

## 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 July 27, 2021, through July 31, 2021.

**Tuesday**

07/27/2021

**(1) MEDICATION VIOLATION HEARING**

Trainer Michael Robbins was in the office this morning in front of Stewards Dreyer, Ward and Williams on this non-racing day, responding to a complaint filed against him by Board investigators as the Class IV drug Isoflupredone (Predef) was found in his horse PJS Rockin Rose, winner of the sixth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 18, 2021. The level of the drug found was 46 pg/ml. The hearing was recorded after Mr. Robbins chose to go forward without representation. This case is rather straightforward as records reflect that Mr. Robbins' attending veterinarian, Dr. Overly, injected the horse with Predef eight days prior to the race and it lingered in the system longer than the affected parties thought it would, or should.

Mr. Robbins has an exemplary compliance record with respect to medication compliance as records show no violations during his training career, which spans several decades in various states. He will be fined the minimum amount for the violation- Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), with the ruling being issued on this coming Saturday, our next racing day.

**Thursday**

07/29/2021

**(1) DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the "entry box" this week to oversee entries, scratches and changes. Ten race cards were on tap for the abbreviated racing week. For once, it was not a struggle to fill the racing programs as there were trials and California Bred Stakes races. Changes were negligible. Ward will be writing minutes for the week.

**Saturday**

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

1 <sup>ST</sup> Race	#2 Git On Your Pulpit (Panel-vet issues) Refund of \$183.60
2 <sup>nd</sup> Race	#1 Captain N Barron (Vet-injured) Refund of \$433.50
6 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Just Be Real (Vet-sick) Refund of \$255.20
10 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 The Swamp (Vet-unsound) #5 Nevada Charles (Vet-injured) Refund of \$1,384.82

**(2) RULING #147**

**Ruling # 147**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE), TRAINER MICHAEL ROBBINS, WHO STARTED THE HORSE PJS ROCKIN ROSE, THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JUNE 18, 2021, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* AND ASSESSED ONE HALF POINT (1/2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1843.4 (MULTIPLE MEDICATION VIOLATIONS-EXPIRES 7-31-2022) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a and d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES-ISOFLUPREDONE).

This ruling was issued to finalize the complaint against Mr. Robbins (Ref. 7-27-2021-1).

**(3) RULING #148**

**Ruling # 148**

TRAINER RUBEN GOMEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00\*) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1930 (OBEDIENCE TO SECURITY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS-FAILURE TO REMOVE VEHICLE FROM FIRE LANE WHEN ASKED).

The preceding ruling was issued following an informal hearing with Mr. Gomez regarding a security citation which stated that he failed to respond to the orders of the Fire Marshal. He parked his vehicle in the fire zone in front of the racing office and did not move it when instructed by both the Fire Marshall and Facility Manager Frank Sherren. Mr. Gomez stated that he was cooperative and moved the truck immediately. Statements from Mr. Sherren, however, radically contradicted those of Mr. Gomez. Frank identified himself to Gomez when the incident first started and asked him to identify himself. He was met with a refusal. Additionally, it was not until after Mr. Sherren called for a tow truck that Gomez moved the vehicle.

**(4) RULING #149**

**Ruling # 149**

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS), EXERCISE RIDER MARCOS A. PEREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE TERM OF HIS LICENSE FOR FAILING TO PULL HIS MOUNT UP WHILE THE SIRENS AND WARNING LIGHTS WERE ACTIVATED.

The above ruling was signed after Mr. Perez was in the office for failing to adhere to established protocol when the emergency lights and sirens are on during morning training. He said that he attempted to pull his horse up, but the horse would not cooperate. Statements from Safety Steward Paul Atkinson, who had interviewed witnesses, contradicted Mr. Perez's statements. More importantly, there was a concern, though it could not be verified, that the rider may have been under the influence of alcohol that morning. He understands his probationary status and hopefully will comply in the future.

**(5) STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race to review an incident in the far turn involving #6 Malakai Moxie (E. Payeras), the seventh place finisher. Payeras' horse stumbled while between #1 Big Cheddar (C. Figueroa) and #7 Cool As Ever (E. Rojas), the second and fifth place finishers, respectively. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing all angles of the

incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original placings. None of the angles available to us could pinpoint the cause of the interference.

**(6) LATE RIDER CHANGE**

Juan Pablo Leon called while the horses were on the track for the third race to inform us that he was running late and would not be here in time to ride his mount in race four. A replacement rider was announced.

**(7) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,095	\$170,685.00
Off track	1,143	\$320,569.90
Out of state	N/A	\$1,122,971.40
Total	2238	\$1,614,226.30

**Sunday**  
08/01/2021

**(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #6 Howling Till Dawn (Vet-injured) Refund of \$317.56
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Jess Being Enough (Vet-injured) Refund of \$99.10
- 9<sup>th</sup> Race #1 Aquatic (Stakes) Refund of \$122.56

**(2) RULING #150**

**Ruling # 150**

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 31, 2021.

This ruling was issued for Mr. Leon's failure to fulfill his first commitment on Saturday evening's card (Ref. 7-31-21-6).

**(3) RULING #151**

**Ruling # 151**

JOCKEY CRUZ MENDEZ IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)\* 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) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON JULY 31, 2021.

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Mendez came to the office and admitted to the violation.

**(4) RIDER EXCUSED**

Jockey Jesus Ayala was excused from his mounts this evening as inclement weather prevented him from making airline connections from Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico. Replacement riders were named.

**(5) TROUBLE FREE EVENING**

All matters during the course of the ten race card were routine. Nothing to report.

**(6) ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	553	\$112,378.00
Off track	904	\$246,499.70
Out of state	N/A	\$1,334,319.22
Total	1,457	\$1,693,196.92

## TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on August 1, 2021. There are no equine deaths to report this week. During this reporting period, 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 3 for soundness, 3 for injury, 1 for sickness, and 2 for bleeding. Five 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	Sat 7/31	Sun 8/01	Week	Meet
<b>Accidents</b>	D			0	0	0	2
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A			5	5	10	19
<b>Claims</b>	R			4	0	4	133
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K			0	0	0	19
<b>Inquiries</b>		D		1	0	1	46
<b>Refunds</b>		A		4	3	7	317
<b>Rulings</b>		Y		3	2	5	151
<b>Voided Claims</b>		S		0	0	0	21

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

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Tom Ward, Steward

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James Dreyer, Steward

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Richard Williams, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward