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GENERAL DATA:

Dates: Friday, September 25, 2026, through Sunday, November 1, 2026.
Racing Fridays through Sundays.

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

Scratch time: Regular scratch time will be at 9:30 a.m. on race day, 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: \$2 minimum Win, Place and Show on all eligible races; \$2 minimum Win, Place and Show parlay on all eligible races; \$1 minimum Exactas on all eligible races; \$1 minimum Trifectas on all eligible races; \$.10 minimum Superfectas on all eligible races; \$2 minimum Daily Doubles; \$5 minimum Daily Doubles on last two races of the day; \$1 minimum Pick Threes; \$3 minimum Pick Thress on last three races of the day; \$3 minimum All Turf Pick Three; \$.50 minimum Pick Four on races 2-5 and last four races; \$.50 minimum Mid Pick Four; \$0.50 minimum Pick Five on first and last five races each day; \$1 minimum Pick Five on any five races between Santa Anita Park and Gulfstream Park; \$2 minimum Pick Six on final six races each day; \$2 minimum Pick Six on last three races at Santa Anita Park and Gulfstream Park; \$1 minimum Super High Five on final race of the day;

Auxiliary stables: San Luis Rey Downs and Los Alamitos Race Course.

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Report for Sunday, September 20, 2026, through Sunday, September 27, 2026.

SUNDAY

09/20/26¹

ENTRY DAY

Racing Secretary Jason Egan and his staff are on duty today accepting entries for opening day Friday, September 25. Steward Kim Sawyer, who is working today at Los Alamitos, is the Duty Steward opening week at Santa Anita. Eight (8) races were drawn in the Santa Anita racing office. Fifty-three (53) horses are scheduled to start.

MONDAY

09/21/26¹

ENTRY DAY

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Saturday, September 26. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty today for the CHRB. Five (5) graded Stake Races will be contested on this excellent opening weekend card. They will be carded as follows:

- 3rd race - \$200,000 City of Hope Mile (Grade 2)
- 5th race - \$200,000 Eddie D Stakes (Grade 2)
- 7th race - \$200,000 John Henry Turf Championship (Grade 2)
- 8th Race - \$300,000 Goodwood Stakes (Grade 1)
- 9th Race - \$100,000 John C. Harris Stakes (Grade 3)

Ten (10) races were drawn in the racing office. Eighty-four (84) horses are scheduled to start.

TUESDAY

09/22/26¹

MARIA BORREL HEARING (CASE: #25SA0124)

A formal hearing was held in the Stewards' office for Trainer Maria Borell. Today's hearing was a continuance from a hearing (Ref: 07/27/26¹) at Del Mar Race Track on July 27, 2026. The hearing was conducted on the Microsoft Teams format.

Participating on Microsoft Teams were California Deputy Attorney General Katherine Tremblay, CHRB Staff Counsel Jacquelyn Loyd, Trainer Maria Borrel, Attorney Karen Murphy and Court Reporter Tara Ocana (Weinstein Court reporters LLC). CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama joined the Stewards here at Santa Anita.

Two (2) additional respondent exhibits were submitted by Attorney Murphy. One (1) exhibit was a personal letter to the Stewards written by Trainer Maria Borrel.

On August 13, 2025, Maria Borell's trainer license was denied by the Kentucky Horse Racing Gaming Corporation. KHRGC issued a final order on August 25, 2026. Attorney Murphy told us Trainer Borell has an appeal hearing set in Kentucky on October 26, 2026. After that date, a judge will make a determination of that appeal. The majority of Stewards voted to continue this hearing until after the appeal hearing in Kentucky has been ruled on. Steward Sawyer dissented, feeling a reciprocation ruling was warranted.

THURSDAY

09/24/26¹

GEORGE LOPEZ COMPLAINT (CASE #26DM0017)

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Trainer George Lopez for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn). CHRB Investigator Anne Dillion prepared a complaint on this matter. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows:

CHRB Official Veterinarian Dr. Nolton Pattio reported the horse DES DOIGTS, who was entered in the 4th race at Del Mar on August 20, 2026, was 14 minutes late to the Receiving Barn. DES DOIGTS was trained by George Lopez.

Trainer George Lopez signed a 'Waiver Of Appearance' (CHRB-119 (REV.10/22) and agreed to accept any decision this office makes regarding this matter.

09/24/26²

GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU COMPLAINT (CASE #26DM0011)

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Trainer George Papaprodromou for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn). CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. prepared a complaint on this matter. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows:

On August 8, 2026, the horse SPECIAL CLUB, who is trained by George Papaprodromou was entered to run in the 9th Race. SPECIAL CLUB was due in the Receiving Barn at 1739 hours, but did not arrive until 1754 hours, approximately 15 minutes late.

Trainer Papaprodromou appeared in our office today to answer to this alleged rule violation. He told the Stewards the gap gate was closed and that his groom had to "walk all the way behind the 7/8ths gap" and that this cost his groom and horse additional time. Trainer Papaprodromou has had no Rule #1852 violations in the last several years. Decision to follow.

09/24/26³

GORDON LEE WEAVER COMPLAINT (CASE #26SA0162)

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Owner Gordon Lee Weaver for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama prepared the complaint in this matter. The cover page of this complaint reads as follows:

The Southern California Equine Foundation (SCEF) performed a PET scan on KISS FOR LULU at Santa Anita Park on June 3, 2026, in the amount of \$890.00. A request for payment for a total amount of \$890.00 was sent to Owner Gordon Weaver via Certified US Mail on August 7, 2026. SCEF received a \$500.00 payment on September 1, 2026; however, a balance of \$390.00 remains outstanding to this day.

Southern California Equine Foundation Office Manager Margaret Levine appeared in our office today representing her organization. Ms. Levine told the Stewards that Owner George Waver owes this veterinary group \$390.00. A Pet scan was performed on a Weaver trainee, and full payment was allegedly not made. George Weaver failed to appear at today's hearing.

FRIDAY

09/25/26¹

STEWARD CHANGE

Steward Grant Baker is off today for personal reasons. Steward David Nuesch is filling in.

09/25/26²

WANDRYCK FRANCO & EDGAR PAYERAS FILM REVIEWS

Jockey Wandryck Franco was ordered to come to our office to review his ride in last Sunday's ninth race at Los Alamitos Racecourse. Shortly after the start, his mount shifted inward, forcing the two rivals to his inside to steady. Jockey Franco appeared to be make an effort to correct his mount, but additional pressure from the horse to his outside seemed to contribute to the situation. As a result, in a majority decision, no penalty was issued, but Jockey Franco was warned that he needs to make every effort possible to protect his fellow riders. Steward Luis Jauregui was the dissenting vote, feeling a suspension was warranted.

Next up was Jockey Edgar Payeras, who was in to review his ride aboard third place finisher Dad's Bad Bunny, who drifted inward during the final stages of Sunday's first race, making hard contact with a rival to his inside, who ultimately finished second. In another majority decision, the Stewards felt that the inside runner contributed to the contact between the two horses, so Jockey Payeras left the office with a warning. Steward Jauregui felt the ride was careless and worthy of a suspension.

09/25/26³

GEORGE LEE WEAVER DECISION (REF: 09/24/26³)

The following ruling was issued after Owner George Lee Weaver failed to appear for a hearing yesterday at Santa Anita. This suspension ruling was issued, in what was a unanimous decision.

LATC RULING #1

Owner GORDON LEE WEAVER, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before September 24, 2026, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$390.00 to Southern California Equine Foundation). Suspension to commence on October 9, 2026.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges of GORDON LEE WEAVER are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction

09/25/26⁴

GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU DECISION (REF: 09/24/26²)

Trainer George Papaprodromou appeared in our office yesterday for an informal hearing. After deliberation Stewards reached the following rule in a unanimous decision.

LATC RULING #2

Trainer GEORGE PAPAPRODROMOU, who started SPECIAL CLUB in the ninth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 8, 2026, is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn).

09/25/26⁵

GEORGE LOPEZ DECISION (REF: 09/24/26³)

Trainer George Lopez signed a Waiver of Appearance agreeing to accept any decision issued by the Stewards. The ruling below was our final decision.

LATC RULING #3

Trainer GEORGE LOPEZ, who started DES DOIGHTS in the fourth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 20, 2026, is issued an OFFICIAL WARNING for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1852 (Reporting to Receiving Barn).

09/25/26⁶

KAZUSHI KIMURA HISA MODIFICATION

Jockey Kazushi Kimura successfully appealed his recent riding crop penalty (HISA Case #2026-20810). Jockey Kimura had his suspension reduced from two (2) days to one (1) day. He had his fine reduced from \$1,500.00 to \$500.00. Listed below is the result of his appeal.

HISA RULING #2026-20810

Per the HISA crop appeal resolution's enforcement counsel, the penalty for Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA from HISA Ruling case #2026-20810 (09/20/2026) has been modified, and by the Order of HISA, the following ruling is now issued.

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 KAZUSHI KIMURA, who rode SPEEDY WILSON in the eighth race (Purse \$75,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 19, 2026, is suspended ONE (1) day (October 4, 2026), and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) 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.

09/25/26⁷

GOOD DAY OF RACING

Today's opening day eight-race card of the 2026 Santa Anita autumn meet was conducted smoothly, with no notable incidents.

09/25/26⁸

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

5th Race Declaration #5 Luna Paseo (Tr. C. Lewis) Injured- Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$388.75

5th Race #2 Patricia's Boy (Tr. V. Cerin) Tr. G. Papaprodromou, trainer

8TH Race Declaration #1 Goldenlynn (Tr. B. Wright) Unsound-Jay Deluhery
DVM. REFUND: \$2,131.85

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,025	\$460,823.90
SCOTWINC	2,059	\$717,738.10
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$4,098,331.60
TOTAL	7,084	\$5,592,391.59

SATURDAY OFFICE VISIT

09/26/26¹

CHRB Deputy Executive Director Cynthia Alameda paid a visit to the Stewards' Office today. It was an 'all horse racing' discussion as the Stewards and Ms. Alameda shared current events with each other. She also gave us some pointers on how to use the Stewards new Apple iPads. This information was very helpful.

09/26/26²

KAZUSHI KIMURA FILM REVIEW

Jockey Kazushi Kimura appeared in the Stewards' Office to review his ride in yesterday's (September 25) second race. Jockey Kimura was aboard #6 Magic Advice in this six (6) furlong main track event. At around the 5-furlong marker, #5 Druliner (Juan Hernandez) steadied slightly in the incident after being jostled by #6 Magic Advice. Jockey Kimura was cautioned that he needs to keep his mount straighter.

09/26/26³

ARMANDO AGUILAR FILM REVIEW

Jockey Armando Aguilar got bucked off in the post parade yesterday while warming up #4 Chasing Kat prior to the fourth race. He struck his horse several times unnecessarily prior to getting tossed. He said his horse was acting up. The Stewards disagreed. His dullness of mind during this post-parade resulted in the following ruling.

LATC RULING #4

Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(3)(Use of Riding Crop – striking mount with crop during post parade) prior to the third race at Santa Anita Park on September 25, 2026.

* California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532 requires “that all 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.”

09/26/26⁴

EPIFANIO GARCIA HISA MODIFICATION

Jockey Epifanio Garcia successfully appealed his recent riding crop penalty (HISA Case #2026-20666). Jockey Garcia had his one (1) day suspension dropped. His \$250.00 fine was reduced to \$225.00. Listed below is the result of his appeal.

HISA RULING #2026-20666

Per the HISA crop appeal resolution's enforcement counsel, the penalty for Jockey EPIFANIO GARCIA from HISA Ruling case #2026-20666 (09/18/2026) has been modified, and by the Order of HISA, the following ruling is now issued.

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), Jockey EPIFANIO GARCIA, who rode SEAVER WAY in the fifth race (Purse \$15,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 13, 2026, is fined TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$225.00) for ONE (1) strike over the limit.

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GOOD RACING

Today's ten (10) race card went well as it was free of Stewards' inquires and/or Jockey objections.

09/26/26⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

2nd Race #2 B Grayson (Tr. L. Campuzano) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer
3rd Race Declaration #1 Teao (CHI) (Tr. J. Sadler) Stake – Stewards
REFUND: \$2,579.28
5th Race Declarations #3 Freedom's Not Freedom (Tr. M. Glatt) Stake –
Stewards
#9 Virat (Tr. D. Blacker) Stake–Stewards REFUND TOTAL: \$4,170.67
9th Race Declaration #5 R. Slew of Cash (Tr. S. Joseph, Jr.) Stake – Stewards
REFUND: \$1,452.41
10th Race Declaration #12 Sissel (Tr. A. Mathis) Injured – Dionne Benson DVM
REFUND: \$993.65

09/26/26⁷

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	12,044	\$1,042,573.40
SCOTWINC	3,138	\$1,208,366.21
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$9,701,548.69
TOTAL	15,182	\$12,509,484.90

SUNDAY
09/27/26¹

OWNERS VISIT

Owner Kevin Sangara stopped by the Stewards' office to seek approval of a Stable name. He started a large partnership in the State of Washington this past summer and would like to do the same thing in California. He has landed on the name Claim to Fame Racing Thoroughbreds. He appears to be organized and ambitious. We answered several of his questions and wished him well.

Owner Jeffery Sangara was concerned that his horse was fouled in yesterday's eighth race which was the Grade I \$300,000 Goodwood Stakes. He owns sixth place finisher #5 Midnight Mammoth who steadied at the 7/8ths pole location. Video replay equipment was not working in the Stewards' office today. A replacement DVD player was brought to us by the tracks communications department and that didn't immediately fix our issues. We watched the panoramic camera angle of the race on a laptop computer. Mr. Sangara seemed to appreciate our efforts.

09/27/26²

VOIDED CLAIMS

Stewards voided two (2) claims today.

- A. Race 2 #6 Theresasilverlinin, Trainer Steve Knapp, Claiming price \$8,000
- B. Race 5 #4 Tessuto, Trainer Peter Miller, Claiming price \$16,000

Both horses returned to the barn of their original trainers.

09/27/26³

GOOD RACING

Today's nine (9) race went well, as it was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

09/27/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

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| 1 st Race | Declaration #1 Training Good (Tr. A. Garcia) Injured- Jay Deluhery
DVM. REFUND: \$1,911.80 |
| 3 rd Race | Declaration #4 Memerize (Tr. R. Mandella) Injured-Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$8,305.23 |
| 4 th Race | Declarations #2 Imagination (Tr. B. Baffert) Injured- Jay Deluhery
DVM
#3 Ahrens (Tr. J. Sadler) Sick-Jay Deluhery DVM
REFUND TOTAL: \$3,137.44 |
| 4 th Race | WIN WAGERING ONLY |
| 5 th Race | Declaration #1 Millbo Baggins (Tr. J. Raudales) Sick-Nolton Pattio
VMD. REFUND: \$401.41 |
| 5 th Race | #8 Pomo Joe (Tr. R. Hanson) claimed, L. Campuzano, trainer
#9 Fight Back (Tr. A. Mathis) claimed, I. Kruljac, trainer |
| 6 th Race | Declarations # 10 Marion Magic (Tr. P. Aguirre) Full Field-Stewards
#11 Perfectionachieved (Tr. O.J. Jauregui) Unsound at Gate-Jay
Deluhery DVM. REFUND: \$53,364.65 |
| 9 th Race | Declaration #4 Druidid (Tr. D. Azcarate) Full Field-Stewards
REFUND: \$807.39 |
| 9 th Race | #3 Oobubbakabayo Jockey Change, C. Herrera for K. Desormeaux-
Sick |

09/27/26⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,763	\$659,863.94
SCOTWINC	2,708	\$907,128.71
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$5,832,191.66
TOTAL	9,471	\$7,792,102.92

SUMMARY

	Fri 09/25	Sat 09/26	Sun 09/27	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	2	3	3	8	8
Claims	1	1	2	4	4
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds	6	9	9	24	24
Rulings	3	1	0	4	4
Voided Claims	0	0	2	2	2

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 09/21/26 – 09/27/25

Horses on Vet List	17
Horses off Vet List	11
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	2
Medication	0

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

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