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BOARD ISSUES CONDITIONAL LICENSE TO PAT VALENZUELA

INGLEWOOD, CA – The California Horse Racing Board issued a one-year license to jockey Patrick Valenzuela here Friday subject to certain conditions, including requirements that he “abstain entirely from the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances” and that he be randomly tested “at least eight times each month.”

Valenzuela has not ridden since the stewards suspended his license February 11, 2000, for “engaging in the use of a dangerous drug – amphetamine.” He and his attorney, Donald Calabria, met several times with CHRB officials, most recently with Executive Director Roy Wood, to work out the details of the license agreement. During those meetings, Valenzuela presented evidence that he has been complying with a CHRB order of March 20, 2001, requiring among other things that he abstain from alcohol and drugs and participate in a rehabilitation program.

Valenzuela will be required to report to the CHRB office each race-day morning, at which time he could be tested. He also must report three times a week to the Winners Foundation, which is an employee assistance program assisting racetrack workers and their families with problems associated with alcohol and drug abuse. As another condition of licensure, Valenzuela must continue participating in a 12-step program offered by the Winners Foundation.

CHRB Supervising Investigator Michael Kilpack and Don Murray, executive director of the Winners Foundation, will actively monitor Valenzuela along with the stewards. The CHRB can require Valenzuela to be tested at any time, day or night. Arrangements have been made for the CHRB to reach Valenzuela even on days when there is no racing, either by telephone or through his attorney or his agent. The principal method of testing will be an immunoassay screen of his urine sample and/or a Breathalyzer test. Valenzuela must pay the full cost of all testing.

Among the other conditions, Valenzuela cannot “enter any public place where alcohol is the principal commodity for sale.” He must “submit to search of his person, clothing, effects, vehicle, residence, and any temporary place of abode for alcohol and controlled substances.” If he fails to fulfill a riding commitment for any reason, he must immediately notify the stewards and submit to testing. Failure to fulfill any of these conditions “will result in the summary termination of this license.”

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