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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Del Mar, California**

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Dates: Friday, July 17, 2026 through Sunday, September 7, 2026, 32 race days, Thursdays through Sundays.

Races: Eight races on Thursdays, eight races Fridays, eleven races Saturdays, and eleven races on Sundays, unless otherwise designated.

Post time: 2:00 p.m. Thursday, through Sunday.

Scratch time: Scratch time will be 10:00 a.m. the day prior to the races. The deadline for scratches from a stake race, with exception of overnight stakes races, will be no later than one hour before post time for that race.

Wagering: Wagering: Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$0.50 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$0.50 Early Pick 5 on first 5 races; \$0.50 Late Pick 5 on last 5 races; \$0.50 Early pick 4, 2nd thru 5th races; \$0.50 Late Pick 4 on last 4 races; \$2.00 win, place and show parlays 1st thru 9th race. \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races, and \$1 Place Pick All (no carryover) beginning with first race.

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Report for the Week of Monday, July 13, 2026, through Sunday, July 19, 2026.

SATURDAY

07/11/26¹

DUTY STEWARD

Luis Jauregui was available to oversee entries for Friday (10 races) and to adjudicate any issues presented to him.

SUNDAY

07/12/26¹

DUTY STEWARD

Luis Jauregui was present and attainable to resolve any problems concerning entries etc. for Saturday (11 races).

WEDNESDAY

07/15/26¹

DUTY STEWARD

Luis Jauregui was on duty to supervise entries for Sunday (11 races). He also approved any adjustments made to Friday's Program.

THURSDAY

07/16/26¹

ALVARADO FORMAL HEARING CASE 26SR0006

In attendance for the hearing before the BOS (chaired by Grant Baker) were CHRB Investigators, Steven Manila and Victor Ibarra-Corda and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. On the record, Investigator Ibarra-Corda informed the Stewards that he had contacted respondent Alvarado today and informed him is expected to be present for the hearing. Mr. Alvarado told the Investigator that he was unable to attend as he was at San Luis Rey Training Center. The Investigator stated he was notified of the new date and time via a sticky note. More to follow.

The complaint filed read as follows;

San Luis Rey Downs Security notified CHRB Investigators of an altercation that occurred in the barn area during the morning training hours. The San Luis Rey Downs Security Report, San Diego Sheriff's Report, and CHRB follow up investigations found Joseph Herrick and Felimon Alvarado to be involved in a boisterous and aggressive altercation in a barn area inside San Luis Rey Downs.

Both individuals were found to be in violation of CHRB Rule #1874 – Disorderly Conduct.

License(s): Exercise Rider, Lic #: 118101 Expiration 2/28/2028

Owner, Lic #: 284703 Expiration 2/28/2028

Security Guard, Lic #: 405417 Expiration 2/28/2028

This information was documented by Court Reporter Michelle Derieg, more to follow.

07/16/26²

HERRICK FORMAL HEARING CASE 26SR0005

In attendance for the hearing before the BOS (chaired by Grant Baker) were CHRB Investigators, Steven Manila and Victor Ibarra-Corda, trainer Joe Herrick and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. This complaint was originally scheduled to be heard on March 16, 2026. After several continuances, today's hearing was heard.

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License Owner, Lic #: 204838 Expiration 5/31/28

License Trainer, Lic #: 244384 Expiration 5/31/2027

Testimony was given, documents were entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

07/16/26³

CHRB / DEL MAR VETERINARIAN MEETING

CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio requested and organized a meeting for all of the regulatory Veterinarians who are working the 2026 Del Mar Summer Race Meet. This gathering is much appreciated by the current BOS. A total of nine (9) veterinarians attended the meeting with the Stewards along with Safety Steward David Nuesch and DMTC employee Vicki Cronk. Assignments and responsibilities were reviewed and possible issues that may arise were discussed and evaluated.

07/16/26⁴

PRODUCTION MEETING

DMTC Walker McBride, Anna James and Roger Roman met with the Stewards to review and discuss any production concerns during the summer meet. Questions were asked and answered. All contributors are obtainable if any issues that may arise.

07/16/26⁵

PRE-MEET MEETING

Executive Vice President of Racing/Industry Relations Tom Robbins chaired the pre-meet meeting to discuss all matters related to the opening of the Del Mar 2026

Summer Race Meet. Also, in attendance for the assembly were, President/COO Josh Rubinstein, Senior VP Racing Secretary David Jerkens, CHRB Commissioner Chairman Dr. Gregory Ferraro, CHRB Executive Director Scott Chaney, Deputy Executive Director Cynthia Almeda, TOC President/ CEO Bill Nader, DMTC Senior VP/ Operations /Risk Management Director Kim Jacobson, DMTC Director of Track Maintenance Dennis Moore, Turf Course/Grounds Superintendent John Beggin, Equine Medical Director Jeff Blea DVM, CHRB Chief Veterinarian Tim Grande, Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio, Racing Veterinarian Ashton Cloninger, CHRB and DMTC Veterinarian staff, Barrie Grant, Laurie Bohannon, Chuck Jenkins, etc. Jockey Guild Western Regional Manager Darrell Haire, CTT Executive Director Alan Balch and CTT President John Sadler, CHRB Chief Steward Darrel McHargue, CHRB Board of Stewards Luis Jauregui, Kim Sawyer, Grant Baker, Safety Steward David Nuesch, Stewards' Aide Lucy Villancourt; Outriders, Jesus Camacho, Enrique Alferéz, Cindy Ellet. Apologies if all participants are not listed. The discussion consisted of, policies and procedures to obtain another successful environment for the summer meet.

FRIDAY
07/17/26¹

ESCOBEDO RULING

The following ruling was issued due to Mr. Escobedo's failure to inform the Stewards and or appear to fulfill his riding engagement at Los Alamitos Race Course on Sunday, July 5, 2026 closing day of the meet.

DMTD RULING #01

Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement) causing a late rider change in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Course on July 5, 2026.

07/17/26²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Armando Aguilar met with the Stewards to review the tenth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 5, 2026 for a possible crop violation. All agreed he violated the rule as listed in the follow HISA ruling.

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-second offense), Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode Hit the Track Jack in the tenth race (Purse \$50,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 5, 2026 is suspended for two (2) days (July 31 and August 1, 2026) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for TWO (2) strikes over the limit.

07/17/26³

JOCKEY MEETING

The BOS held its traditional meeting with the jockeys one hour prior to the first race post time (2:00pm). The jockeys were introduced to the new Racing Veterinarian Dr. Ashton Cloninger. Management reiterated its strong desire to keep the races as safe as possible. Senior VP, Operations & Risk Management Kim Jacobsen reviewed procedures for injured jockeys and DMTC President Josh Rubenstein, Exec. VP Tom Robbins and Senior VP David Jerkens welcomed everyone to what they hoped would be a successful and safe meet. This BOS also discussed our expectations and reiterated policies and procedures performed at Del Mar Race Track during the 2026 summer meet.

07/17/26⁴

INQUIRY / NO CHANGE / SEVENTH RACE one mile-dirt

The inquiry sign was posted to review the start of #5 Redial (H. I. Berrios) who was tardy leaving the starting gate. After a review of several angels, in a unanimous decision the horse was declared a starter as he created his own problems.

07/17/26⁵

RACE DELAY

During the race track renovation prior to the eighth race, a water truck tipped into the outside fence on the dirt course near the 5 ½ marker. Director of Track Maintenance Dennis Moore was quick to assess the situation and the fence was patched in time to allow the ninth race (dirt) to proceed. The eighth race (turf 1 mile) went forward after some delay due to the incident.

07/17/26⁶

JOCKEY OBJECTION / NO CHANGE / NINTH RACE -6 ½ - dirt

Following the running of the race jockey Edwin Maldonado who rode #8 It's a Cinch (3rd) lodged a claim against #9 Frank Bullitt (T. Baze 1st) near the ¼ pole. After a review of the video angles, there was no incident and the race was made official.

