

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 March 20, 2018 through March 25, 2018.

Tuesday

3/20/2018

(1) STEWARD DUTY

Steward David Nuesch will be on duty this week attending to morning office matters and recording the minutes for the reporting period.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Friday's seven race card, which consisted of four thoroughbred races, drew at 3pm today. With entries being thin, only forty-three horses are scheduled to start.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

The one California-Bred race that was offered for Friday attracted no entries.

Wednesday

3/21/2018

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

No changes were made at scratch time for Friday night's race card.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Saturday's eight race program, of which five are "around-the-turn" races, was draw by 2pm today.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

Once again, the lone California-Bred race offered attracted no entries.

Thursday

3/22/2018

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Scratch time for Saturday night's program was conducted at 9:00 a.m. and once again no changes were made.

(2) ENTRIES AND DRAW

Sunday's eight race program was completed and drawn by about 2:30 pm today. Once again the thoroughbreds provided the bulk of the entries.

(3) CAL-BRED REPORT

For the third time in as many days, the one Cal-bred race offered, did not attract a single entry.

Friday
3/23/2018

(1) SCRATCHES AND CHANGES

Only one rider change was made at scratch time for Sunday evening's card.

(2) HEARING OF CASE #18LA0059

Today we heard the financial complaint lodged against owner Ralph Young by Equine Sports Medicine. Mr. Young called in, as he was unable to attend in person. A payment agreement was reached, so no ruling had to be issued.

(3) ARVIZU RULINGS

After not fulfilling his riding engagements twice in as many weeks, and neglecting to address this situation by coming into the stewards office, as requested, the following two rulings were issued.

RULING #64

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR REPEAT VIOLATIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1872 (FAILURE TO FULFILL JOCKEY AGREEMENT) AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 11, AND MARCH 17, 2018.

RULING # 65

JOCKEY RODOLFO ARVIZU IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) FOR NOT APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS, AS INSTRUCTED.

(4) RETURN TO Paddock

During the post parade of the fourth race, the stewards learned that the runner Autismonefortyfive was returning to the paddock for an equipment repair (broken stirrup). We later learned that the issue was with the saddle, so a replacement saddle was required. Of course the jockey re-weighed out, and the runner was back on the track in a matter of minutes.

(5) INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

Following the running of the sixth race the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review possible interference between the second and third place runner. After further review and deliberation, in a majority vote, the Stewards opted to make no change to the original order of finish. Steward David Nuesch was the dissenting vote, as he felt a disqualification was warranted.

(6) LATE DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

3rd Race #1 Ronnie's Girl (Tr. K. Craigmyle) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$132.00

4th Race #6 Mister Fancy Bean (Tr. R. Bean) – unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$110.00

(7) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	599	On Track Handle:	\$72,360.80
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,820</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$254,791.50
Total:	2,419	Out of State:	<u>\$753,827.54</u>
			\$1,080,979.84

Saturday
3/24/2018

(1) HEARING OF CASE #18LA0063

Today at 4pm we intended to hear case # 18LA0063, however groom Edgar-Omar Ramirez failed to appear, so the Stewards issued the following ruling.

RULING # 66

GROOM EDGAR OMAR RAMIREZ HAVING FAILED TO APPEAR TO ADDRESS CHARGES ALLEGING VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1489(8)(ENGAGED IN THE USE OF DRUGS – METHAMPHETAMINE AND ECSTASY), IS SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1547 (FAILURE TO APPEAR). DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF EDGAR OMAR RAMIREZ ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528

(JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), EDGAR OMAR RAMIREZ IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS RACING JURISDICTION.

(1) RULINGS #67 & # 68

With two cases of jockeys exceeding the maximum allowable overweight in the past week, the following two rulings were issued.

RULING # 67

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT), RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 23, 2018.

RULING # 68

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT), RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE THIRD RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 18, 2018.

(2) INQUIRY INTO START

Just as the field was dispatched for the first race, we noticed that #6 Lilac Street did not leave the starting gate. The Stewards immediately posted an Inquiry to determine if the runner was afforded a fair start. Upon further review the Stewards unanimously agreed that Lilac Street reared just as the starter pushed the button, causing her own problems, and ruled that the runner would be considered a starter.

