

**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 October 22, 2019 through October 27, 2019.

**Thursday**  
10/24/2019

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this past week to oversee the entry process, changes and scratches. The numbers were good for all three cards, as twenty five races span the weekend offering. Unfortunately, there was not a Cal Bred in sight. Ward will also be handling minutes for the upcoming week.

**Friday**  
10/25/2019

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #3 U S Lawman (entered back)  
#6 Scullyism (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$345.30  
5<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Kid Around (Vet-sick)  
#7 My Sweet Mia (entered back) Refund of \$804.60

**(2) RIDER EXCUSED**

Ramon Sanchez was excused from his only mount on the card as he did not plan to ride this evening but the trainer he rides for named him without his knowledge. A replacement was named.

**(3) RULING**

Ruling # 273

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 20, 2019.

This ruling was issued as the rider did not offer an excuse for a "crop" violation this past Sunday.

**(4) RULING**

Ruling # 274

JOCKEY RUBEN LOZANO, WHO RODE "FIRE BY NIGHT" IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 20, 2019, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO RACING DAYS (2) (NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2019) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM SECOND TO FIFTH POSITION. 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.

The preceding ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the eighth race from last Sunday evening, following which his mount was disqualified for interference. The rider offered no excuse, stating that he should have made a stronger effort to maintain a straight course.

**(5) QUIET EVENING**

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

**(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	509	\$86,341.70
Off track	1,540	\$350,123.90
Out of state	N/A	\$605,200.59
Total	2,049	\$1,041,666.19

**Saturday**  
10/26/2019

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Race #7 Thanks (Vet-injured) Refund of \$355.00  
6<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Fires Away (entered back) Refund of \$234.00  
7<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Sounds Good (entered back) Refund of \$272.00

**(2) RULING**

Ruling # 275

JOCKEY ARMANDO R. CERVANTES IS FINED ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 25, 2019.

This ruling was issued as the rider chose not to defend his "crop" violation.

**(3) RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Frank Johnson was excused from his mount this evening as he underwent emergency oral surgery and could not complete his engagement. A replacement rider was named.

**(4) TRAINER OBJECTION/NO CHANGE**

The objection sign was posted after the fourth race as trainer Lorenzo Ruiz (3<sup>rd</sup>, #1 Kenny Benny) lodged a claim of foul against the winner, #2 Ajac, and the second place horse, #3 Take City By Storm. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the objection. Take City By Storm was making up ground along the rail in the final one sixteenth when the hole closed. However, in the Stewards' opinion, the incident took place at a point in the race where the horse's finish position was not affected.

**(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,543	\$116,355.20
Off track	1,805	\$454,158.80
Out of state	N/A	\$685,034.73
Total	3,348	\$1,255,548.73

**Sunday**  
10/27/2019

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Foreverinsummer (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$191.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Race #1 El Koreano (Vet-injured) Refund of \$202.00

**(2) RULING**

Ruling # 277

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 25, 2019.

The preceding ruling was issued as, once again, Mr. Franco was “excuseless” for his “crop” violation.

**(3) RULING**

Ruling # 276

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> 2019) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-MULTIPLE OFFENSES WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 25, 2019.

\*THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Franco had no excuse for his fifth “crop” offense within the past sixty days.

**(4) RULING**

Ruling # 278

JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY, WHO RODE “AJAC” IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACECOURSE ON OCTOBER 26, 2019, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO RACING DAYS (2) (NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2019) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE. 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 fourth race from Saturday, following which his mount was the source of a trainer’s objection. Mr. Harvey held the opinion that his mount did not drift in to the point that the rider to his inside had to check. A review of the video showed that his opinion was misguided.

**(5) RIDERS EXCUSED**

Jockeys Frank Johnson and Erasmo Gasca were excused from their riding engagements this

evening. Gasca injured his foot in an incident at a barn, while Johnson's mouth had not healed sufficiently for him to resume riding.

**(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY-NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the second race as the Stewards reviewed an incident shortly after the start involving the first and third place finishers, #3 Northrdancrsgghost (J. Allen) and #4 Earle Gray (E. Payeras).

After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original placings. Video showed that while Earle Gray did suffer a light bump when the winner drifted out shortly after the start, its finish position was not compromised.

**(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	477	\$79,588.80
Off track	1,625	\$301,350.20
Out of state	N/A	\$763,438.21
Total	2,102	\$1,144,377.21

**TRACK SAFETY REPORT**

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 27, 2019. There were no equine deaths to report this week.

During this reporting period, 6 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 2 for injury, and 1 for sickness. Nine 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 10/25	Sat 10/26	Sun 10/27	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D		0	0	0	0	7
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A		0	0	0	0	23
<b>Claims</b>	R		5	4	0	9	245
<b>Disqualification</b>	K		0	0	0	0	31
<b>Inquiries</b>		D	0	1	1	2	69
<b>Refunds</b>		A	2	3	2	7	388
<b>Rulings</b>		Y	2	1	3	6	278
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S	0	0	0	0	50

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, Scott Chaney, James Dreyer and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

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