



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS**  
**LOS ALAMITOS SPRING THOROUGHBRED MEET**  
**LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION**

**To the California Horse Racing Board**

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**For the period: Thursday, April 14, 2016, through Sunday, May 1, 2016.**

**GENERAL DATA:**

**Mailing**

**Address:** 4961 Katella Avenue  
Los Alamitos, California 90720  
**Telephone number of association:**  
(714) 820-2800

**Dates:** Thursday, April 14, 2016 through Sunday, May 1, 2016.  
12 racing days. Total number of days racing per week: 4, Thursday through Sunday.

**Races:** Eight races weekdays, nine races on weekends unless otherwise designated.

**Post time:** 2:00 p.m.

**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 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 and 10 cent Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$0.50 Pick Four on final four races; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races.

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**WEEK 1 - Thursday, April 14, 2016 through Sunday, April 17, 2016.****THURSDAY**4/14/16<sup>1</sup>**A.M. DECLARATIONS**

2 <sup>ND</sup> RACE	#11 Panchita (Also eligible)	
	#12 Saratoga's Excess (Also eligible)	Refund of \$317.00
4 <sup>th</sup> race	#1 Go First (Vet-injured)	Refund of \$394.00
5 <sup>th</sup> race	#1 Packin Heat (Vet-sick)	
	#2 Anatolian Heat (Vet-sick) see 4-14-16 <sup>6</sup>	

4/14/16<sup>2</sup>**RIDERS EXCUSED**

Jockey Fernando Perez was excused from his mounts this afternoon due to lingering effects of an accident on the last day of the Santa Anita meeting. His return date is uncertain at this point. Jockey Omar Santos was excused due to a back injury incurred in the starting gate during

training hours. Jockey David Lopez was also injured during training hours and could not complete his engagements. Replacement riders were named.

4/14/16<sup>3</sup>**PRAT RULING LSTL #001**

Jockey FLAVIEN PRAT, who rode CANDY PROMISES in the fifth race at Santa Anita Park on April 10, 2016, is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (April 24, 28, 29, 30 and May 1, 2016) for crossing over without sufficient clearance, causing severe interference resulting in an accident during the run down the backstretch and the disqualification of his mount which was unplaced. 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.

This ruling was issued after Jockeys' Guild representative Darrell Haire represented Mr. Prat, who is currently riding at Keeneland. After a review and discussion of the incident, it was concluded that Mr. Prat angled his mount to the outside of a three horse spread in front of him, did not look to his right before doing so, causing the horse behind him to clip heels and fall.

4/14/16<sup>4</sup>**LEZCANO RULING LSTL #002**

Jockey ABEL LEZCANO, who rode TOO FAST TO PASS in the third race at Santa Anita Park on April 10, 2016, is suspended for FIVE (5) racing days (April 24, 28, 29, 30 and May 1, 2016) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course on the backstretch and in the homestretch, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from third to fifth position. This constitutes a violation of the 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 a review of the third race on April 10<sup>th</sup>, during which Mr. Lezcano was responsible for interference on two occasions – one on the backstretch and one near the one-sixteenth pole. In both instances, the interference could have been avoided. Of particular concern was the incident on the backstretch. Mr. Lezcano angled his horse to the inside, drifting in approximately three paths to make contact with a horse to his inside – totally unnecessary.

4/14/16<sup>5</sup>**CLAIM VOIDED**

A claim in the fourth race deposited by trainer David Jacobs for the horse Oil was voided as the horse was off in right foreleg during its time in the test barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Art Sherman.

4/14/16<sup>6</sup>**REFUND**

A refund was ordered in the fifth race as #6 Son of a Royal got loose from its handler on the way to the paddock and ran off. The refund from the scratch amounted to \$5,955.00.

