

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 May 4, 2021 through May 9, 2021.

Thursday
05/06/2021

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Richard Williams was in the office this week for entries, scratches and changes. The weekend cards filled rather well, with the Friday and Saturday offerings being finalized by early afternoon. The Sunday program was a bit more difficult to fill, but was nonetheless drawn by mid-afternoon.

Tom Ward will be writing minutes for the coming week.

Friday
05/07/2021

(1) STEWARD OUT

James Dreyer will be out of the stand for a few days for personal reasons. Paul Atkinson will move over from Safety Steward to fill in for Mr. Dreyer. The Safety Steward position will be filled by one of the Stewards from Santa Anita.

(2) EARLY DECLARATIONS

1st Race #2 Way Too Sweet (Vet-injured)
#5 Musically (Panel) Refund of \$1,045.96
2nd Race #2 Dabzilla (Vet-injured) Refund \$666.67
3rd Race #6 Harper's Gem (Vet-injured) Refund of \$91.77
8th Race #1 An Odd Sort (Entered back) Refund of \$330.50

(3) JOCKEY RULINGS

Ruling # 90

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 14TH, 15TH, AND 16TH, 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) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 2, 2021.

Ruling #91

JOCKEY IRVING LARA IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* AND IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (MAY 14TH, 15TH, 16TH, 21ST AND 22ND, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(7) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWO TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND), RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE), AND RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION) DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 2, 2021.

Ruling #92

JOCKEY ALBERTO ZEPEDA 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 THE RACE) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 2, 2021.

These rulings were issued after the Stewards determined that the individuals were in violation of rule #1688 (Use of Riding Crop) with no mitigating factors.

(4) RULING

Ruling # 93

OWNER SEAN PERRY, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR FOR A HEARING WITH THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE, IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR) BEGINNING MAY 10, 2021 UNTIL HIS APPEARANCE.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Perry failed to participate in the scheduled financial hearing filed by his former trainer, Jose Raudales. Mr. Perry was granted a continuance from the original hearing date of April 23, 2021, and was also permitted to respond by telephone. Mr. Raudales, who has since relocated to Emerald Downs in Washington, called in on schedule to support his case.

(5) CLAIM VOIDED

The claim deposited by trainer Milton Pineda prior to the second race for #3 Sapphire Silk was voided when Official Veterinarian Beck informed us that the horse was off in the left foreleg during its time in the Receiving Barn. The horse was returned to the barn of the former trainer, Angela Aquino.

(6) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the seventh race as #1 Burnin Fire unseated jockey Cruz Mendez during the warm up period and ran off. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$10,946.85.

(7) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted following the eighth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident in the final one sixteenth involving the winner, #2 Last Magic Rhythm (C. Gonzalez) and the fifth place horse, #3 Good Trouble (J. Rangel). After speaking with those involved and reviewing video of the race, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Last Magic Rhythm from first to fifth position. Video showed the horse drifting out, floating and taking the path of Good Trouble and forcing that horse's rider to check sharply. The incident, in the Stewards' opinion, cost Mr. Rangel and his mount the chance for a better placing.

(8) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	574	\$114,891.80
Off track	764	\$223,816.00
Out of state	N/A	\$979,793.40
Total	1,338	\$1,318,501.20

Saturday
05/08/2021

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

5th Race #9 Best Queens Card (Vet-sick) Refund of \$229.30

(2) RULING

Ruling # 94

OWNER ROBERT JASMIN, HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR FOR A HEARING WITH THE BOARD OF STEWARDS AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE, IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR) BEGINNING MAY 10, 2021 UNTIL HIS APPEARANCE.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Jasmin failed to respond to charges of a delinquent horse transportation bill to KC Horse Transportation. Efforts to contact Mr. Jasmin were unsuccessful.

(3) RULING

Ruling #95

JOCKEY CRISTIAN GONZALEZ, WHO RODE LAST MAGIC RHYTHM IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 7, 2021, IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MAY 15TH, 16TH AND 21ST, 2021) FOR FAILURE TO MAKE THE PROPER EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A STRAIGHT COURSE, CAUSING INTERFERENCE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF HIS MOUNT FROM FIRST TO FIFTH POSITION. THIS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1699 (RIDING RULES-CARELESS RIDING).

The preceding ruling was issued after the young rider had viewed the eighth race from Friday, after which his mount was disqualified for interference in the final one sixteenth. He admitted his mistake and assured us he will make a better effort in the future.

(4) RULING

Ruling # 96

APPRENTICE JOCKEY CESAR ORTEGA IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 7, 2021.

The foregoing ruling was published as the rider once again missed his first mount at this venue. It will get more expensive for him if his tardiness continues.

(5) RIDER CHANGE

A late change in riders for the second race was announced as Cesar Ortega called to say that he was stuck in freeway traffic and would not be able to fulfill his engagement. A replacement rider was named.

(6) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim in the fourth race for #3 The Last Cly, deposited by trainer Ricardo Guillen, was voided as the horse bled while in the Detention Barn. The horse went back to the barn of the original trainer, Jesus Mendoza.

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	713	\$118,677.10
Off track	867	\$247,329.20
Out of state	N/A	\$1,191,240.64
Total	1,580	\$1,557,246.94

Sunday
05/09/2021

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #3 Tyrannical Rex (Vet-sick) Refund of \$176.50
4th Race #4 An Odd Sort (Vet-injured) Refund of \$214.51
7th Race #1 Cleared To Fly (Vet-sick) Refund of \$4,115.72

(2) RULINGS

Ruling # 97

APPRENTICE JOCKEY CESAR ORTEGA IS FINED SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 8, 2021.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Ortega, once again, missed his first mount at this venue. He was told that if he wants to ply his trade at two tracks, he must be certain that the mounts do not conflict. It will be up to his agents to get their heads together and come up with a workable schedule.

Ruling #98

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL IS SUSPENDED FOR TEN (10) RACING DAYS (MAY 22ND, 23RD, 28TH, 29TH, 30TH; JUNE 4TH, 5TH, 6TH, 11TH AND 12TH, 2021) AND FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(7 & 8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN TWICE IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND AND MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RUNNING OF THE RACE) IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MAY 8, 2021. JAIRO RANGEL IS NOT ACCORDED THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING IN DESIGNATED RACES OR TRIALS DURING THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION.

The preceding ruling was issued as Mr. Rangel again violated both sections of the “crop” rule. He did not ride this evening as he was starting a five day suspension for a recent “crop” violation. The Stewards felt that taking away the privilege of trials and designated races was the only way that we could get the rider to focus on complying with the rule. To be candid, a set of “days” to some riders participating here is not much of a deterrent but banning them from trials and designated races should pick their heads up.

(3) RIDER EXCUSED

Jonathan Roman was excused from his mounts this evening due to illness. Replacement riders were announced.

(4) STEWARDS' INQUIRY INTO THE START

The inquiry sign was posted after the fifth race to review two incidents at the start. The first involved #3 Gentleman Chuck, who broke extremely slowly and the second involved the winner, #6 Catalina Rocket, which had broken in sharply. After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson and reviewing video of the race, the Stewards voted unanimously to make no change in the placings. Gentleman Chuck flipped its head coincident with the stall doors opening, thereby causing its own problem. Catalina Rocket, while breaking in sharply, outbroke its field to the point that no other horse was affected.

(5) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	677	\$99,073.90
Off track	699	\$182,649.60
Out of state	N/A	\$1,278,595.37
Total	1,376	\$1,560,318.87

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on May 9, 2021. There were no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 1 for soundness, 4 for injury, 3 for sickness, and 1 for bleeding. Six horse 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 05/07	Sat 05/08	Sun 05/09	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	1
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	1
Claims	R		1	3	1	5	86
Disqualifications	K		1	0	0	1	11
Inquiries		D	1	0	1	2	27
Refunds		A	5	1	3	9	212
Rulings		Y	4	3	2	9	97
Voided Claims		S	1	1	0	2	12

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Tom Ward, James Dreyer, 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