

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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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 November 15, 2018 through November 18, 2018.

THURSDAY

11/15/2018

(1) **DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward was in the office this week for entries, declarations and changes. Friday has an eight race program, while the Saturday evening card, consisting of nine races, features five Challenge Championship races along with several other minor stakes. The Sunday card consists of nine races, with two trials for the Z Wayne Griffin Cup. Ward will also write the minutes for the upcoming week.

FRIDAY

11/16/2018

(1) **EARLY DECLARATIONS**

3rd race - #6 Malena (Vet-sick) refund of \$274.00
4th race - #4 Radio Chatter (Vet-injured) refund of \$473.00
8th race - #1 Tac Me UP (Stakes) refund of \$522.00

(2) **RIDERS REPLACED**

Jockey Eulices Gomez was taken off of his mount in the third race due to illness. A replacement was named. Jockey Alex Jimenez was also excused as he encountered traffic returning from Del Mar and could not fulfill his engagement. Barrington Harvey replaced Jimenez.

(3) **ILLICIT DRUG HEARING**

Jockey Marcial Ramirez was in the office this evening in response to a complaint filed against him by the Board for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1489 (a)(8). According to the complaint, Mr. Ramirez was observed on the backside appearing to be under the influence of drugs. His eyes were bloodshot and his coordination was suspect. The investigators attempted to obtain a urine sample from him, but when that did not work an oral swab was used. The test confirmed the presence of Methamphetamine. Mr. Ramirez gave conflicting versions of Methamphetamine use, stating that he had used for several years, then, to the day he tested positive, was the first time he had used. After deliberation, the following ruling was issued.

RULING #290

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS SUSPENDED FOR SIXTY (60) DAYS (NOVEMBER 17, 2018 THROUGH JANUARY 15, 2019) AND PLACED ON PROBATION FOR AS LONG AS HE HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489(a)(8)(GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REFUSAL OF LICENSE) (ENGAGED IN THE USE OF DRUGS – METHAMPHETAMINE). ADDITIONALLY, MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS REQUIRED TO SIGN A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE

RACING BOARD, ENROLL IN WINNERS FOUNDATION AND SHOW PROOF OF COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM.

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF MARCIAL RAMIREZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) SUBJECT IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(4) VOIDED CLAIMS

There were two claims voided during the evening program. The first took place following the first race, as Official Veterinarian Gary Beck reported that #6 True Martha, claimed by trainer Elmer January, was unsound in the right foreleg while in the detention barn. The horse was returned to trainer Charles Treece.

The other voided claim was in the third race as #8 Molly Got Even, claimed by trainer Charles Treece, was reported to have bled while in the detention barn and was returned to trainer Pat Visscher.

(5) JOCKEY OBJECTION- NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the fifth race as jockey Christian Aragon (6th, #4 Shaula) lodged a claim of foul against #2 Tuesdays Supernova (3rd- E. Orozco) for interference in the vicinity of the 3/16th pole. After speaking with the riders and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the claim of foul. Video showed that Tuesdays Supernova was nowhere in the vicinity of Shaula at any time during the race. There may have been something lost in translation as the two horses in front of Aragon were getting out, but not to the extent that a disqualification would have been warranted.

(6) RIDER A NO SHOW

Jockey Jairo Rangel did not arrive to fulfill his mount in the seventh race, prompting a late rider change. Alberto Zepeda filled in for Rangel.

(7) REFUND

A refund was ordered in the seventh race as #2 Laguna Coaster broke through the starting gate, unseated the rider, Cruz Mendez, and ran off. The refund amounted to \$6,359.00

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	582	On Track Handle:	\$96,378.90
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,718</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$375,050.20
Total:	2,300	Out of State:	<u>\$916,027.51</u>
		Total:	\$1,387,456.61

SATURDAY

11/17/2018

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

2nd race - #2 Mauney (Vet-unsound) refund of \$475.00
3rd race - #1 Jodee B Valiant (Stakes) refund of \$69.00
7th race - #8 Capitol Grille (Vet-unsound) refund of \$171.00

(2) RULING #291

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JOCKEY JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 16, 2018.

This ruling was issued after the rider accepted responsibility for failure to fulfill his riding engagement last evening. No Call – No Show.

(3) RULING #292

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JOCKEY ERASMO GASCA 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE SEVENTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 16, 2018.

The preceding ruling was issued as the rider offered no excuse for another violation of the "crop" rule.

(4) RULING #293

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JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR A BLATANT 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-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 16, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after the rider did not appear to defend himself regarding the violation noted in the above ruling. Mr. Franco struck his mount approximately twenty times in the final one sixteenth mile of the race.

(5) RULING #294

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JOCKEY ALEX JIMENEZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 16, 2018.

Mr. Jimenez accepted responsibility for failure to fulfill his obligation on last night's card.

(6) RIDER MISSES MOUNT

Jockey Jorge Bourdieu missed his mount in the second race due to travel connections. He was replaced by Vinnie Bednar.