4/14/16<sup>7</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,355	\$327,747.20
Off Track	3,694	\$1,126,027.00
Out –of-State	N/A	\$2,741,180.26
Total	5,049	\$4,194,954.46

**FRIDAY**4/15/16<sup>1</sup>**A .M. DECLARATIONS**

1 <sup>st</sup> race	#2 Scattagirl (Vet-injured)	Refund of \$320.00
4 <sup>th</sup> race	#8 Fontanella (Vet-unsound)	Refund of \$439.00
7 <sup>th</sup> race	#12 Lucky Student (entered back)	Refund of \$120.00
8 <sup>th</sup> race	#3 Mister Fancy Bean (entered back)	Refund of \$40.00

4/15/16<sup>2</sup>**RIDERS EXCUSED**

Fernando Perez was once again excused from his engagements due to an injury suffered last weekend. Additionally, jockey Alonso Quinonez was excused due to a physical issue. Replacement riders were named.

4/15/16<sup>3</sup>**VIDEO REVIEW**

Felipe Martinez was in the office to view the start of the fourth race as he was late in correcting his mount leaving the starting gate. While the contact was minimal, he was cautioned to make a better effort in controlling his horse. He acknowledged his error and said he would make a stronger effort in the future.

4/15/16<sup>4</sup>**DELGADILLO RULING LSTL #003**

Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO 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 - first offense in the last sixty days), during the first race at Los Alamitos Spring Meet on April 14, 2016.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the first race from yesterday, during which he used the crop more than three times in succession. He acknowledged his error, stating that he simply forgot about the rule. His compliance with the new crop rule is very good as this was his first offense.

4/15/16<sup>5</sup>**RIDER MISSES MOUNTS**

Jockey Abel Lezcano was unable to fulfill his engagements today as he was detained by Immigration officials at Los Angeles International Airport after flying back from South America. To his credit, he did try to make it back here in time to ride a horse in a later race, but Friday afternoon traffic got the best of him. Replacement riders were named.

4/15/16<sup>6</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION**

The inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race to review an incident approaching the 1/16<sup>th</sup> pole which involved the second and sixth place finishers, #7 Cheap O Charlie (I. Puglisi) and #1 Game Piece (A. Delgadillo). 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 Cheap O Charlie from second to sixth position. Review showed the horse drifting in, taking the path of Game Piece and forcing that horse's rider to check sharply for several strides. In the Stewards' opinion, Delgadillo and his mount were cost the opportunity for a better placing.

4/15/16<sup>7</sup>**STEWARDS' INQUIRY – NO CHANGE**

The inquiry sign was posted after the fifth race as the Stewards reviewed an incident at mid-stretch involving the first and fourth place finishers, #6 Derby Glass (G. Ercegovic) and #4 Rambling House (E. Maldonado). After speaking with the riders involved, taking into account reports from the Patrol Judges and reviewing video of the incident, the stewards unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of finish. Video showed, and jockey Maldonado confirmed, that the incident was minor and had no effect on the placings. Rambling House was several lengths away from third position.

4/15/16<sup>8</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	1,143	\$389,146.00
Off Track	3,989	\$1,322,274.10
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,499,827.81
Total	5,132	\$5,211,247.91

**SATURDAY**4/16/16<sup>1</sup>**A. M. DECLARATIONS**

5 <sup>th</sup> race	#1 W. Giles (Stakes)	Refund of \$665.00
7 <sup>th</sup> race	#2 Zip the Monkey (Stakes)	Refund of \$738.00
8 <sup>th</sup> race	#7 Jacque (Vet-sick)	Refund of \$276.00

4/16/16<sup>2</sup>**MEAIRS RULING LSTL #004**

Owner JOHN MEAIRS, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility - \$29,203.00 to JAMES CASSIDY; and \$5,465.00 to MELINDA BLUE, DVM), is restored to good standing. Ruling LATS #056, issued at Santa Anita Winter Meet on February 25, 2016, is set aside.

This ruling was issued after verification that bills owed to Mr. Cassidy, who was Mr. Meairs' former trainer, and Dr. Blue, who performed the veterinary work, had been satisfied. It took some negotiating between the parties as Mr. Cassidy purchased the horse which had created the debt from Mr. Meairs and from that sale there was more than enough left over to pay Dr. Blue. There was a surplus of \$6,000 going to Mr. Meairs.

4/16/16<sup>3</sup>**ERCEGOVIC RULING LSTL # 005**

Jockey GIUSEPPE ERCEGOVIC, who rode DERBY GLASS in the fifth race at Los Alamitos Spring Meet on April 15, 2016, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (April 22, 23, and 24, 2016) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of the 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 had viewed the fifth race from yesterday, as he and his mount were the subjects of a Stewards' inquiry.(Ref. 4-15-16-7) Mr. Ercegovic was candid, stating that he thought he had gone by Mr. Maldonado and had sufficient clearance to alter his course. Unfortunately, that was not the case, and while the incident was not worthy of a disqualification, it did not detract from the fact that Mr. Ercegovic put another rider in a precarious position. The decision was by majority vote as Steward Sawyer did not feel that a suspension was in order.

4/16/16<sup>4</sup>**PUGLISI RULING LSTL #006**

Jockey IGGY PUGLISI, who rode CHEAP O CHARLIE in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Spring Meet on April 15, 2016, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (April 22, 23, and 24, 2016) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference which resulted in the disqualification of his mount from second to sixth position. This constitutes a violation of the 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 foregoing ruling was issued after Mr. Puglisi had viewed the fourth race from yesterday, after which his mount was disqualified for interference during the stretch run.(Ref 4-15-16-6) Mr. Puglisi could not offer any excuse which would forestall a suspension.

4/16/16<sup>5</sup>**QUIET AFTERNOON**

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

4/16/16<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,875	\$777,265.60
Off Track	6,264	\$2,366,491.80
Out –of-State	N/A	\$4,019,061.52
Total	9,139	\$7,162,818.92

**SUNDAY**4/17/16<sup>1</sup>**A. M. DECLARATION**8<sup>th</sup> race- #1 Lookinforadanger (Vet-unsound) Refund of \$1,648.004/17/16<sup>2</sup>**DELGADILLO RULING LSTL #007**

Jockey AGAPITO DELGADILLO, who rode QUICK LOUDER in the sixth race at Los Alamitos Spring Meet on April 16, 2016, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (April 23, 24, and 28, 2016) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course after the start causing interference. This constitutes a violation of the 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.

This ruling was issued after the rider had viewed the start of the sixth race from yesterday, as his mount was responsible for rather severe interference shortly after the start. Mr. Delgadillo said that the problem was caused by the fact that he dropped his right rein leaving the gate and by the time he recovered it was too late to prevent contact. Video did verify that he lost the rein, but got it back four strides before contact. We felt that he could have made an effort to straighten his horse but contact is what stopped his inward move.

4/17/16<sup>3</sup>**VIDEO REVIEW**

Jockey Salvador Iniguez was in the office to review the start of the eighth race as his mount broke outward and bothered the horse to his outside. The rider made an effort, but since he left the gate with a long hold, he did not have the leverage to straighten his mount as quickly as we would have preferred. He left with a warning.

4/17/16<sup>4</sup>

All matters during the course of the racing program were routine.

4/17/16<sup>5</sup>**MALDONADO RULING LSTL #008**

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO is suspended for ONE (1) ADDITIONAL RACING DAY (April 23, 2016) pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1766(g)(h) (Designated Races – rode in more than one designated race in California on April 16, 2016 while under suspension).

This ruling was issued when Mr. Maldonado rode in more than one designated race in California on April 16, 2016 while under suspension.

4/17/16<sup>6</sup>**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

On track	2,252	\$595,113.80
Off Track	5,336	\$1,867,882.40
Out –of-State	N/A	\$3,771,556.94
Total	7,588	\$6,234,553.14

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

**VETERINARIAN REPORT** – WEEK OF 04-04-16 TO 04-10-16

Horses on Vet List	21
Horses off Vet List	10
Shock Wave Therapy	16
Deceased	2
Medication	1

**SUMMARY**

	Thurs 4-14-16	Fri 4-15-16	Sat 4-16-16	Sun 4-17-16	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	1	1	2	1	5	5
Claims	1	2	0	0	3	3
Disqualifications	0	1	0	0	1	1
Inquiries	0	2	0	0	2	2
Refunds	3	4	3	1	11	11
Rulings	2	2	2	2	8	8
Voided Claims	1	0	0	0	1	1

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Ward, Steward

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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Paul Atkinson, Safety Steward

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