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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of July 6, 2021, through July 11, 2021.

Thursday

07/08/2021

(1) DUTY STEWARD

Tom Ward was in the office this week for entries, scratches and assorted duties. The entry process was laborious, as the Friday card was drawn just before 8:00 pm. Saturday was quite a bit better, with the draw concluded at 3 o'clock. Sunday reverted back to an evening draw, this time at 7:00 pm.

The good news is that with trials on Saturday and Sunday, there will be eight California Bred races. Changes were held to a minimum, as horsemen needed either a veterinarian, Steward, or ineligible reason to scratch.

Ward will be writing the minutes for the week. Following the close of racing on Sunday, Los Alamitos will be cutting back to a two day per week schedule- Saturday and Sunday. Management will attempt to put on 10 race programs on those days, with more races as entries permit.

Friday

07/09/2021

(1) CHANGE IN STEWARDS' PANEL

Rich Williams will be out of the office this week for personal reasons. David Nuesch will fill in for Mr. Williams.

(2) EARLY DECLARATIONS

3 rd Race	#2 Shake N Fries (Vet-injured)	
	#5 Two Bills (Panel)	Refund of \$374.32
4 th Race	#5 Helicopter Pilot (Vet-sick)	Refund of \$233.62
7 th Race	#3 Kiss My Astica (Vet-Injured)	Refund of \$232.12

(3) CROP VIOLATION RULINGS

Ruling # 133

JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (JULY 17TH, 18TH, 24TH, 25TH, AND 31ST, 2021) AND 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 RUNNING OF THE RACE) IN THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 3, 2021.

JAIRO RANGEL IS NOT ACCORDED THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING IN DESIGNATED RACES OR TRIALS DURING THE TERM OF THIS SUSPENSION.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Rangel opted not to meet with the Stewards and accepted the penalty meted out. The rider was just coming off a ten day suspension for the same violation and violated the rule in the first, and only, race he rode.

Ruling # 134

JOCKEY JAMES A. FLORES IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JULY 17TH AND 18TH, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 3, 2021.

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 Mr. Flores, who participated by telephone from his home base in Ruidoso, admitted to the infraction.

(4) CLAIM VOIDED

A claim deposited in the third race by trainer Jesus Uranga for #6 D K's Crown was voided as the horse bled while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to trainer Milton Pineda once it was stabilized.

(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY INTO START

The inquiry sign was posted after the eighth race to review the start of #3 Separate Delight, ridden by Diego Herrera. The initial observation indicated that the horse had its head turned when Starter Gary Brinson dispatched the field. After reviewing video of the race, the Stewards unanimously voted to declare the horse a "starter". Review showed that the horse was looking straight down the track just prior to the start, but turned its head on its own when the doors opened.

(6) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	566	\$93,161.50
Off track	904	\$234,666.00
Out of state	N/A	\$841,295.42
Total	1,470	\$1,169,122.92

Saturday
07/10/2021

(1) EARLY DECLARATION

7th Race #4 Wave Runner (Vet List-bled) Refund of \$110.56

(2) MORE CROP RULINGS

Ruling # 135

JOCKEY OSCAR M. PEINADO IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JULY 17TH AND 18TH, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION) DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 9, 2021.

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766

(DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

Ruling # 136

JOCKEY VICTOR M. SALAZAR IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JULY 17TH AND 18TH, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION) DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 9, 2021.

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

These rulings were issued after the riders had viewed video from Friday, during which they violated the "crop" rule with their crops in the "cocked" position.

(3) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the second race as #2 Coretti unseated the rider, Henry Reynoso Lopez, as the field approached the starting gate and ran off into the stable area. Lopez was not injured and the horse was unscathed. The refund amounted to \$11,291.38.

(4) REFUND

There was another refund, this time in the third race. #5 PJS Rockin Rose flipped and pinned itself under the starting gate, prompting Racing Veterinarian Fitzgerald to recommend that the horse be declared. The resulting refund amounted to \$12,752.94.

(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The inquiry sign was posted after the sixth race to review an incident shortly after the start involving the second and seventh place finishers, #3 Letty Cartel (D. Herrera), and #2 Llego El Amo (O. Peinado). After reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards voted unanimously to disqualify Letty Cartel from second to seventh position. The horse drifted into the path of Llego El Amo, causing that horse to clip heels and stumble sharply.

(6) STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards reviewed an incident at the start of the seventh race involving the fifth and sixth place finishers, #5 Fast Cat Prize (R. Lozano) and #3 Red Hot Topic (H. Lopez). The inquiry sign was not posted as pari-mutuel payoffs were not affected; however, an announcement was made as to the inquiry in progress. After reviewing video of the start, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Fast Cat Prize from fifth to sixth position. Video showed the horse breaking into the path of Red Hot Topic, creating hard contact. The incident, in the Stewards' opinion, cost horse and rider the chance for a better placing.

(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	648	\$104,087.00
Off track	1,017	\$298,634.40
Out of state	N/A	\$882,179.30
Total	1,665	\$1,284,900.70

Sunday
07/11/2021

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd Race #5 Naomi Fraley (Not eligible-injection) Refund of \$686.56

(2) MORE CROP RULINGS

Ruling # 137

JOCKEY IRVING LARA IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JULY 18TH AND 24TH, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION) DURING THE

SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 10, 2021.

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

Ruling # 138

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JULY 18TH AND 24TH, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION) DURING THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 10, 2021.

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1766 (DESIGNATED RACES), THE TERM OF SUSPENSION SHALL NOT PROHIBIT PARTICIPATION IN DESIGNATED RACES.

Ruling # 139

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES 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 THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 10, 2021.

Ruling # 140

JOCKEY RODRIGO ACEVES IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JULY 31ST AND AUGUST 1ST, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (b)(8) (USE OF RIDING CROP – MORE THAN SIX TIMES DURING THE RACE) DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 10, 2021.

RODRIGO ACEVES IS NOT ACCORDED THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING IN THE GOVERNOR'S CUP FUTURITY, A DESIGNATED RACE.

Ruling # 141

JOCKEY VICTOR M. SALAZAR IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JULY 24TH AND 25TH, 2021) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688 (c)(2) (USE OF RIDING CROP IN THE COCKED POSITION) DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 10, 2021. VICTOR SALAZAR IS NOT ACCORDED THE PRIVILEGE OF RIDING IN THE GOVERNOR'S CUP FUTURITY, A DESIGNATED RACE.

These rulings were issued after review and discussion with the riders. Mr. Aceves' and Mr. Salazar's transgressions took place during trials and they will therefore be precluded from riding in the finals. Mr. Aceves readily acknowledged his mistakes, but said "someone" in the Jockey's Room told him that if a rider switched their crop, they were allowed one strike in the cocked position without it being considered a violation. He received four days worth of bad information.

(3) RULING

Ruling # 142

APPRENTICE JOCKEY DIEGO HERRERA, WHO RODE LETTY CARTEL IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 10, 2021, IS SUSPENDED FOR TWO (2) RACING DAYS (JULY 24TH AND 25TH, 2021) 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 SEVENTH 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 IN CALIFORNIA.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Herrera had viewed the sixth race from Saturday evening, following

which his mount was disqualified for interference. The young rider admitted his mistake and accepted the consequences.

(4) RIDER EXCUSED

Jockey Jairo Rangel was excused from his mount this evening after he called to say that he was not able to pay his fine, even after being given an extension. A replacement rider was named.

(5) TWO CLAIMS VOIDED

A pair of claims did not pass muster this evening. In the fourth race, the claim deposited by trainer Valentin Zamudio for #6 Hawks Valentine was voided after Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that the gelding was unsound in the left foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse went back to trainer Paul Jones. Mr. Zamudio also lost a potential addition to his barn in the fifth race as #3 Six One Nine bled while entering the detention barn. Dr. Beck delivered the bad news on that horse, as well. The horse went back to trainer Adan Farias.

(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	624	\$106,587.60
Off track	921	\$237,741.00
Out of state	N/A	\$1,078,692.12
Total	1,545	\$1,423,020.72

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on July 11, 2021. There were no equine deaths to report. During this reporting period, 10 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 1 for soundness, 4 for injury, 4 for sickness, and 1 for bleeding. 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 7/09	Sat 7/10	Sun 7/11	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	2
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	6	2	8	9
Claims	R		2	1	1	4	120
Disqualifications	K		0	2	0	2	18
Inquiries		D	1	2	0	3	41
Refunds		A	3	3	1	7	292
Rulings		Y	2	2	6	10	142
Voided Claims		S	1	0	2	3	21

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

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward