

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 December 1, 2020 through December 6, 2020.

Tuesday

12/01/2020

- (1) **ENTRY DAYS**
Steward Dave Nuesch will be on duty this week, attending to morning office matters, overseeing entries, and recording the minutes for this reporting period.
- (2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**
Friday's eight race program was completed by 3 pm today. The card consists of three thoroughbred and five quarter horse races, with a total of fifty-seven (57) horses scheduled to start.
- (3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**
The one race offered for California-bred runners was looking strong early, but ultimately had to be opened-up to all runners, to attract enough interest. The race ultimately was used with a field of eight, six of which were Cal-breds.

Wednesday

12/02/2020

- (1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**
Scratch time for Friday night's program was conducted at 9:00 am resulting in no changes.
- (2) **ENTRIES AND DRAW**
Saturday's eight race program was drawn around 5 pm today. The card, consisting of four around-the-turn races, has a total of forty-nine (49) runners.
- (3) **CAL-BRED REPORT**
The one California-bred race offered today was called off early, with only two Cal-bred entries.

Thursday

12/03/2020

- (1) **SCRATCHES AND CHANGES**
Scratch time for Saturday night's program was conducted at 9:00am, one rider change and one equipment change.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Sunday's program, highlighted by the Snowbound Superstar Stakes, going 870 yards, was not drawn until after 5:30 pm today. The card consists of four around-the-turn races, with a total of forty-nine (49) horses scheduled to start, on the eight-race card.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The lone California-bred race offered today was promptly called off, with no Cal-bred entries.

Friday
12/04/2020

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Sunday night's program was conducted at 9:00 am with just one jockey change.

(2) ANDRADE RULINGS

The following two rulings were issued after jockey Oscar Andrade Jr. was found to have violated the crop rule on two occasions on last Sunday evening's race card.

RULING # 293

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE, JR., 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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 29, 2020.

RULING # 294

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE, JR., IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* 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 FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 29, 2020.

(3) NICASIO FINED

For violating the crop rule in the eighth race on November 29th, jockey Jose Nicasio was issued a fine, detailed in the following ruling.

RULING # 295

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (C)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP –CROPPING WITH THE CROP IN A COCKED POSITION-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 29, 2020.

(4) RANGEL SUSPENDED, AGAIN

After violating the crop rule, yet again, jockey Jairo Rangel was issued the following ruling.

RULING # 296

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL IS SUSPENDED FOR SIX (6) RACING DAYS (DECEMBER 11TH, 12TH, 13TH, 18TH, 19TH AND 20TH, 2020) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP- MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE - SIXTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 29, 2020.

(5) VOIDED CLAIM, RACE 3

Following the post-race examination by official veterinarian Dr. Beck, the claim submitted by trainer Valentin Zamudio, for the runner Run Heat, was voided. The three-year-old colt was returned to the Jesus Ramos stable.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Ever For Ever Ever (Tr. J. Nunez) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$611.94
4th Race #1 Santaluz Dreamin (Tr. J. Nunez) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$603.30
#2 B S Cyclotron (Tr. J Nunez) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$50.16
#5 Eskimo Roses (Tr. M. Pineda) – entered-back – Stewards. Refund \$44.10

- 5th Race #2 AP Corona Classic (Tr. Y. Rodriguez) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$183.20
 6th Race #6 Orale Jesszenidog (Tr. R. Guillen) – Late Scratch at Gate – Dr. Fitzgerald
 Refund \$24,354.75
 8th Race #1 Shark Cat (Tr. S. Morfin) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$154.26

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On track	0	\$6,353.80
Off track	343	\$53,316.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,093,851.33
Total	343	\$1,153,521,13

Saturday
 12/05/2020

(1) SEGUNDO RULING

This afternoon, exercise rider Emmanuel Segundo Jr. came into our office to discuss a citation, issued earlier in the week, for galloping on the rail. After speaking to everyone involved, the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 297

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS), EXERCISE RIDER EMMANUEL SEGUNDO JR. IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE MORNING OUTFRIDER- GALLOPING TOO CLOSE TO THE INSIDE RAIL.

(2) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards posted the inquiry sign following the running of the seventh race to review an incident nearing the finish line where jockey Luis Valenzuela, rider of #3 Apollitical Reason, was unseated. Upon reviewing the race, the Stewards determined that #2 Racing N Lace appeared to stumble suddenly, interfering with Apollitical Reason, causing that rival to alter course abruptly, losing her jockey. The Stewards ruled that Apollitical Reason 'did not finish' as she did not carry the weight of her jockey for the entire 110-yard journey. Additionally, for interference, the Stewards disqualified #2 Racing N Lace, from fifth to 'unplaced'.

Original order: 5-1-4-6-2-3(DNF)
 New order: 5-1-4-6-3(DNF)-2(Unplaced)

(3) INQUIRY INTO THE START

Following the running of the eighth race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign concerning the start, as it appeared that the starting gate doors of #1 Old Blue Shirt opened slowly. Upon review, the Stewards determined that actions of Old Blue Shirt, along with the flipping halter that he was equipped with, caused the delay in the opening of the doors. Old Blue Shirt was considered a starter, and no refunds were issued.

(4) LATE DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #1 Happier Together (Tr. K. Craigmyle) – entered-back – Stewards. Refund \$362.70
 2nd Race #2 Lost The Minister (Tr. J. Uranga) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$236.90
 4th Race #2 Miss Daddy (Tr. M. Pineda) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$81.70
 #3 Flawless Gem (Tr. J. Mendoza) – Panel Scratch – Stewards. Refund \$256.80

(5) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On track	0	\$3,797.30
Off track	381	\$86,540.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,020,838.39
Total	381	\$1,111,175.69

Sunday
 12/06/2020

(1) SHOW WAGERING CANCELLED

Show wagering in tonight's third race was cancelled by the Stewards, per CHRB rule 1954, after two program scratches brought the field size down to only four runners.

(2) VANNED HOME

After the conclusion of tonight's sixth race, Irvine Lara (jockey of #3 Josephin Bono) hopped off his mount on the backstretch, having concern over the condition of that runner, who had just finished second. As a precaution, the horse ambulance was dispatched to give Josephin Bono a ride back to her stable. Jockey Lara weighed back in, after returning to the jockeys' room.

(3) LATE DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

1st Race #1 Rockin My Mojo (Tr. J. Uranga) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$1,038.20
#3 Irish Jack (Tr. A. Aquino) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$239.86
3rd Race #1 Owners' Prestige (Tr. J. Raudales) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$128.80
#6 Cat's Dessert (Tr. J. Nunez) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$69.96
7th Race #1 Flex Jet (Tr. R. Zuazo) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$193.16

(4) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	0	\$4,737.00
Off track	358	\$84,956.30
Out of state	N/A	\$835,537.13
Total	358	\$925,230.43

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on December 6, 2020. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 18 horses were added to the Veterinarian List as follows, 7 for soundness, 5 for injury, and 6 for sickness. Thirteen horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Dave Nuesch.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 12/04	Sat 12/05	Sun 12/06	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	1	0	1	6
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	8
Claims	R		1	2	0	3	272
Disqualifications	K		0	1	0	1	34
Inquiries		D	0	2	0	2	40
Refunds		A	7	4	5	16	467
Rulings		Y	4	1	0	5	297
Voided Claims		S	1	0	0	1	44

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards David Nuesch, James Dreyer, Richard Williams, and Safety Steward Luis Jauregui were in attendance during this reporting period.

David Nuesch, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

Richard Williams, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Safety Steward