(7) STEWARDS' INQUIRY-NO CHANGE

The inquiry sign was posted after the second race as we reviewed an incident entering the far turn involving the fourth place finisher, #4 Thankful Every Day, ridden by Julio De La Torre. After speaking with the riders and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. Video showed that Mr. De La Torre drove into a spot where clearance did not exist, causing his mount to clip heels and placing the third place finisher, #3 Hotbob, in tight quarters.

(8) WRONG NUMBERS ON BOARD

Immediately after the posting of the order of finish for the fourth race, it was noticed that the first two numbers had been transposed. The correct order of finish was 6-5-4-3, while the numbers on the totalizator board were displayed as 5-6-4-3. The Board was "killed" while Tote was contacted. It was learned that the correct order of finish was relayed to Tote, but the first two numbers on the Tote board were transposed. A subsequent inquiry revealed that a "failsafe" system was in place, as the race could not have gone "Official" if the numbers on the totalizator board did not match the sequence given to Tote. The correct order of finish was displayed shortly thereafter. The placing Judges were counseled to be more diligent in their duties and procedures.

(9) STARTING GATE MALFUNCTION/INQUIRY/RACE DECLARED "NO CONTEST"

The inquiry sign was posted after the ninth race as the Stewards reviewed video of the start. It was obvious during live observation that something was definitely amiss. Horses broke sporadically, with some riders breaking on their horses' mouths resulting in one rider being unseated. The scenario started when #6 Duck Dash N Go became fractious but did not hit the starting gate doors. Its stall popped open and immediately thereafter stalls opened, albeit not in sequence. The majority of horses, in the Stewards' opinion, were compromised to some extent and did not have an equal opportunity to run their race.

Announcer Ed Burgart gave an explanation of the refunds and multiple race wagering options to the public. The refund amounted to \$138,835.00.

(10) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 2,105
Off Track Attendance 1,893
Total: 3,998

On Track Handle: \$221,032.70
Off Track Handle: \$462,155.80
Out of State: \$1,179,750.18
Total: \$1,862,938.68

SUNDAY

11/18/2018

(1) EARLY DECLARATIONS

7th race - #3 Feature Ms Bo (Vet-injured) Refund of \$414.00

(2) RULINGS #295-298

RULING # 295

JOCKEY JORGE MARTIN BOURDIEU IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 17, 2018.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Bourdieu failed to offer an acceptable explanation for not fulfilling his obligation in the second race last evening.

RULING #296

JOCKEY JULIO DE LA TORRE, WHO RODE "THANKFUL EVERY DAY" IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 17, 2018, IS SUSPENDED THREE (3) RACING DAYS (NOVEMBER 25TH, 30TH AND DECEMBER 1ST 2018) FOR CAUSING INTERFERENCE ENTERING THE FAR TURN. 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 did not appear to plead his case for careless riding entering the far turn in the second race on November 17, 2018.

RULING # 297

JOCKEY EDDIE ACEVES 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 PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 17, 2018.

This ruling was issued after the rider pleaded guilty to violating the "crop" rule during the eighth race last evening.

RULING # 298

JOCKEY MAURO SALCEDO 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 PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON NOVEMBER 17, 2018.

This ruling was issued as Mr. Salcedo offered no excuse for a "crop" violation during the previous evening's card.

(3) MEETING WITH STARTER

The Stewards met with Starter Gary Brinson this afternoon to try and glean some information regarding the workings of the Tru-Center starting gate in use at this meeting. Unlike the Puett gate, this gate is over fifty years old and operates on a solenoid, which acts as a magnet and is combined with a series of cables. There is a pin which drops into the magnet and is then released when power to the solenoid is turned off by activating the "Start" button.

(4) JOCKEY OBJECTION- NO CHANGE

The objection sign was posted after the second race as the Stewards reviewed a claim of foul lodged by Edgar Payeras (3rd, #5 American Heart) against Christian Aragon (1st, #6 Gayebird) for interference entering the far turn. After speaking with the riders involved and reviewing video of the incident, the Stewards unanimously voted to dismiss the claim of foul. Video showed that jockey Payeras did steady briefly when the winner dropped in, but the incident was minor and did not have an effect on the original placings.

(5) JOCKEY ONCE AGAIN A NO SHOW

Jockey Jairo Rangel was once again AWOL as he did not show and did not call. He was replaced by Alberto Zepeda.

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance: 588
Off Track Attendance 1,636
Total: 2,224

On Track Handle: \$110,926.90
Off Track Handle: \$369,113.20
Out of State: \$1,138,378.55
Total: \$1,618,418.65

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on November 18, 2018. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 9 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 5 for soundness, 2 for injury, 1 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.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY
2018**

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 11/16	SAT 11/17	SUN 11/18	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	0	0	0	17
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	20
CLAIMS			R		3	0	3	6	314
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	50
INQUIRIES	D				1	2	1	4	93
REFUNDS		A			4	3	1	8	388
RULINGS			Y		1	4	4	9	298
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	2	0	0	2	48

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

Tom Ward (Steward)

Ron Church (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

David Nuesch (Steward)