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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Los Alamitos, California

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GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Friday, September 11, 2026, through Sunday, September 20, 2026.
Racing Fridays through Sundays. Total number of race days is six.

Post time: Weekdays/weekends/holidays – 1 p.m. first post, unless otherwise specified.

Scratch time: Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, unless otherwise noted.
The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races, will be prior to the 3rd race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.

Wagering: Minimum \$2 Win, Place and Show wagering on every race; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 (10 cent minimum) Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Pick Four on races 2 thru 5, and last four races; \$0.50 Pick Five (14% Takeout) on races 1 thru 5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races; \$1 Super High Five on final race of the day.

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Gary Brinson, Starter
Michael Wrona, Announcer

Report for Tuesday, September 8, through Sunday, September 14, 2026.

TUESDAY

09/08/26¹

ENTRIES/PROGRAM CHANGES

On Tuesday morning Steward Kim Sawyer was in to monitor Friday's Los Alamitos Opening Day races. The office carded (8) races with sixty-six (66) entries.

WEDNESDAY

09/09/26¹

ENTRIES

Steward Grant Baker was in on Wednesday morning to oversee entries for Saturday. The race office assembled nine (9) races, with sixty-seven (67) horses.

THURSDAY

09/10/26¹

MENA HEARINGS (CASE #26DM002)

Outrider/Pony Rider GUMARO MENA was in our office in regards to a hearing that was continued from a hearing at Del Mar Race Track on July 23, 2026. Present in today's hearing were CHRB Staff General Council Jackie Loyd, CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr., CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon (via Microsoft Teams), Attorney Mike Flory, Observer Guillermina Mena (Mena's wife), Translator Jessica Zeichner and Court Reporter Michelle Derieg. The CHRB filed a complaint against Mr. Mena when Safety Steward David Nuesch received an anonymous tip that Mr. Mena appeared to be under the influence of alcohol prior to starting his afternoon outriding duties at Del Mar on July 17, 2026. Investigator Vergara went and conducted a

breathalyzer test on Mr. Mena, and the results read a BAC of .156%. Mr. Mena's attorney recommended that he plead the fifth amendment and refuse to answer any questions. After hearing all the arguments and entering all the exhibits into the record, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

09/10/26²

MENA HEARING (CASE #26DM0021)

Outrider/Pony Rider GUMARO MENA and all the parties in the previous hearing stayed in the office to participate in this hearing. The CHRB filed another complaint against Mr. Mena, in which he was asked to breathalyze prior to starting his duties by Investigator Anne Dillon. He blew the BAC level of .032%. The defense argued that Mr. Mena came in to test on his day off. We heard all testimony from both sides and entered the exhibits into the record. Decision to follow.

FRIDAY

09/11/26¹

KIMURA RULING

The following ruling was issued after Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA withdrew his appeal from Los Alamitos ruling LAFL #02 on June 27, 2026.

LATL Ruling #01

Having received notice from the California Horse Racing Board that the appeal of LAFL Ruling #2, issued at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 27, 2026, has been withdrawn, the original ruling is reinstated. Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 18, 19, and 20, 2026).

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

09/11/26²

FILM REVIEWS

Jockey WELFIN ORANTES was in to review Monday's fourth race at Del Mar Race Track, in which he shifted out slightly entering the stretch, causing the outside horse to angle out. Mr. Orantes stated that he was in the process of using his crop. We warned him that he's responsible to maintain a straight course as his horse was tiring. He agreed and left the office with a warning.

Jockey RICKY GONZALEZ was in our office to review Monday's fourth race, in which he was disqualified from third to seventh place at De Mar Race Track for shifting out and making contact with the outside horse. Mr. Gonzalez stated that the horse in front of him shifted out, causing him to angle out. We agreed that the horse in front did angle out, but he could have done a better job correcting his horse. In a unanimous opinion, Mr. Gonzalez was issued a warning for two reasons; the first being the lead horse contributed slightly and the second that Mr. Gonzalez has a good record with no violations. Therefore, no suspension was issued.

Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA came into the office to review Monday's seventh race for an incident leaving the starting gate. Mr. Kimura crossed over with insufficient clearance, making contact with the inside horse. Kimura stated that the outside horse angled in, causing him to follow his path which resulted in him crossing over. The Stewards strongly disagreed as several horses to his inside were affected. In a unanimous opinion, he was issued a three-day suspension. Ruling to follow.

LATL Ruling #02

Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA, who rode TAKING A JOY RIDE in the seventh race at Del Mar Race Track on September 7, 2026, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 25, 26, and 27, 2026) for altering course without sufficient clearance soon after the start and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding.)

