

**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 March 16, 2021 through March 21, 2021.

**Tuesday**  
03/16/2021

(1) **RICHARD WILLIAMS ON DUTY**

Richard Williams was on duty for entries, scratches and changes.

(2) **CAL- BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, for California Bred Maiden 2 year olds, attracted 12 entries and was used as 2, 6 horse fields. 7 of the entries were California Breds.

(3) **ENTRIES FOR FRIDAY 03/19/2021**

45 horses made up 7 races, 1 Thoroughbred, 2 Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred, and 4 Quarter Horse races. The first 2 year old races of the year will be run on this card.

**Wednesday**  
03/17/2021

(1) **SCRATCHES**

There were no jockey changes at scratch time.

(2) **CAL – BRED REPORT**

The second race in the book, for Cal Bred maidens 3 year olds at 330 yards attracted 2 entries but neither was Cal Bred.

(3) **ENTRIES FOR SATURDAY 03/20/2021**

43 horses made up 7 races, 1 Thoroughbred and 6 Quarter Horse races.

(4) **PANEL MEETING**

No horses were placed on the watch list and no horses were advised to be scratched for Friday 3/19/2021.

**Thursday**  
03/18/2021

(1) **SCRATCH TIME**

There were no changes at scratch time.

**(2) CAL - BRED REPORT**

The first race in the book, for California Bred Maiden 3 year olds at 330 yards, attracted no entries.

**(3) PANEL MEETING**

The Los Alamitos Panel met to review and discuss the entries for the Saturday 3/20/2021 races.

**(4) ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY 03/21/2021**

43 horse made up 3 Thoroughbred, 2 Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse and 2 Quarter Horse races.

**Friday**

03/19/2021

**(1) SCRATCH TIME**

At scratch time, there were no changes for Sunday 3/21/2021.

**(2) PANEL MEETING**

The Los Alamitos Panel met to discuss the entries for Sunday 3/21/2021.

**(3) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #6 Marino Heat (trainer Lorenzo Ruiz) was scratched (stewards-entered back)  
Refund \$82.30
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #2 Jaydann Bus (trainer Jesus Nunez) was injured in the gate and scratched (vet-injured)  
Refund \$16,452.04
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Aquatic (trainer Roberto Dominguez) was scratched (vet-sick)  
Refund \$673.06
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 The Best Feeling (trainer Jaime Gomez) was scratched (vet-sick)  
Refund \$519.92

**(4) CLAIMS**

None

**(5) RULINGS**

**Ruling # 46**

OWNER SEAN PERRY, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$2,200.00 TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EQUINE) IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #43, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON MARCH 12, 2021, IS SET ASIDE.

This ruling was written after the Stewards were informed by the California Horse Racing Board Investigators that the Financial Responsibility complaint had been satisfied per a letter from Amber Joy French at Equine Sports Medicine dated 3/19/2021 stating that the obligation was paid in full, and no further action was necessary.

**Ruling #47**

JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(3) (USE OF RIDING CROP – USING THE CROP DURING THE WARM UP PERIOD) PRIOR TO THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 14, 2021.

This ruling was written after Jockey Erasmo Gasca called the Stewards' Office.

**Ruling #48**

JOCKEY HENRY REYNOSO LOPEZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(3) (USE OF RIDING CROP – USING THE CROP DURING THE WARM UP PERIOD) PRIOR TO THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 14, 2021.

This ruling was written after Jockey Henry Reynoso Lopez appeared in the Stewards' Office to review the race.

**(6) INQUIRIES**

In the 4<sup>th</sup> race, the stewards posted an inquiry involving the #3 horse He Looks Famous (jockey

Cesar Franco) interfering with the #4 horse Jess Being Enough (jockey Oscar Andrade). The stewards determined that the #3 He Looks Famous did interfere with the #4 Jess Being Enough. #3 He Looks Famous finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and was placed 4<sup>th</sup> behind #4 Jess Being Enough.

**(7) VOIDED CLAIMS**

None

**(8) INCIDENTS**

None

**(9) HEARINGS**

The Stewards held the continuation of the hearing for Scott Willoughby for Case #20LA0224 and Mr. Willoughby requested clarification on uncertain levels of the split sample test. A letter was issued by the University of Florida College of Medicine as to the levels. Mr. Willoughby was presented this information and requested a day to digest the information. The Stewards granted an additional day.

**(10) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$34,860.90
Off track	536	\$157,475.60
Out of state	N/A	\$829,727.60
Total	536	\$1,022,064.10

**Saturday**  
03/20/2021

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #6 Favorite Fly (trainer Clemente Hurtado) was scratched (vet-injured) Refund \$283.76  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Carisma Vista (trainer Jose Flores) was scratched (vet-injured) Refund \$234.00

**(2) CLAIMS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #2 Acting Cat (trainer Brian Koriner) was claimed for \$3,200.00 by Jesus Uranga.

