths behind the rest of the field. This horse 'acted up' just prior to dispatch. It was felt by the majority that the assistant starter handling the horse was slow to raise his hand and held on for too long of time. Pursuant to CHRB Rule #1696b (The Start) the Stewards (Steward Jauregui dissent) believed the horse caused his own issues declared #6 Patron d'Oro a non-starter and all monies involving wagers on this horse were refunded. The Owners of this horse will receive a \$500 Participation Purse only. Del Mar returned \$168,956.71 to horseplayers.

08/23/25<sup>5</sup>

#### **NINTH RACE INQUIRY/ACCIDENT**

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing a single horse incident on the far turn (3/8ths pole). This was the Grade 1 \$250,000 Guaranteed Pat O'Brien Stakes. At the 3/8ths marker #3 Spirit of Makena (Mirco Demuro) is injured and dislodges Jockey Mirco Demuro from his saddle. This horse was transported to the track equine hospital for examination. Jockey Demuro was taken to a local hospital for observation. The Stewards made 'no change' in the order of finish.

08/23/25<sup>6</sup>

#### **TENTH RACE INQUIRY**

The Inquiry sign was posted by the Stewards following the start of the one (1) mile turf race. Stewards were focused on the actions of the ninth place finisher #3 Practical Dazzle (Kazushi Kimura). Film review of the start shows #3 Practical Dazzle danced in place when starter Jay Slender dispatched the field of eleven (11) starters. The Stewards were of the unanimous opinion that this horse initiated the events that led to his tardy start. No mechanical or human error was involved. No change.

08/23/25<sup>7</sup>

#### **VOIDED CLAIMS**

There were two (2) voided claims during today's ten (10) race card.

Race 3 #6 Ready to Pounce claimed for \$20,000, returns to the barn of original trainer Sean Williams.

Race 4 #5 Itzel claimed for \$25,000 returns to the barn of original trainer Peter Miller.

08/23/25<sup>8</sup>

#### **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	Declarations #1 Charlie's Curlin (Tr. P. Miller) Injured-Nolton Pattio VMD #7 Very Quiet (Tr. P. Miller) Sick-Laurie Bohannon DVM REFUND TOTAL: \$12,639.09
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#1 Spearfish (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) claimed, J. Sierra, trainer #7 Let Seamus Go (Tr. B. Koriner) claimed, Mark Glatt, trainer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#1 Contrary Chieftain (Tr. M. Glatt) claimed, T. McCanna, trainer #4 Father Delay (Tr. R.B. Hess Jr.) claimed, L. Campuzano, trainer #7 Left Hand Man (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed, P. Miller, trainer
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Coralgableskaylin (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed, I. Tamayo, trainer #8 Velocious (Tr. O.J. Jauregui) claimed, R. Diodoro, trainer
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#6 Patron d'Oro (Tr. D. Azcarate) Declared Non-Starter—Stewards REFUND: \$168,956.71
9 <sup>th</sup> Race	Declarations #5 Awesome Rhythm (Tr. V. Garcia) Entered Back-Stewards #8 Tapalo (Tr. J. Sadler) Entered Back-Stewards #9 Man O Rose (Tr. J. Mullins) Stake- Stewards. REFUND \$3,644.58

10<sup>th</sup> Race Jockey Change #9 Garden Party D. Herrera for M. Demuro- Injured

8/23/25<sup>9</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	11,659	1,954,110.11
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	5,125	7,058,795.71
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	10,757,748.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	16,784	19,770,654.62

**SUNDAY**

08/24/25<sup>1</sup>

**HECTOR BERRIOS FILM REVIEW (REF: 08/23/25(3))**

Jockey Hector Berrios appeared in the Stewards office to review his ride in yesterday's eighth race that was contested at one (1) mile on the main track. Jockey Berrios was aboard original first place finisher #1 Mr. Disrespectful, who finished first but was disqualified and placed second for interference nearing the finish.

Today's film review shows #1 Mr. Disrespectful tending to 'lug out' in the upper stretch. In the last few strides of this race #1 Mr. Disrespectful lugs out and contacts original second place finisher #5 Canani (Kyle Frey). The margin between these two rivals, at the end, was a matter of inches.

#1 Mr. Disrespectful was disqualified and placed second following a Stewards inquiry.

The Stewards placed a significant amount of the blame in this incident on the horse and not Jockey Berrios. In a unanimous decision, no penalty was issued.

08/24/25<sup>2</sup>

**RANCHO BERNARDO HANDICAP/NO SHOW WAGERING**

Earlier this week Del Mar received permission from the CHRB to drop Show Wagering from today's second race (\$100,000 Rancho Bernardo Handicap) which was originally carded with five (5) entrants. Heavey favorite #5 Sweet Azteca (Juan Hernandez) won this race that ironically ended up being contested with four (4) starters.

08/24/25<sup>3</sup>

**SIXTH RACE VOIDED CLAIM**

Two (2) claim slips were submitted for #10 Mongolian Altai who finished first in this race (Claiming \$10,000). CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio contacted the Stewards following the 'cooling out' period and recommended we void this claim. This horse now returns to the barn of original trainer Librado Barocio.

08/24/25<sup>4</sup>

**GOOD RACING**

Today's nine (9) race card went well, as it was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

08/24/25<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race Declaration #4 Visually (Tr. L. Barocio) Stake-Stewards.  
REFUND: \$545.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race Jockey Change #8 Blamethegoodtimes R. Silvera for M. Demuro—  
Injured
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race Jockey Change #3 Lady Aberdeen E. Maldonado for M. Demuro—  
Injured
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Youramystyle (Tr. R. Hess) claimed, C. Kelly, trainer  
#4 Robarando (Tr. V. Belvoir) claimed, J. Wallace, trainer

9<sup>th</sup> Race Declaration #6 Megayacht (Tr. H. Palma) Injured—Brent Cassady, trainer  
 9<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Sketchy (Tr. R. Ellis) claimed, A. Garcia, trainer  
 #7 Don't Swear Dave (Tr. H. Palma) claimed, R.B. Hess Jr., trainer  
 #8 Hurricane Cloud (GB) (Tr. R. Baltas) claimed, L. Campuzano, Trainer. REFUND: \$2,125.36

08/24/25<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	7,396	1,121,667.67
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	4,123	4,557,554.45
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	n/a	8,658,189.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	11,519	14,337,411.24

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 08/18/25 TO 08/24/25**

Horses on Vet List	21
Horses off Vet List	13
Shock Wave Therapy	0
Fatalities	0
Medication	0
Claims Voided	4

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Thu 08/21</b>	<b>Fri 08/22</b>	<b>Sat 08/23</b>	<b>Sun 08/24</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	1	0	1	0	2	3
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	3	2	4	1	10	48
<b>Claims</b>	2	7	7	5	21	112
<b>Disqualifications</b>	0	0	1	0	1	5
<b>Inquiries</b>	1	0	4	0	5	20
<b>Refunds</b>	1	6	6	4	17	170
<b>Rulings</b>	2	2	1	0	5	28
<b>Voided Claims</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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