

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
 LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION
 TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of November 12, 2020 through November 15, 2020.

Thursday
 11/12/2020

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office this week for entries and associated duties. The entry process was laborious, with entries being drawn in the late afternoon and into early evening. Three eight race cards are on tap. Ward will be documenting the happenings of the week.

Friday
 11/13/2020

(1) EARLY DECLERATIONS

1st Race #3 Unflappable (Vet-unsound) Refund \$172.46
 2nd Race #5 My Bella Gray (Vet-injured) Refund \$126.40
 5th Race #2 Around The Dial (Vet-injured) Refund \$260.00
 6th Race #4 Better Reason (Panel) Refund 111.26
 8th Race #5 Private Kitty (Vet-unsound) Refund \$354.06

(2) CROP RULINGS #258 - #262

Ruling #258

JOCKEY LUIS A. VALENZUELA, IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP –MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2020.

Ruling #259

JOCKEY ARMANDO VIRAMONTES, IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP –MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2020.

Ruling #260

JOCKEY ARMANDO CERVANTES, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 20TH, 21ST, AND 22ND, 2020) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE, FIFTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2020.

Ruling #261

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO, IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (C)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP –CROPPING WITH THE CROP IN A COCKED POSITION-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2020.

Ruling #262

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 20TH, 21ST, 22ND, 27TH, AND 28TH, 2020) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE WITH THE CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION- FIFTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 8, 2020.

The above rulings were issued for crop violations from last weekend. The ruling against Jairo Rangel was stronger than normal as his actions were particularly egregious; he struck the horse with the crop in “cocked” position at least twice as many times as permitted by rule.

(3) MEDICATION HEARING – RULING #263

Ruling #263

TRAINER OSCAR HEREDIA, WHO WORKED THE HORSE “YODELERS WAY” AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2020, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (a) (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-PHENYLBUTAZONE) AND #1866 (e & f) (VETERINARIAN’S LIST).

Trainer Oscar Heredia was in the office in response to a complaint filed against him for a Phenylbutazone finding in his horse “Yodler’s Way”, who worked to be removed from the Veterinarian’s List. Mr. Heredia, who has an excellent compliance record for medication, stated that his attending veterinarian, Ashley Troncatty, treated the horse seventy two hours prior to the work. The horse received no other medication to his knowledge. He has no oral Bute in his shedrow. Since this is his first violation in quite some time, the minimum penalty was issued.

(4) REINSTATEMENT RULING #264

Ruling #264

JOCKEY JOSE DOMINGUEZ, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULING #186, IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #186, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON AUGUST 14, 2020, IS SET ASIDE.

The preceding ruling was issued as Mr. Dominguez provided documentation as directed in the original ruling. Darin Scharer, of Winners Foundation, vouched for Mr. Dominguez, stating that he has done everything required and more.

(5) STEWARDS’ INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the first race as the Stewards reviewed an incident just prior to the finish involving the third and the fifth place finishers, #6 “Run Manny Run” (C. Ortega) and #4 “Awesome Pirate” (C. Aragon). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify “Run Manny Run” from third to fifth position. Video showed the horse drifting in, taking the path of “Awesome Pirate” and forcing jockey Christian

Aragon to check in order to avoid heels. Aragon and his mount were nipped at the wire for fourth money and it was the Stewards' position that they were cost the opportunity for a better placing.

(6) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited prior to the fourth race by trainer Lorenzo Ruiz for #5 "A Salute To Lt". Dan was voided as the horse was unsound in the left foreleg during its stint in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Angela Aquino.

(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$854,444.94
Total	0	\$1,030,839.54

Saturday
11/14/2020

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #7 Fighting Warrior (Entered Back)-Injured Refund \$66.66
3rd Race #3 Leedslimit (Vet-sick)
#5 Donny Tidwell (Vet-sick) Refund \$260.40
4th Race #1 Iluminada Corona (Vet-Sick) Refund \$219.86
7th Race #2 Yanque (Vet-unsound) Refund \$190.50

(2) MEDICATION HEARING

Trainer Lorenzo Ruiz was in the office this afternoon in response to a complaint filed against him for the finding of Methocarbamol in his horse "Time N Money", the winner of the first race here on October 3, 2020. Mr. Ruiz, who has two prior Methocarbamol violations in the past twelve months, testified that the horse received an injection of the medication by Dr. Ashley Troncatty at 8:30 A. M. on October 1st. This was verified by Dr. Troncatty's confidential veterinarian report for that day. While he does have oral Methocarbamol in his barn, he maintains that it was not administered to the horse. The test results also included guifenisen, which is indicative of an oral administration of Methocarbamol. A decision will be rendered tomorrow.

(3) RULINGS #265 - #267

Ruling #265

APPRENTICE JOCKEY CESAR ORTEGA, WHO RODE "RUN MANNY RUN" IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 13, 2020, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 21ST, 22ND, AND 27TH, 2020) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE. 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.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the first race from 11-13-2020, following which his mount was disqualified for interference in deep stretch. He apologized for his actions, stating that he would be more aware of his surroundings in the future. He is also going to take advantage of viewing video of his and other races with Safety Steward and former jockey Paul Atkinson.

Ruling #266

JOCKEY VICTOR M. SALAZAR, IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP -MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 13, 2020.

The above ruling was issued as Mr. Salazar chose not to defend his actions with respect to a "crop" rule violation.

(4) RULING #267

Ruling #267

EXERCISE RIDER EDUARDO ACEVES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (B) (1) (USE OF RIDING CROP).

This ruling was issued after Mr. Aceves admitted that he did use the “crop” on a horse he was exercising during training hours.

(5) RIDER REPLACED

Jockey Juan Pablo Leon was replaced on his mount in the fourth race as, after trying to lose weight, he could not come within the seven pound overweight limit on #5 “Cartel Love”, who was in with 122lbs.

(6) STEWARDS’ INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the fourth race in order to review an incident at the mid-point of the race involving the fourth and fifth place finishers, #2 “Newport Guy” (O. Peinado), and #3 “Leaving Now” (O. Andrade, Jr). After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify “Newport Guy” from fourth to fifth position. Video showed the horse bearing out significantly, forcing “Leaving Now” off its path. The margin at the wire was a rapidly diminishing “nose”, and the Stewards felt that Andrade Jr. and his mount were cost the opportunity for a better placing. Mr. Peinado was held blameless.

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,006,504.39
Total	0	\$1,147,692.29

Sunday
11/15/2020

(1) EARLY DECLARATION

- 2nd Race #1 Rock Al Day (Vet-unsound) Refund \$369.09
- 3rd Race #2 Jan’s Reserve (Vet-sick)
#6 Summersimage (Vet-unsound) Refund \$335.21
- 6th Race #3 Powerline Road (Not eligible) Refund \$70.97

(2) RULINGS #268 AND #269

Ruling #268

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER LORENZO RUIZ, WHO STARTED THE HORSE “TIME N MONEY” THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 3, 2020, IS FINED THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A, B, & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), #1843.1 (B) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (D)(5) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION- METHOCARBAMOL (5.2 NG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (1.0 NG/ML).

This ruling was issued after a discussion of the facts involved in Mr. Ruiz’s complaint. This was his third violation for the same medication in less than twelve months. As stated previously, Mr. Ruiz does not have a handle on the problem in his barn. Hopefully, this penalty will make him tighten up his procedures.

Ruling #269

JOCKEY EDGAR PAYERAS, IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP –MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS) DURING THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 14, 2020.

The above ruling was issued as the rider offered no excuse for his actions.

(3) QUIET EVENING

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

(4) **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$0.00
Off track	0	\$0.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,055,460.62
Total	0	\$1,190,022.82

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 15, 2020. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 15 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 8 for soundness, 2 for injury, 4 for sickness, 1 for bleeding. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Tom Ward.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 11/13	Sat 11/14	Sun 11/15	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	4
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	8
Claims	R		2	1	2	5	262
Disqualifications	K		1	1	0	2	33
Inquiries		D	1	1	0	2	38
Refunds		A	4	4	3	11	423
Rulings		Y	7	3	2	12	266
Voided Claims		S	1	0	0	1	39

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dryer, Richard Williams, and Safety Steward Paul Atkinson were in attendance during this reporting period.

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Richard Williams, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward