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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, September 3, through Sunday, September 7, 2025.**

**WEDNESDAY**09/03/25<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to oversee entries for Saturday, September 6, 2025, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

**THURSDAY**09/04/25<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday, September 7, 2025, and changes to Saturday's program.

09/04/25<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to discuss Saturday's program. After reviewing all entries, there were two entries listed as a hard watch.

09/04/25<sup>3</sup>**NUNEZ COMPLAINT (Case #25LA0159)**

Trainer Jesus Nunez appeared before the Board of Stewards to address the complaint filed against him by California Horse Racing Board Official Veterinarian Gary Beck, alleging a violation of CHRB rule #1581.1 (Entry Examination). Mr. Nunez entered "Island Life", on July 30, 2025, and Official Veterinarian Gary Beck, did not receive a pre-entry examination notification from Mr. Nunez attending veterinarian. Mr. Nunez stated that he entered several horses for that day and entered Island Life late after the racing office called and asked if he could help in a couple of races and may have overlooked Island Life being entered causing his attending veterinarian to miss the pre-entry examination. Mr. Nunez was very apologetic about the error and said he would try to do better going forward. Mr. Nunez has no other violations of CHRB rule #1581.1. Decision forthcoming.

09/04/25<sup>4</sup>

**TRAINER FELIX L. GONZALEZ (Case #25LA0170)**

We held an informal tape-recorded hearing today into case number 25LA0170 which was a complaint filed by the California Horse Racing Board against trainer Felix Gonzalez alleging an Altrenogest positive (Class 4, Penalty C).

Present at the hearing were the Board of Stewards Tom Ward, John Herbubeaux and Ron Church, California Horse Racing Board Investigator Barrett Halcromb who presented the case and Mr. Gonzalez, who was not represented by counsel.

Mr. Gonzalez was at a loss to explain the finding as neither he nor his attending veterinarian Stephanie Schmidt administered Altrenogest to the two-year-old gelding "On The Sky Is Cash" at any time. After oral testimony was heard and the complaint packet was entered into evidence, the hearing was closed; a decision will be forthcoming.

**FRIDAY**

09/05/25<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY PANEL**

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

09/05/25<sup>2</sup>

**SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

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

**SATURDAY**

09/06/25<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #127**

Ruling #127

Trainer Jesus Nunez is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1581.1 (b)(Entries – entry examination required.)

After considering Mr. Nunez's testimony at the informal hearing held on Thursday September 4, 2025, and taking into consideration that Mr. Nunez's has no prior violations of CHRB rule #1581.1. We issued the above ruling. The decision was unanimous.

09/06/25<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #128**

Ruling #128

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio 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 Relentless Trick DB in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on August 31, 2025.

Jockey Eduardo Nicasio came to the office to review his crop use during the running of the seventh race last Sunday August 31, 2025. Mr. Nicasio agreed that he violated the crop rule and accepted the penalty imposed. The decision was unanimous.

09/06/25<sup>3</sup>

**Ruling #129**

Ruling #129

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse), Trainer Felix Gonzalez, who started the horse On The Sky Is Cash, the winner of the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 26, 2025, is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\*. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1843.4, Mr. Gonzalez is assessed ½ point toward multiple medication violations, for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843 (a,b and d)(Medication, Drugs and Other Substances) and #1843.1 (Prohibited Drug Substances – Altrenogest Class 4/C).

The above ruling was issued after we considered Mr. Gonzalez medication record and testimony presented during the informal hearing held on Thursday September 4, 2025. Mr. Gonzalez accepted responsibility and the penalty imposed. The decision was unanimous.

09/06/25<sup>4</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM 4<sup>th</sup> RACE**

The claim deposited in the fourth race by trainer Angela Aquino for #6 Heather's Heathen (A. Farias) was voided after Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported the five-year-old gelding was unsound in the right foreleg and would be placed on the vet's list. Heather's Heathen was returned to the barn of Adain Farias.

09/06/25<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #10 Perfect D (Jockey Ricardo Ramirez) – Replaced by Jose Alcala
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Una Brava (Jockey Ricardo Ramirez) – Replaced by Francisco Ramirez
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race # 1 Island Life (Jockey Ricardo Ramirez) – Replaced by Efrain Hernandez
- 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 #5 Walking Tool (Tr. Jose Flores) – Stake Scratch – Stewards – Refund: \$256.00

09/06/25<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	758	\$95,514.70
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,250	\$305,743.50
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$956,110.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,008	\$1,357,369.04

**SUNDAY**  
09/07/25<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #130**

Ruling #130

Jockey Ricardo S. Ramirez is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 6, 2025.

The foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Ramirez met with the Stewards and failed to provide a valid excuse for missing his first three mounts on last night's card.

09/07/25<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #131**

Ruling #131

Jockey Ricardo S. 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 Favorite Jesshawk in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 6, 2025.

The above ruling was issued after Mr. Ramirez, and the Stewards reviewed the video of the eighth race (Golden State Derby – Grade II) Mr. Ramirez won the race and acknowledged he used his crop more than the allowed six times during the running of the race and accepted the penalty imposed. The decision was unanimous.

09/07/25<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Feisty Mitole (Tr. J. Glenn Jr.) – Claimed by Trainer Charles Treece
- #3 Charmed Dream (Tr. A. Ruvalcaba) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$410.09
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Nijinsky Halo (Tr. G. Vallejo) – Unsound Post Parade – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$6,788.17
- #5 One Flew South (Tr. G. Headley) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$289.70
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #6 San Jac (Tr. S. Rivera) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$103.12
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Leavin The Cartel (Jockey Eduardo Nicasio) – Replaced by Francisco Ramirez

7<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Death Valley (Tr. R. Castillo) - Works – Stewards – Refund: \$177.32  
 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes

09/07/25<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	582	\$63,082.90
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	982	\$181,572.30
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$875,195.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,564	\$1,119,850.76

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 9/5</b>	<b>Sat 9/6</b>	<b>Sun 9/7</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	7
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	12
<b>Claims</b>	R	0	1	1	75
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	0	0	17
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	0	0	0	22
<b>Refunds</b>	A	1	5	6	243
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	3	2	5	131
<b>Voided Claims</b>		0	1	1	17

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Ron Church, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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David Nuesch, Steward

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