

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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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, July 22, through Sunday, July 26, 2026.

WEDNESDAY7/22/26¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Ron Church was present to supervise entries for Saturday, July 25, 2026, and will record the minutes for this reporting period.

THURSDAY7/23/26¹**ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**

Steward Ron Church was present to supervise entries for Sunday July 26, 2026, and changes to Saturday's program.

7/23/26²**COMPLAINT (Case #26LA0069)**

Jockey Jose R. Alcala appeared before the Board of Stewards in response to a complaint filed against him by the California Horse Racing Board alleging violations of CHRB Rules #1489(a) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License) #1498(a)(Physical Examination) #1530(Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations) and #1900(Grounds for Suspension or Revocation).

Present at this tape-recorded hearing were the Board of Stewards Ron Church, John Herbuveaux and Tom Ward, respondent Jose R. Alcala, Regional Jockey Guild Manager Darrell Haire, who did not testify but attended in support of the respondent; and California Horse Racing Board Investigator Stuart Ida, who presented the case on behalf of the CHRB.

Mr. Alcala was advised of his rights to legal counsel and knowingly waived that right, electing to proceed without representation. According to the complaint Mr. Alcala submitted a fraudulent, forged jockey physical examination card.

After being sworn in, Mr. Alcala entered a plea of guilty with an explanation. Following his testimony on his own behalf and the admission of exhibits into the record, the hearing was concluded. Decision Forthcoming.

7/23/26³**ENTRY PANEL**

The entry panel met this morning to review the entries for Saturday's program. Following the review there was one recommended scratch from the sixth race.

FRIDAY

7/24/26¹

ENTRY PANEL

The entry panel met this morning to review the entries for Sunday's program. Following the review there was one entry designated as a hard watch.

7/24/26²

SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

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

7/24/26³

FATALITY REVIEW

A fatality review was conducted today for the three-year-old quarter horse "Apolitical Maverick". Present at the review were Steward Ron Church, Safety Steward Eddie Rich, trainer Ramiro Castillo and DVM Jocelyn Lorbiecki, who chaired the review.

SATURDAY

7/25/26¹

RULING #64

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Owner Ramon Chavarria, having addressed complaint #24LA0108 and complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility \$3,510.00 to Dr. Nicola Hardgrove) is restored to good standing. Ruling #LAQL 123, issued at Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association on August 17, 2024, is set aside.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the Stewards received confirmation from DVM Nicola Hardgrove that Mr. Chavarria's outstanding debt had been paid in full.

7/25/26²

RULING #65

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Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations), Jockey JOSE R. ALCALA is suspended FIFTEEN CALENDAR DAYS (15) (August 10, 2026 – August 24, 2026), for submitting a fraudulent Jockey's Physical Examination Card attesting to his physical condition and, in accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation), violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489(a)(3) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – material misrepresentation or false statement to the Board).

After considering the evidence and testimony, and the seriousness of the charges presented at the informal hearing held on Thursday July 23, 2026, the Stewards issued the above ruling. The decision was unanimous.

7/25/26³

CLAIM VOIDED 1ST RACE

The Stewards voided the claim submitted by Trainer Jesus Uranga for #6 Belly Up (Tr. Brian Koriner) after being notified by Official Veterinarian, Gary Beck, that the six-year-old gelding was unsound in the right foreleg and placed on the veterinarian's list. Belly Up was returned to Mr. Koriner's barn.

7/25/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Carol's Comic (Tr. G. Vallejo) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$103.10
2nd Race #1 Taphouse (Tr. R. Viramontes) Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$69.90
#3 Dulce Glorieta (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by Irving Lara
3rd Race #7 Smilinthruthetears (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by Irving Lara
4th Race #2 Favorite Surfer (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by Martin Arriaga
#3 Cyber Dreams (Tr. J. Farias) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$103.80
5th Race #8 Recuerdas (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by Oscar Peinado
6th Race #3 Quick Enough (Tr. S. Willoughby) – Panel – Stewards – Refund: \$229.00
#4 Tacos N Coronas (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by Martin Arriaga
7th Race No Changes
8th Race No Changes

7/25/26⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	859	\$77,968.40
SCOTWINC	988	\$192,315.40
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$754,819.60
TOTAL	1,847	\$1,025,103.40

SUNDAY7/26/26¹**QUIET EVENING**

The evenings program went quite smoothly with nothing of significance to report.

7/26/26²**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

- 1st Race #6 Indiana Fever (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by Justine Klaiber
 2nd Race No Changes
 3rd Race #1 Run Thru The Nite (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by Justine Klaiber
 #2 Tough To Catch (Tr. S. Willoughby) Claimed by Tr. Roman Figueroa
 #5 Shes Diggin It (Tr. M. Casselman) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$220.66
 4th Race #3 Caribbean (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by Justine Klaiber
 #6 Mumbal (Tr. J. Nunez) Lasix – Dr. Beck – Refund: \$380.56
 5th Race #2 Me Shinning (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by Martin Arriaga
 #4 You Are The Best (Tr. P. Jones) Turned over loading in starting gate – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$19,096.15
 6th Race No Changes
 7th Race #10 Mastros (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by Jesus Ayala
 8th Race #2 Dulce Luchadora (Jockey J. Ayala) Replaced by Henry Lopez
 # 7 Terrific Favorite (Jockey A. Viramontes) Replaced by Jesus Ayala

7/26/26³**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	973	\$109,047.50
SCOTWINC	893	\$190,754.30
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,015,938.05
TOTAL	1,866	\$1,315,739.85

SUMMARY

	Fri 7/24	Sat 7/25	Sun 7/26	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	9
Cal-Bred Races	0	0	8	8	16
Claims	0	0	1	1	39
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	12
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	32
Refunds	0	4	3	7	197
Rulings	0	2	0	2	65
Voided Claims	0	1	0	1	16

Ron Church, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

John Herbuveaux, Steward

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