07/17/26⁷

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#4 Mighty Kai (Tr. S. Sherman) claimed by Tr. A. Garcia #5 Cowboy Mike (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed by Tr. Yakteen #7 Hard to Figure (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. Yakteen
2 nd Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
3 rd Race	No Changes; Refund \$0
4 th Race	No Changes; Refund \$39.00
5 th Race	No Changes; Refund \$67.50
6 th Race	No Changes; Refund \$2,067.76
7 th Race	#4 Pacer (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill #5 Redial (Tr. I. Kruljac) claimed by Tr. A. Garcia #6 Amador (Tr. S. Wilensky) Veterinarian-sick- Dr. Cloninger #7 Curly's (Tr. P. Oviedo) claimed by Tr. F. Rodriguez Refund \$548.80
8 th Race	#7 Tiz All That (Tr. R. Baltas) Steward-entered backRefund \$2,371.00
9 th Race	#6 Geezer (Tr. D. O'Neill) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Cloninger #10 Another Bulleit (Tr. P. Capestro) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Cloninger. Refund \$2,329.10
10 th Race	#1 Grandma Mary (Tr. M. Ruis, Jr.) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio Refund \$1,450.10

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	21,422	\$3,011,802.45
SCOTWINC	3,381	\$3,696,332.08
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$14,313,239.27
TOTAL	24,803	\$21,021,373.89

SATURDAY

07/18/26¹

MONROY HISA RULING

The following HISA ruling was distributed after Mr. Monroy telephonically admitted he violated the rule.

Having violated the horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop)

Violations and Penalties - Class 3), Jockey FRANCISCO MONROY, who rode VIOLENCES OHR in the eighth race (Purse \$29,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on July 5, 2026 is suspended for one (1) day (July 31, 2026) and fined TWO HUNDRED and FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for TWO (2) strikes over the limit.

07/18/26²

INELIGIBLE HORSE DISCUSSION

Senior VP, Racing Secretary David Jerkins met with the Stewards to report that an ineligible horse (IT'S A CINCH) raced and finished third (3rd) in the ninth race yesterday. Procedures for this occurrence were discussed and Mr. Jerkins will inform all trainers in the race of the circumstances and per CHRB Rule 1754 in which the beaten participants have a choice to file a protest into the order of finish within 72 hours of the race being declared official.

07/18/26³

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /NINTH RACE-one mile turf

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review an incident in the stretch. Involved were #2 Wild Like the West (H. I. Berrios 9th) and #8 Inbox (GB) (J. Rosario 2nd). After a review of the available video angels, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with both jockeys there was no change in the original order of finish. The majority believed when the #8 angled inward causing #2 to take up but this action did not warrant a disqualification. Steward Jauregui voted to disqualify #8 and place him behind #2. Jockey Rosario was directed to meet with the Stewards Sunday morning.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#3 Comedy Town (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. V. Belvoir #5 Otto the Conqueror (M. Ruis, Jr.) claimed by Tr. V. Cerin #6 Special Club (Tr. C. Lewis) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou #7 Zues' War (Tr. T. McCanna) claimed by Tr. F. Rodriguez Refund \$978.68
2 nd Race	#4 Pavular (Tr. A. Garcia) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Lorbiecki Refund \$1,693.62
3 rd Race	#7 Zip Me Up (Tr. C. Gaines) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Cloninger #12 Neill's Legacy (Tr. P. D'Amato) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Lorbiecki Refund \$5,295.59
4 th Race	#2 Honky Tonk Girl (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Lorbiecki Refund 5,782.26\$
5 th Race	#4 Kid Dynasty (Tr. J. Farias) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Bohannon #6 Ya'll Come (Tr. V. Garcia) claimed by Tr. I. Kruljac #8 B Grayson (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) claimed by Tr. L. Campuzano Refund \$2,454.18
6 th Race	No Changes; Refund \$72.60
7 th Race	#6 Centrodelantero (Tr. J. Mullins) claimed by Tr. H. Palma Refund \$524.00
8 th Race	#1 Mc Vay (Tr. P. Eurton) Steward-stake #6 Full Serrano (ARG) (Tr. J. Sadler) Steward-stake Refund \$9,532.82
9 th Race	#9 Lookin At Diamond (L. Powell) Steward-stake Refund \$4,965.20

10th Race #8 Clouseau (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-injured
Dr. Bohannon
Refund \$2,566.50
11th Race No Changes
Refund \$0.00

07/18/26⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	13,838	\$2,055,360.82
SCOTWINC	4,820	5,901,614.26
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$14,049,138.60
TOTAL	18,658	\$22,006,113.68

SUNDAY

07/19/26¹

HONORED CALL DISPUTE

Jockey Agent Craig O'Bryan contacted the BOS yesterday prior to the close of entries concerning a call given for his Jockey Juan Hernandez entering Sunday for Thursday. He stated trainer George Papaprodromou had given him a call in the eighth race in the condition book, Mr. O'Bryan was informed at 9:30 a.m. Sunday that Owner K Johnston Racing LLC, told their trainer (Papaprodromou) they wanted Umberto Rispoli to ride their horse. Both licensees were given the opportunity to state their case and did so adamantly. Not even ten minutes later post hearing Mr. O'Bryan telephoned the Stewards and stated, he had forgiven trainer Papaprodromou and there was no need to pursue his grievance.

