

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR MEET  
LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION**

**TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**GENERAL DATA:**

- Address:** 4961 Katella Avenue  
Los Alamitos, California 90720  
Telephone number of association: (714) 820-2800
- Dates:** Thursday, September 6, 2018 through Sunday, September 23, 2018. Twelve racing days.  
Total number of days racing per week: four, Thursday through Sunday.
- Races:** Eight races weekdays, nine races on weekends unless otherwise designated.
- Post time:** First week 1:00 p.m. on weekdays and weekends. Weeks two and three is 2:00 p.m. every day.
- Scratch time:** Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, unless otherwise noted. The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races will be prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.
- Wagering:** Minimum \$2 win, place and show wagering on every race; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Pick Three (Races 1, 2 & 3); \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfecta on all qualifying races; \$1.00 Pick Four on final four races; \$0.50 Pick Five on races 1-5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races. \$1.00 Super High Five on every last race.

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Victor Tovar, Horseshoe Inspector

**WEEK 1 – Opening Day Thursday, September 6, 2018 through Sunday, September 9, 2018.**

**THURSDAY**  
09/06/18<sup>1</sup>

**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

6<sup>th</sup> race #2 HERDSMAN (Vet-injured) Refund of \$230.94  
8<sup>th</sup> race #1 TOPAZ TIME (Entered back)  
#2 COALINGA HILLS (Vet-injured)  
#8 LADY’S WAR DRESS (Vet-sick) Refund of \$1,300.90

09/06/18<sup>2</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW**

The eighth race on closing day from Del Mar was the subject of review this morning to ascertain if DRAYDEN VANDYKE, who won the race, would be subject to a sanction due to crossing over without sufficient clearance shortly after the start in the one mile turf event. After review, it was determined that while there was some pressure from VanDyke, the horse to his inside became rank and started to run off with its rider, creating a more serious situation. A warning was issued; however, Drayden was cautioned to be more careful when crossing in front of the field.

09/06/18<sup>3</sup>

**ACCIDENT/INQUIRY/NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the third race as the Stewards reviewed an incident leaving the gate which resulted in jockey EULICES GOMEZ being unseated from his mount, #1 ALPENHORN. After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson and reviewing video of the incident the Stewards unanimously voted to make ALPENHORN a “starter”. The horse made a sharp left turn leaving the gate, causing the rider to lose his balance and fall. The horse almost wiped out the starter in the process.

09/06/18<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	810	\$180,491.63
Off Track	2,564	\$707,267.14
Out –of-State	N/A	\$1,938,982.44
Total	3,374	\$2,826,741.21

**FRIDAY**

09/07/18<sup>1</sup>

**LAFI RULING #001**

Jockey BRICE BLANC is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* 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), during the first race at Los Alamitos Race Track on September 6, 2018.

This ruling was issued as the rider accepted the fact that he violated the “crop” rule during the opening event on Thursday.

09/07/18<sup>2</sup>

**FORMAL HEARING – GRAYSON/BRINKERHOFF**

A formal hearing was held this morning into a complaint filed by the Board against trainers BOBBY WAYNE GRAYSON and VAL BRINKERHOFF alleging violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1652(b)&(d), #1659, and #1665. At issue was the fact that Grayson claimed the horse ARCH PRINCE from Brinkerhoff on July 26, 2018, and a short time later the horse was observed back in the Brinkerhoff stable.

Present at the hearing, in addition to the Board of Stewards, were Respondents Grayson and Brinkerhoff, CHRB Staff Counsel Robert Brodnik, and court reporter Michelle Derieg. Testifying at the hearing were Safety Steward Luis Jauregui, Board Investigators Kevin Kitashima and Greg Icaman, and exercise rider Marc Witkowski.

During the sometimes contentious two hour hearing, Grayson adamantly denied that the claim was a protection claim. He said that even though some of the money he used to claim the horse came from his son, Bobby Wayne Grayson, Jr., who is a client of Brinkerhoff’s, the horse was claimed for himself.

Safety Steward Jauregui testified that he was contacted by the Stewards and asked to check into the legitimacy of the claim. He went to the Brinkerhoff barn and observed the horse on the walker.

Investigator Kitashima testified that during his conversation with Grayson Sr., he was informed that the horse was taken off of the grounds by the claimant the day after the claim. The original plan was to ship the day of the race but this could not be accomplished due to Grayson Sr.'s becoming ill during the afternoon.

Exercise rider Witkowski, who led the horse back to Brinkerhoff's barn, testified that he was contacted by a man named Abel, who works for Brinkerhoff, and was asked to pick up the horse from the detention barn and take it to the Brinkerhoff barn.

Investigator Icaman testified that he spoke with Clerk of the Course Dawn Schmid, and was informed that according to her records there were thirteen horses in the Brinkerhoff stable owned by Grayson Jr. Under cross examination it was discovered that the number was closer to five. The Stewards will review the testimony and render a decision shortly.

09/07/18<sup>3</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY REGARDING START**

The inquiry sign was posted after the first race to review the start of #6 ZO LO'S LOVE, who broke well behind the rest of the field. After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson and a review of the video, the Stewards unanimously voted to declare ZO LO'S LOVE a starter. Video showed that the horse refused to break, even though she was turned loose by the Assistant Starter.

09/07/18<sup>4</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	808	\$226,155.61
Off Track	3,164	\$961,375.58
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,811,555.18
Total	3,972	\$3,999,086.37

**SATURDAY**

09/08/18<sup>1</sup>

**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

4<sup>th</sup> race - #6 LUCKY STUDENT (Vet-sick) Refund of \$1,375.51

5<sup>th</sup> race - #1 CHARMING WEEKEND (Vet-injured) Refund of \$1,162.70

7<sup>th</sup> race - #12 ANDYOUSHALRECEIVE (Also eligible) Refund of \$733.13

8<sup>th</sup> race - #6 SPICED PERFECTION (Vet-sick) Refund of \$990.65

09/08//18<sup>2</sup>

**MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer BRIAN KORINER was in the office this morning responding to a complaint filed against him for an overage of Flunixin(Banamine) found in the post-race sample obtained from his horse "STEPH BEING STEPH" the second place finisher in the seventh race at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on July 19, 2018. The amount found in the sample was 37ng/ml, which was 17ng/ml over the amount allowed by rule.

Mr. Koriner testified that he does not have oral Banamine in his barn and that his veterinarians treat all of his horses. The investigative report indicated Dr. Heather Wharton administered Banamine and vitamins to the horse on July 17, at approximately 9:35 A. M. The trainer felt that the vet likely gave the injection later than reported, but it is only an assumption.

Mr. Koriner has not had a medication violation in over 18 months. A decision will be rendered shortly.

09/08/18<sup>3</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON was in the office to review the sixth race from Friday, during which he contributed to a situation which resulted in two riders having to check their mounts. He

came out slightly, but several horses were already racing in close formation. His actions were not worthy of a penalty, but he was cautioned to be more alert in tight formations.

09/08/18<sup>4</sup>

**REPLACEMENT RIDER**

CESAR FRANCO was replaced in the first race by Brayan Pena as Franco went to solve an immigration issue and could not get to the track in time to fulfill his engagement.

09/08/18<sup>5</sup>

**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the third race as jockey MARCIAL RAMIREZ did not show up to ride #5 CALI ROCKS and no other rider would pick up the open mount. The refund amounted to \$1,459.21.

09/08/18<sup>6</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted after the fifth race as the Stewards reviewed contact between the first and second place finishers, #6 GRANDMA NETA(M. Pedroza) and #4 WHATA FLIRT(A. Delgadillo). After speaking with the Patrol Judges and interviewing the riders involved, the Stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. Video showed that both horses contributed to the contact.

09/08/18<sup>7</sup>

**REFUND**

The Stewards ordered a refund in the ninth race as #4 RUNNINGWITHSCISSORS injured itself during the loading procedure and was declared on the advice of Racing Veterinarian Stead. The refund amounted to \$52,653.54

09/08/18<sup>8</sup>

**STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted after the ninth as the Stewards reviewed an incident near mid-stretch involving the first and second place finishers, #9 MR. CLASS(D. Sanchez) and #10 THREE AY EM(R. Fuentes).

After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the stretch run, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify MR. CLASS from first to second position. Video showed that the horse shifted out near mid-stretch, forcing THREE AY EM off of its path and breaking its momentum. It was felt that the interference cost Fuentes and his mount the opportunity for the Win.