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU appeared in our office to review Monday at Del Mar's eleventh race in which he shifted outward, making contact with the #12 horse. When questioned Mr. Fresu stated the outside horse #12 came inward as he floated out. The majority voted that Mr. Fresu rode carelessly when he failed to correct his horse. Steward Jauregui voted for no suspension as he believes the #12 contributed to the contact. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

LATL Ruling #03

Jockey ANTONIO FRESU, who rode TAIF in the eleventh race at Del Mar Race Track on September 7, 2026, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 25, 26, and 27, 2026) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding.)

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

09/11/26³

QUICK MEETING

Official Veterinarian Nolton Pattio and Racing Veterinarian Laura Austgen were in the office to review our protocols and discuss any other issues they might have. The pre-meet meeting was very helpful to refresh our memories regarding any veterinarian issues.

09/11/26⁴

GOOD RACING

The eight-race card went very smoothly with no major issues to report other than the declarations and changes listed below.

09/11/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#2 Rockabilly Rebal- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Sapp, injured #3 What a Gift- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, injured Refund \$852.16
2 nd Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
3 rd Race	#5 Perfectionachieved- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured #7 Raging Inferno- Claimed J. Hernandez Jr., trainer. Refund \$150.30
4 th Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
5 th Race	#3 Chasin Munny- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, unsound Refund \$51,976.73
6 th Race	#3 Chapter One- Claimed by R. Lucas, trainer #8 Ima Track Star- Claimed by T. Yakteen, trainer
7 th Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
8 th Race	#7 Spider John - C. Herrera replaced E. Jaramillo, didn't want to ride

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	584	\$77,935.82
SCOTWINC	1,523	\$132,277.46
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$1,732,475.47
TOTAL	2,107	\$1,942,688.75

SATURDAY

09/12/26¹

JARAMILLO RULING

Jockey EMISAEEL JARAMILLO was issued the following ruling after he failed to take off his mount in the last race prior to scratch time.

LATF Ruling #04

Jockey EMISAEEL JARAMILLO, who was scheduled to ride SPIDER JOHN in the eighth race on September 11, 2026, at Los Alamitos Race Track is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1872 (Failure to Fulfill Jockey Agreement).

*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532 requires "that fines shall be paid (to the paymaster of purses) within seven calendar days from the date of the ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended."

09/12/26²

GOOD RACING

The nine races on Saturday afternoon went with no major issues to report other than the late declarations and changes listed below.

09/12/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes. Refund \$0.00
2nd Race #3 Charmz Away- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Austgen, unsound
Refund \$1,199.24
3rd Race #2 Smiling Jojo- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pirrone, injured
Refund \$703.10
4th Race No changes. Refund \$0.00
5th Race No changes. Refund \$0.00
6th Race No changes. Refund \$0.00
7th Race #1 Des Doigts- Claimed by J. Uranga, trainer
#3 Kahuna Magic- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Augusten, sick
Refund \$271.20
8th Race #4 Oveta's Hobby- R. Bratcher, trainer
#8 Nokie- Claimed by R. Hansen, trainer
9th Race No changes. Refund \$0.00

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,160	\$188,988.10
SCOTWINC	3,201	\$230,995.74
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,197,316.50
TOTAL	4,361	\$2,617,300.34

SUNDAY

09/13/26¹

FILM REVIEW

Jockey RICARDO S. RAMIREZ was in our office to review his riding crop usage in yesterday's first race. After reviewing all angles, it was clear to all of us that he went one (1) over the permitted six times. This is Mr. Rameriz second offense in the last 180 days. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

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 RICARDO S. RAMIREZ, who rode ALPHABETICAL ORDER in the first race (Purse \$16,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 12, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (September 27, 2026) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for ONE (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

(HISA #2026-15303, 06/26/2026).

09/13/26²

GOOD RACING

The eight races went very well with no major issues, other than the late changes and declarations listed below.

09/13/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
2 nd Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
3 rd Race	#2 Emma G- A. Aguilar replaces H. Berrios, travel #3 Pretty Cecy- Claimed by F. Rodriguez, trainer
4 th Race	#6 Bessie- Coleman- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick Refund \$1,642.65
5 th Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
6 th Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
7 th Race	#5 Dustem Too- Claimed by A. Garcia, trainer
8 th Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00

09/13/26⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	957	\$116,734.70
SCOTWINC	2,505	\$219,095.54
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,389,290.90
TOTAL	3,462	\$2,725,121.14

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 09/07/26 TO 09/13/26

Horses on Vet List	11
Horses off Vet List	6
Shock Wave Therapy	3
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

SUMMARY

	Fri 09/11	Sat 09/12	Sun 09/13	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	3	7	7
Claims	3	3	2	8	8
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds	3	3	1	7	7
Rulings	3	1	0	4	4
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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