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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, October 29, through Sunday, November 2, 2025.**

**WEDNESDAY**10/29/25<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Richard Lewis was present to oversee entries for Saturday, October 25, 2025, where an Overnight with nine races was produced. Minutes for this period will be part of his duties.

10/29/25<sup>2</sup>**FATALITY REVIEW**

DVM Jocelyn Lorbiecki moderated a panel which included Safety Steward Brice Blanc, Trainer Jorge Farias and Steward Richard Lewis, to review the case of Mr. Dreamcycle.

**THURSDAY**10/30/25<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

This morning's entries for Sunday, October 26, 2025, and changes to Saturday's program were under the direction of Steward Richard Lewis.

10/30/25<sup>2</sup>**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to review the entries for Saturday's program. Three runners were labeled as "Hard Watch" while several newcomers to California were required to submit "Vet Records".

10/30/25<sup>3</sup>**HEARINGS 25LA0185 - 0187**

Three complaints all associated with each other came before this Panel this morning. Assistant Trainer Jose Contreras, 25LA0185, Groom Victor Gonzalez, 25LA0186, and Trainer Sean McGowan, 25LA0187, were present as CHRB Investigator Barret Halcromb presented the investigative reports. Also present were Barn Superintendent Marco Avina, witness, and Trainer Sally Rivera to assist in interpretation matters.

The charges against Mr. Contreras and Gonzalez centered around CHRB Rule 1874, Disorderly Conduct. These two licensees were partners on a horse and had a disagreement on how the horse should be medicated. Outside of a loud discussion there was no evidence of a physical

altercation or disruption to any person performing their duties. In a unanimous decision the Stewards “Dismissed” the cases.

Trainer Sean McGowan’s case, 25LA0187, looked into a violation of CHRB Rule 1894, Duties of Trainer. The horse Mr. Contreras and Mr. Gonzalez owned was provided with a stall by Mr. McGowan as Mr. Gonzalez was listed as a groom for said trainer. No concrete evidence was presented nor did the Investigative report substantiate the charges therefore this Board of Stewards dismissed the case but cautioned Mr. McGowan that had CHRB Rule 1502, Program Training, been cited there very well could have been penalties.

**FRIDAY**  
10/31/25<sup>1</sup>

**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to review the entries for Sunday’s program. Following the review four entrants were designated as “hard watch” and several horses were being given a second look by the examining Veterinarian.

10/31/25<sup>2</sup>

**SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**

Duty Steward Richard Lewis was present to supervise scratches and Overnight changes to Sunday’s program. An entrant in Sunday’s fourth race was deemed “Ineligible” due to insufficient works and was scratched at the designated time.

**SATURDAY**  
11/01/25<sup>1</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW and RULING #149**

Jockey Francisco Ramirez reviewed his ride in the eighth race on Sunday October 26, 2025. His mount, #8, CORONA DA KING, came in steps after the start causing both #5, CHICK IS MY EAGLE, and #4, RF BRANDY, from the opportunity for a better placing which resulted in a disqualification from second to last. The attached ruling articulates the Board of Stewards decision.

Ruling #149

Jockey FRANCISCO J. RAMIREZ, who rode CORONA DA KING in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on October 26, 2025, is suspended for three (3) racing (November 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course leaving the starting gate, causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to last. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

11/01/25<sup>2</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM 1<sup>st</sup> RACE**

After being notified by CHRB Veterinarian Beck that EREBUS was unsound in the right foreleg, the claim submitted by trainer Jesus Nunez was voided, and the gelding was to remain in the care of trainer Kelly Castaneda.

11/01/25<sup>3</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Rose of Jerico (S. Morfin) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$169.05  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #6 Not Gonna Last (S. Rivera) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund \$74.50  
4<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
5<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Riolo (G. Haley) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund \$313.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes  
9<sup>th</sup> Race #7 Val Torvio (R. Zuazo) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund \$88.35

11/01/25<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	517	\$85,047.90
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,386	\$302,956.30
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$955,566.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,903	\$1,343,571.08

**SUNDAY**

11/02/25<sup>1</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race No Changes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Tenacious Candy (Tr. J. Ramos) – Panel – Refund: \$515.42
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #2 My Best Gift (Tr. F. Gonzalez) – Stewards – Refund: \$335.40  
#3 Point And Shoot (Tr. S. Rivera) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$111.78
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Slew’s Joy (Tr. J. Nunez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$814.35
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Hot Goblin (Tr. F. Rodriguez) – Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$264.50
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Spelling Bee (Tr. J. Glenn) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$303.50
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 8<sup>th</sup> Race No Changes
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Bossy Girl MG (Tr. R. Zuazo) – To Be Ridden by Jesus Rios Ayala
- 10<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Politically Potent (Tr. J. Aleman)-Injured/Gate–Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$6,076.74  
#4 Desert Center (Tr. M. Jungers)–Injured/Gate–Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$18,230.20

11/02/25<sup>2</sup>

**KLAIBER RULING #150**

Ruling 150

Jockey JUSTINE M. KLAIBER 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 a race) while riding DYNAMIC EYES in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on November 1, 2025.

The above ruling was issued after Jockey Justine Klaiber attended Film Review and admitted to a violation of the crop rule in the eighth race the previous evening.

11/02/25<sup>3</sup>

**RACE 3 LATE SCRATCH**

After being notified by Horseshoe Inspector David Vargas that #2, MY BEST GIFT, arrived to the Receiving Barn with improper shoes, toe grabs in front, the horse was scratched and wagers were refunded.

11/02/25<sup>4</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM RACE 5**

The claim of #3 WHAT A RELIEF by trainer Troy Dial was voided after Dr. Beck observed the gelding to be unsound with issues to the right foreleg. Horse was ordered to remain in the care of trainer Francisco Rodriguez.

11/02/25<sup>5</sup>

**RACE 9 VOIDED CLAIM**

Dr. Beck contacted this Panel to inform them that #5 FYRESTORM had been injured, post-race, and added to the Vet’s List. Upon receiving that information the Stewards ordered the claim submitted by trainer Jose Flores to be voided and the horse to remain in the barn of Sergio Morfin.

11/02/25<sup>6</sup>

**RACE 10 STARTING GATE SCRATCHES**

The start of the night’s final dash was delayed due to two late gate scratches. #2, POLITICALLY POTENT (Tr. J, Aleman) and #4, DESERT CENTER (Tr. M. Jungers) were both injured and recommended to be withdrawn by Dr. Fitzgerald.

Jockey Martin Arriaga, aboard #2, was reported to have suffered a leg injury and was transported to hospital for further evaluation.

11/02/25<sup>7</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	489	\$64,376.60
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	892	\$219,129.40
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$949,294.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,381	\$1,232,800.84

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 10/31</b>	<b>Sat 11/01</b>	<b>Sun 11/02</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	10
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	12
<b>Claims</b>	R	3	1	4	100
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	0	0	18
<b>Inquiries</b>	D	0	0	0	28
<b>Refunds</b>	A	4	8	12	309
<b>Rulings</b>	Y	1	1	2	150
<b>Voided Claims</b>		1	2	3	23

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Richard Lewis, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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