07/19/26²

HOWEY RECORDED HEARING CASE 24 GG0047

Before the BOS, chaired by Grant Baker, trainer Quinn Howey appeared in person, Dr. Kenneth Allison of San Francisco Equine, Inc. appeared via Microsoft Teams. CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama was available to assist with technical difficulties and explain the CHRB complaint on the record. This complaint was originally scheduled May 23, 2024 by CHRB Investigator Jennifer Toleman who no longer works for the CHRB. At that juncture Mr. Howey was suspended for, failure to appear, thus a rescheduling for the complaint. The only license number on the complaint was his owners' license.

The complaint read as follows:

Dr. Kenneth Allison from SF Equine filed a financial complaint against Trainer Quinn Howey for the amount of \$13,630.14 for veterinary services provided by Dr. Allison.

Mr. Howey following his failure to appear was suspended by the BOS at Golden Gate Fields dated, 06-07-2024. He since filed a bankruptcy petition in Kentucky on or about August 12, 2024. When asked, he explained how a number of negative circumstances occurred that caused the necessity to file bankruptcy.

He presented documents verifying, San Francisco Equine, Inc. was and is listed on the Order of Discharge which was entered into evidence. More to follow.

07/19/26³

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Joel Rosario along Western Regional Guild Representative Darrell Haire met with the BOS to review the inquiry in the ninth race yesterday (ref 07-18-26³). After an evaluation of all angles. In a unanimous decision Mr. Rosario was issued the

following ruling as the BOS were in the opinion his inward drift and lack of effort to correct was considered a careless ride per CHRB Rule 1699.

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PADDOCK DEPARTURE DELAY ELEVENTH RACE

As the horses were leaving the paddock for the eleventh race jockey Umberto Rispoli on #6 noticed he was "not" sitting astride "his" saddle and the Stewards were informed. There was a delay in finding the other horse/jockey/saddle involved. After reweighing jockeys' Rispoli and Fresu their correct saddles were used on their assigned mounts and the horses left the paddock, one minute to post.

07/19/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No Changes; Refund \$261.00
2 nd Race	#6 Smoke -Rider (Tr. A. Farias) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Lorbiecki Refund \$914.20
3 rd Race	No Changes; Refund \$170.86
4 th Race	No Changes; Refund \$207.41
5 th Race	#2 Savage Warden (Tr. P. D'Amato) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Lorbiecki Refund \$2,670.76
6 th Race	#6 Harbor Code (Tr. C. Gaines) claimed by Tr. F. Rodriguez Refund \$22.50 #9 Hankering (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. M. Puype
7 th Race	No Changes; Refund \$432.06
8 th Race	#5 Cornealeusthegreat (Tr. E. Alvarez) Veterinarian- Injured- Dr. Bohannon. Refund \$1,299.86
9 th Race	#6 Mi Hermano Ramon (Tr. M. Glatt) Steward-stake Refund 3,032.16
10 th Race	No Changes; Refund \$0.00
11 th Race	#5 Enterdadragon (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill #9 Phosphorescence (Tr. M. McCarthy) claimed by Tr. S. Sherman Refund \$13.70

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,336	\$1,016,142.45
SCOTWINC	3,769	\$3,952,963.75
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	10,402,479.04
TOTAL	10,105	\$15,371,585.24

REPORT – WEEK OF 07/13/26 TO 07/19/26

Horses on Vet List	15
Horses off Vet List	7
Shock Wave Therapy	1
Fatalities	0
Medication	0
Claims Voided	0

SUMMARY

		Fri 07/17	Sat 07/18	Sun 07/19	Week	Meet
Accidents		0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races		2	3	3	8	8
Claims		6	7	4	17	17
Disqualifications		0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries		1	1	0	2	2
Refunds		7	10	10	27	27
Rulings		1	1	0	2	2
Voided Claims		0	0	0	0	0

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