(3) TWO HORSE SPILL

Following the running of the second race the Stewards posted the Inquiry sign to review a two horse spill on the far turn. Upon review the lead runner You're A Daisy sustained an injury and fell. Sokudo was unable to avoid the fallen horse and also fell. Both jockeys were up and alert, but both were transported to area hospitals for further evaluation. More information can be found on the attached injury reports.

(4) ANOTHER INQUIRY

Once again we had to post the Inquiry sign to review an incident entering the far turn. Silic's Angel clipped heels and stumbled, unseating jockey Edgar Orozco. After reviewing all angles the Stewards determined that Silic's Angel drifted out over heels at the time of the incident, so no change to the original order of finish was warranted.

(5) LATE DECLARATIONS AND REFUNDS

4th Race #3 Here Comes Autism (Tr. A. DeMarco) re-entered – Stewards. Refund: \$159.00
7th Race #4 Miss Granite Bell (Tr. D. Givens) – sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$97.00
#5 Ok Pancho (Tr. R. Viramontes) – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund: \$58.00

(6) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	650	On Track Handle:	\$95,922.50
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,952</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$283,624.60
Total:	2,602	Out of State:	<u>\$775,011.94</u>
			\$1,154,559.04

Sunday
3/25/17

(1) RULINGS #69, #70 & #71

With several jockeys failing to appear before the Stewards as instructed, the following three rulings were issued.

RULING # 69

JOCKEY G. JAIRO RANGEL IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) FOR NOT APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, AS INSTRUCTED.

RULING # 70

JOCKEY MARCIAL RAMIREZ IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS) FOR NOT APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF STEWARDS, AS INSTRUCTED.

(2) JIMENEZ RULING

After failing to report to the Jockey's room in time to ride his scheduled mounts, on Saturday evening's card, the following ruling was issued.

RULING # 71

JOCKEY ALEX JIMENEZ 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 MARCH 24, 2018.

(3) CROP VIOLATION

The following ruling was issued as a result of a crop violation in last night's fourth race.

RULING # 72

JOCKEY EDUARD ROJAS FERNANDEZ IS FINED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)* 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 PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD). DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON MARCH 24, 2018.

(4) LATE SCRATCH

As the field was loading for the 5th race, #1 Reign N Cash broke thru the starting gate, unseating his jockey, and ran loose. Jockey Jonathan Roman was uninjured, but the incident resulted in Reign N Cash being scratched by the Stewards.

(5) VOIDED CLAIM

After failing the post-race examination by the official vet, the claim of Turner Up from tonight's sixth race was voided. The runner was returned to trainer Paul Jones' stable.

(6) NEW TRACK RECORD

The track record for the distance of 100 yards was broken tonight, by French Fury, in tonight's seventh race. The new track record time of 6.510 seconds, eclipsed the more than ten year old track record, by four nanoseconds.

(7) LATE DECLARATIONS - CHANGES AND REFUNDS

4 th Race	#1 Hardcore Troubador (Tr. E. Freeman) sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$1,089.00
	#3 Red White and Dine (Tr. R. DeLeon) owner change to Jamie Renella
	#6 Proudtohesilian (Tr. R. Bean) unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$318.00
5 th Race	#1 Reigh N Cash (Tr. B. Vickery) broke thru gate – Stewards. Refund \$10,773.00
6 th Race	#3 CM Once Ina Bluemoon (Tr. N. Lowe) sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$578.00

(8) ATTENDANCE AND HANDLE

On Track Attendance:	598	On Track Handle:	\$105,038.40
Off Track Attendance:	<u>1,729</u>	Off Track Handle:	\$349,009.80
Total:	2,327	Out of State:	<u>\$930,548.02</u>
			\$1,384,596.22

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 25, 2018. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period 8 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows 3 for soundness, 2 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Seven horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward David Nuesch.

**CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
SUMMARY**

2018

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI 03/23	SAT 03/24	SUN 03/25	WEEK TOTAL	MEET TOTAL
ACCIDENTS	D				0	2	0	2	7
CAL-BRED RACES		A			0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS			R		4	3	1	8	82
DISQUALIFICATIONS				K	0	0	0	0	9
INQUIRIES	D				1	3	0	4	24
REFUNDS		A			2	3	4	9	113
RULINGS			Y		2	3	4	9	72
VOIDED CLAIMS				S	0	0	1	1	14

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

David Nuesch (Steward)

James Dreyer (Steward)

Tom Ward (Steward)

Ron Church (Safety Steward)