09/08/18<sup>9</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,008	\$555,487.98
Off Track	5,187	\$1,728,087.24
Out -of-State	N/A	\$3,935,478.09
Total	7,195	\$6,219,053.31

**SUNDAY**

09/09/18<sup>1</sup>

**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

1<sup>st</sup> race - #6 SHARP HOLIDAY (Vet-injured) Refund of \$1,283.44

8<sup>th</sup> race - #3 SPIRIT WORLD (Vet-sick) Refund of \$586.08

9<sup>th</sup> race - #9 CONQUEST FLATTERME (Vet-injured) Refund of \$3,263.51

09/09/18<sup>2</sup>

**VIDEO REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey HERIBERTO FIGUEROA viewed the sixth race from Friday, as his actions contributed to close quarters during the run down the backstretch. While the incident was not worthy of a penalty, Figueroa was cautioned to be more alert when altering course. Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO took a look at the fifth event from Saturday as he was part of an inquiry which took place during the stretch run. He and another rider came together to make contact in the late stages of the race. He was not sanctioned, but was told that we expect a better effort in the future.

09/09/18<sup>3</sup>

**LAFL RULING #002**

Trainer BRIAN KORINER, who started the horse STEPH BEING STEPH, the second place finisher in the seventh race at Del Mar Race Track on July 19, 2018, is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)\* pursuant of California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1843(a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substance) and #1844(c)(2) (Authorized Medication – Flunixin in excess of permitted level of 20 ng/ml - [37.0 ng/ml]).

This ruling was issued after a discussion of the merits of the case. We settled on the minimum fine as Mr. Koriner has not had a medication violation in over a year.

09/09/18<sup>4</sup>

**LAFL RULING #003**

Jockey DIEGO SANCHEZ, who rode MR. CLASS in the ninth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 8, 2018, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (September 16, 20 and 21, 2018) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from first to second. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rule – 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 had viewed the ninth race from Saturday, after which he and his mount were disqualified for interference during the stretch run. The majority – Ward dissenting – felt that Mr. Sanchez could have made a stronger effort to prevent the interference.

09/09/18<sup>5</sup>

**LAFL RULING #004**

Jockey MATT GARCIA is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)\* 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), during the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 7, 2018.

The foregoing ruling was issued after MR. GARCIA pled guilty to a violation of the “crop” rule.

09/09/18<sup>6</sup>

**LAFL RULING #005**

Apprentice Jockey CESAR FRANCO is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)\* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1872 (Failure To Fulfill Jockey Agreement) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 8, 2018.

This ruling was issued after MR. FRANCO admitted that his 11:30 appointment with immigration left him insufficient time to make it to the track in time to fulfill his engagement in the first race (1:00 P.M.)

09/09/18<sup>7</sup>

**2018 MEDICATION HEARING**

Trainer JERRY WALLACE was in the office this morning in response to a complaint filed against him for an overage of Dexamethasone(45pg/ml) found in the post-race sample obtained from

his horse "WHATYOUICISWHATUGET", the third place finisher in the first race at Los Alamitos on July 12, 2018. Mr. Wallace had no idea as to how the overage took place; the horse was not on the medication. Another horse in the barn was on "Dex", but he checked on the tube of the medication in his desk and it had all of the doses in it. Decision to come.

09/09/18<sup>8</sup>

**QUIET AFTERNOON**

All matters during the nine race card this afternoon were routine.

09/09/18<sup>9</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,424	\$420,545.71
Off Track	4,781	\$1,476,905.62
Out –of-State	N/ A	\$4,291,919.02
Total	6,205	\$6,189,370.35

**ATTENDANCE REPORT** – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 08/27/18 TO 09/03/18**

Horses on Vet List	4	Horses off Vet List	4
Shock Wave Therapy	4	Fatalities	0
Medication	0		

**VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 09/4/18 TO 09/09/18**

Horses on Vet List	10	Horses off Vet List	14
Shock Wave Therapy	16	Fatalities	0
Medication	0		

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 9/6	Fri 9/7	Sat 9/8	Sun 9/9	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	0	1	1
Cal-Bred Races	2	2	0	1	5	5
Claims	3	1	1	2	7	7
Disqualifications	0	0	1	0	1	1
Inquiries	1	1	2	0	4	4
Refunds	2	0	5	3	10	10
Rulings	0	1	0	4	5	5
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0	0

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Steward

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**BOARD OF STEWARDS  
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR MEET**

**DESIGNATED RACES**

In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1766 (Designated Races), Stakes races with a purse of \$100,000 or more shall be recognized as Designated Races for the Los Angeles County Fair Meet, meeting from September 6, 2018 through September 23, 2018.