**(3) CLAIMS VOIDED**

None

**(4) RULINGS**

**Ruling # 49**

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO 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 THE RACE) DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 19, 2021.

**Ruling #50**

JOCKEY VICTOR SALAZAR, WHO RODE CALENDAR GIRL CARTEL IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 14, 2021, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 27<sup>TH</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2021) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE AFTER THE START, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO SIXTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES- CARELESS RIDING).

**(5) OBJECTIONS/INQUIRIES**

None

**(6) INCIDENTS**

In the 5<sup>th</sup> race, #6 Mason Jar (jockey Cesar Franco) broke from the gate sharply to the inside colliding with the #5 Maximo Crystal and #4 Fly Over, unseating Cesar Franco. Mason Jar was the cause of the incident and did not finish due to lost rider. Cesar Franco was cleared by the paramedics and rode the rest of the evening. No further action.

**(7) HEARINGS**

Trainer Scott Willoughby returned a phone call to continue the hearing from Friday. The hearing was concluded, and a ruling will be issued in Sunday 3/21/2021.

**(8) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$30,715.50
Off track	519	\$100,369.20
Out of state	N/A	\$733,217.58
Total	519	\$864,302.28

**Sunday**  
03/21/2021

**(1) RULINGS**

**Ruling # 51**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER SCOTT WILLOUGHBY, WHO STARTED THE HORSE "FAMES FIRE", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 6, 2020, IS FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS, AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1843.1 (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES- PHENYLBUTAZONE AND FLUNIXIN).

**Ruling #52**

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>; APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup>, AND 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(7 & 8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE) WHILE RIDING "I LEAN" IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 20, 2021.

In a letter dated 3/22/2021 from Equine Sports Medicine, Alejandro Arzabala (case #17LA0142) was paid in full. A reinstatement ruling will follow.

**(2) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Happier Together (trainer Angela Aquino) was scratched (vet-injured) (Loose during the warm up period) Refund \$20,508.25
- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #4 Cute Talker (trainer Sally Rivera) was scratched (panel) Refund \$40.75
- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #5 Joe's Passion (trainer Sally Rivera) was scratched (stewards-not eligible) Refund \$163.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #1 Best Lady (trainer Rafael DeLeon) was scratched (vet-sick) Refund \$202.72
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #3 Thanks (trainer Lorenzo Ruiz) was scratched (vet-sick) Refund \$100.43
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #4 Dream On Brother (trainer Jesus Uranga) was scratched (stewards- not eligible) Refund \$229.55
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Wicked Blue (trainer Vernon Aguayo) was scratched (vet-injured) Refund \$427.78

**CLAIMS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 D K's Crown (trainer Doug O'Neil) was claimed for \$5,000.00 by Milton Pineda.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Baby Gronk (trainer Jeffery Metz) was claimed for \$5,000.00 by Brian Cunningham.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Captain N. Barron (trainer Sergio Morfin) was claimed for \$5,000.00 by Van Belvior.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Kiss Me Bac (trainer Jamie Gomez) was claimed for \$10,000.00 by Jesus Mendoza.

**(3) VOIDED CLAIM**

None

**(4) HEARINGS**

None

**(5) OBJECTIONS AND INQUIRIES**

In the 6<sup>th</sup> race, the stewards posted an inquiry for interference at the break. The # 6 The Kids A Cowboy (Jockey Ruben Luzano) broke sharply in and interfered with the #5 horse Round About (Jockey Henry Lopez) and #4 Western Icon (Jockey Juan Pablo Leon). #6 The Kids A Cowboy

finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and was placed 6<sup>th</sup> for interference. The Stewards felt there was little chance to correct the horse before the incident happened.

**(6) INCIDENTS**

None

**(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	0	\$28,310.50
Off track	534	\$106,480.30
Out of state	N/A	\$874,281.96
Total	534	\$1,009,072.76

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 21, 2021. There were no equine deaths to report this week.

During this reporting period, 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian's list as follows: 4 for injury and 4 for sickness. Eight horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward Richard Williams.

**SUMMARY**

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 03/19	Sat 03/20	Sun 03/21	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D		0	0	0	0	1
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A		0	0	0	0	1
<b>Claims</b>	R		0	1	4	5	56
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K		1	0	1	2	7
<b>Inquiries</b>		D	1	1	1	3	22
<b>Refunds</b>		A	4	2	7	13	152
<b>Rulings</b>		Y	3	2	2	7	50
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S	0	0	0	0	5

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

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Richard Williams, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward