

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Los Alamitos Racing Association**

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GENERAL DATA:**Mailing**

Address: 4961 Katella Avenue
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Telephone number of association: (714) 820-2800

Dates: Friday, December 4, 2020 through Sunday, December 20, 2020. Eleven racing days.
Total number of days racing per week: four, Thursday through Sunday, except for opening week, which is 3 days, Friday through Sunday.

Races: Eight races weekdays, nine races on weekends unless otherwise designated.

Post time: 1:00 p.m. on weekdays and 12:30 weekends.

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 one hour before post time, whichever is longer.

Wagering: Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Pick Three; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfecta on all qualifying races; \$1.00 Pick Four on final four races; \$0.50 Pick Five on races 1–5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races. \$1.00 Super High Five on last race every day.

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Report for the Opening Week of Friday, December 4, 2020 through Sunday, December 6, 2020.

TUESDAY
12/01/20¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Ron Church was available to oversee entries for opening day. The card was finalized with eight races.

WEDNESDAY
12/02/20¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Ron Church was again available for Saturday's entries and approve scratches for Friday. Nine races were carded for the Saturday program.

THURSDAY
12/03/20¹

DARK DAY DUTIES

Ron Church was available to approve scratches and program changes for Saturday. Sunday's card was finalized with nine races.

FRIDAY
12/04/20¹

FUENTES VISIT

Jockey RUBEN FUENTES and his Agent Tora Yamaguchi met with the Stewards to discuss the new crop rule as Mr. Fuentes has not ridden since the rule was implemented. Mr. Yamaguchi has come out of retirement to handle jockey Fuentes' business. The last rider he worked for was Rafael Bejarano, who moved his tack east.

12/04/20²

GOOD RACING

The afternoon program was performed without notable mishaps. The changes made are listed below. There were several jockey changes due to a mix up on having proper proof of negative Covid tests available.

12/04/20³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #8 QUALITY LINE (Tr. E. Alvarez) J. Pyfer replaced S. Rivera (no Covid test)
2nd race #2 GALLOPING MISCHIEF (Tr. R. Mandella) claimed by Tr. P. Aguirre
#5 CALDER VALE (Tr. R. Zamora) A. Locke replaced C. Lopez Jr.(no Covid test)
#9 NO PARKING HERE (S. Miyadi) T. Pereira replaced Santos Rivera CW 124 (no Covid test). Refund \$0
3rd race #2 DEPUTY GARY (Tr. R. Gomez) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Grande
#9 RAISE A HALLEIUJAH (Tr. J. Wong) A. Centeno replaced Santos Rivera (no Covid test). Refund \$513.46
4th race #5 CRYIN' CHUCK (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed by Tr. M. Pineda
#7 BIG BAD GARY (Tr. R. Gomez) A. Centeno replaced S. Rivera(no Covid test)
#9 RINESHAFT (Tr. H. Palma) T. Pereira replaced Carlos Lopez Jr. (no Covid test). Refund \$51.40
5th race #9 SLEW'S SCREEN STAR (Tr. D. Dunham) G. Franco replaced Santos Rivera CW122 (no Covid test). Refund \$0
6th race #7 FLAT WHITE (Tr. R. Amescua) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead. Refund \$445.20
7th race #6 LITTLE MISS ELLIE (Tr. V. Cerin) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
#8 BLACK DROP (Tr. T. Rivera) H. Figueroa replaced Santos Rivera CW 122 (no Covid test)CW 122. Refund \$687.24
8th race #1 GIT ON YOUR PULPIT (Tr. K. Walsh) Stewards-loose post parade, left track
#2 MOBJACK (Tr. A. Sherman) Stewards-improper sex on program
Refund \$19,169.23

12/04/20⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$12,235.60
SCOTWinc	856	\$309,938.77
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$3,824,358.83
Total	856	\$4,146,533.20