Jockeys under suspension will be permitted to ride in such races, unless it is specified in the ruling that they are not afforded that privilege.

BY ORDER OF THE  
BOARD OF STEWARDS

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C. Scott Chaney, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

\*Additional races may be considered.

Rule #1766 Designated Races:

(f) A day in which a suspended jockey participates in more than one designated race in California shall not count as a suspension day.

(g) A day in which a jockey participates in one or more designated races in another Jurisdiction while under suspension in California shall not count as a suspension day.

September 6, 2018

**TRAINING ACCIDENT REPORT**

The stewards shall investigate and prepare a report regarding all on-track accidents involving exercise riders, or employees in a jog cart or sulky not engaged in a race, that occur during the performance of their duties. The investigation shall commence no later than the next live racing day and shall be completed expeditiously.

**Upon completion of the report, it shall immediately be sent by facsimile or electronic mail to the exercise rider/employee; the racing association; the horse owner; and the trainer responsible for the exercise rider/employee involved in the accident.**

Name of exercise rider/employee & CHRB License No.: Enrique Garcia #323706

Name of horse owner & CHRB License No.: Pacific Coast Thoroughbred #307373

Name of trainer & CHRB License No.: Jesus Nunez #247831

Name of horse & Tattoo No.: Valley Child #N/A

Date/time/location of accident: 09/6/2018 – ~ 8:30 a.m. – Los Alamitos Race Course

**DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

Include circumstances of accident, likely causes and the extent of injury to exercise rider/employee, if any. Complete one Training Accident Report for each exercise rider/employee involved in an accident. A copy of each report shall be attached to the stewards' minutes in accordance with Rule 1536, Stewards' Minutes.

Enrique Garcia was unseated when his horse was injured while working just before the finish line. Mr. Garcia was transported to Long Beach Memorial.

Exercise Rider condition: Injured wrist, head and neck pain.

Horse condition: Euthanized (Fractured both front knees)

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Paul Atkinson  
Prepared by:

Signature:

9/6/2018  
Date report completed:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Distribution</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exercise Rider/Employee</li><li>• Racing Association</li><li>• Owner</li><li>• Trainer</li></ul> <p><b>Note: Attach original CHRB-201A form to stewards' minutes.</b></p>
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## NOTIFICATION INFORMATION FOR SERIOUS RACING AND TRAINING ACCIDENTS/FATALITIES

RACING OR TRAINING LOCATION: <b>Los Alamitos</b>
DATE OF INCIDENT: <b>September 6, 2018</b>
RACE NUMBER: <b>N/A</b>
NAME OF HORSE: <b>VALLEY CHILD</b>
NAME OF JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER: <b>Enrique Garcia</b>
CONDITION/STATUS OF HORSES: <b>Euthanized.</b>
CONDITION/STATUS OF JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER: (NOTE IF TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, WHAT IS THEIR CONDITION) <b>Transported to Long Beach Memorial with wrist, head and neck pain.</b>
ACTIONS OF THE HORSE AND JOCKEY/RIDER/DRIVER: (HORSE FELL, JOCKEY PULLED UP, VANNED OFF, ETC.) <b>Valley Child fractured both front knees and fell just before the finish line, Euthanized.</b>
CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE INCIDENT: (EXPLAIN HOW THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED AND WHY) <b>Valley Child was injured just before the finish line after working 3/8.</b>
WAS THE HORSE WAS CLAIMED? <b>N/A</b>
WAS THE CLAIM VOIDED? <b>N/A</b>
NAME OF THE TRAINER: <b>Jesus Nunez</b>
NAME OF THE OWNER: <b>Pacific Coast Thoroughbred</b>
TRACK SURFACE: (MAIN, TURF OR TRAINING TRACK) <b>Dirt</b>
SPECIFIC LOCATION OF INCIDENT: (E.G. QUARTER-POLE, FAR TURN, ETC.) <b>Just before the wire.</b>
TYPE OF RACE/CLASS: (CLAIMING \$5,000; ALLOWANCE; MAIDEN, ETC.) <b>Morning Training.</b>
BASED ON THE PAST PERFORMANCES OF THE HORSE INDICATE ANYTHING NOTEWORTHY: (DROP IN CLASS, ETC.) <b>Nothing notable. 2 year old never raced.</b>