SATURDAY
12/05/20¹

HELLUM FORMAL HEARING CASE 20SA0230

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer LANCE HELLUM for possible violation of CHRB rules 1894 (Duties of Trainer) and 1902.5 (Animal Welfare). Present for the hearing before the BOS were, Court Reporter Mikyla Lux, CHRB Investigator Mike Barker and trainer Lance Hellum. Witnesses for the CHRB were Investigator Greg Icamen and Santa Anita Stall Superintendent Robert Troeger. The complaint reads as follows;

Incident reported by SA Racing Secretary of trainer Lance Hellum failing to attend to his horse, "Dopo Lavoro" in the paddock & supervise saddling for the 9th race on 10/03/2020. Hellum also abandoned his horse, "Dopo Lavoro" from 10/03/20 without proper care till 10/06/20. The horse "Dopo Lavoro" was neglected by Hellum for approximately four (4) days without feed or water. Questions were asked and answered, exhibits were entered into evidence and the hearing was closed. Decision to follow.

12/05/20²

THOMAS RULING CASE 20BM0010

The following ruling was issued after receiving a copy of the Stipulated Settlement between the California Horse Racing Board and trainer Jamey Thomas.

LAFI RULING #01

Trainer JAMEY THOMAS, having entered into a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with the California Horse Racing Board, is fined THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) and suspended for THIRTY calendar days (December 7, 2020, through January 5, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843(a)(b), and (d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(a) (Prohibited Drug Substances – Gabapentin – Class3), pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1887(a) (Trainer or Owner to Insure Condition of Horse). For good cause, FIFTEEN DAYS (December 22, 2020, through January 5, 2021) are stayed, provided that Respondent is placed on probation for a period of ONE year from the date of this ruling and must not be in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rules and Regulations #1843, #1843.1 and #1887 regarding Class 1, 2 or 3 drug substances. If the Respondent violates a condition of his probation, the above referenced FIFTEEN DAYS of the stayed suspension shall be lifted and the remaining actual suspension days shall be imposed after notice and hearing and shall be in addition to any penalty imposed for the underlying rules violations(s).

12/05/20³

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

FRANCISCO AMPARAN along with his agent, Robert Parhizgar met with the Stewards to review the third race yesterday in which he used his crop seven times. Considering mitigating factors, the following ruling was issued:

LAFI RULING #02

Jockey FRANCISCO AMPARAN is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – first offense within the past sixty day period) during the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 4, 2020.

CHRISTIAN ARAGON met with the Stewards to discuss the first and eighth race yesterday. After a review of the races, Mr. Aragon agreed he over used the crop in both races. His penalty for both incidents is listed in the following ruling.

LAFI RULING #03

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON is suspended for FIVE RACING DAYS (5) (December 12, 13, 17, 18 and 19, 2020) for two violations of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – first and second offense during the past sixty day period) during the first and eighth races at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 4, 2020. Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

EDUARD F. ROJAS met with the Stewards to review his ride in the third race. His total use of the crop was one over the limit. With mitigating factors his penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LAFI RULING #04

Jockey EDUARD F. ROJAS is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – first offense within the past sixty day period) during the third race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 4, 2020.

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INQUIRY SEVENTH RACE NO CHANGE 5 ½ dirt

Following the running of the race the inquiry sign was posted to review two incidents in the stretch. Involved were #9 SHADY LADY (E. Maldonado 2nd) and #10 PSYCHO DAR (R. Gonzalez 1st). At the top of the stretch #9 shifted out causing # 10 to steady and redirect. In late stretch #10 drifted in several paths forcing #9 off of its path. In a unanimous decision the Stewards believed the two incidents were off setting and the original order of finish was made official.

12/05/20⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	#5 CHARLOTTE LOUISE (Tr. A. Mathis) claimed by Tr. R. Saldana #6 NORMA'S LOVE (Tr. J. Wong) claimed by Tr. J. Rodriguez. Refund \$24.10
2nd race	No Changes. Refund \$24.70
3rd race	#1 SAVING SOPHIE (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. R. Hanson
4th race	No Changes. Refund \$380.60
5th race	#3 PRINCESS NOOR (Tr. B. Baffert) DNF #4 ASTUTE (Tr. R. Mandella) F. Prat replaced M. Smith (Covid)

6th race No Changes. Refund \$2,217.18
 7th race #5 PERFECT FANNY (Tr. J. Gonzalez Jr.) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Stead
 #11 DETANGLER (Tr. T. Eaton) claimed by Tr. D. O'Neill. Refund \$364.50
 8th race No Changes. Refund \$0
 9th race No Changes. Refund \$30.60

12/05/20⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$30,633.70
SCOTWinc	1,279	\$531,698.56
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,703,564.49
Total	1,279	\$7,265,896.75

SUNDAY

12/06/20¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

ABEL CEDILLO and apprentice SANTOS RIVERA met with the Stewards to review their crop use in the fourth race yesterday. As they both used their crop one time over the limit and this being their second offense in sixty days their penalty is listed in the following rulings.

LAFI RULING #05

Apprentice Jockey SANTOS RIVERA is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – second violation in the past sixty days) during the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 5, 2020.

LAFI RULING #06

Jockey ABEL CEDILLO is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – second violation in the past sixty days) during the fourth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 5, 2020.

CHRISTIAN ARAGON met with the Stewards to review his ride in the eighth race yesterday. In a majority decision, Mr. Aragon again violated the crop rule, with his penalty listed in the following ruling. Steward Ward believed the video could not substantiate he overused his crop.

LAFI RULING #08

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON is suspended for FIVE RACING DAYS (5) (December 20, 26, 27, 31 and January 1, 2021) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during a race – fourth offense within the past sixty day period) during the first race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 5, 2020. Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

12/06/20²

KYNASTON RULING CASE 20SA0247

The following ruling was issued after owner KEVAN KYNASTON failed to appear for the scheduled hearing concerning a financial complaint.

LAFI RULING #07

Owner KEVAN KYNASTON, having failed to respond to a complaint alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility -\$289.00 to Equine Medical Center is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear). During the term of suspension all licenses and license privileges of KEVAN KYNASTON are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to Suspend or Fine), Mr. KYNASTON is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

12/06/20³

SMOOTH SAILING

The nine-race card was performed without a ripple. Any changes made are listed below.

12/06/20⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #2 LOVESICK BLUES (Tr. S. Miyadi) Stewards-loose post parade left track
 Refund \$4,807.37
 2nd race #6 MAMA'A KID (Tr. J. Wong) Stewards-loose post parade left track
 Refund \$38,806.24
 3rd race No Changes; Refund \$851.34

4th race #10 HERE I GO INDY (Tr. J. Lopez) B. Boulanger replaced B. Harvey (personal)
 Refund \$1,127.87
 5th race #6 PROUD EMMA (Tr. P. Miller) J. Hernandez replaced M. Smith (Covid)
 6th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 7th race #10 SHORT OF EZ (Tr. R. Trela) claimed by Tr. R. Hanson
 8th race No Changes; Refund \$0
 9th race No Changes; Refund \$1,231.36

12/06/20⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$35,717.40
SCOTWinc	1,180	\$413,629.88
Out of state + ADW	N/A	\$6,993,515.96
Total	1,180	\$7,442,863.24

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 11/30/20 TO 12/06/20

Horses on Vet List 9
 Horses off Vet List 13
 Shock Wave Therapy 2
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

SUMMARY

	Fri 12/4	Sat 12/5	Sun 12/6	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	1	3	1	5	5
Claims	2	4	1	7	7
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	1	0	1	1
Refunds	5	6	5	16	16
Rulings	0	4	4	8	8
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

 Kim Sawyer, Steward

 Tom Ward, Steward

 Ron Church, Steward

 Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward