STATE OF CALIFORNIA | CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

# OFFICIAL COMPLAINT

**CHRB-65 (Rev. 08/23)**

## COMPLAINT

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) hereby files an official complaint against Doug O'Neill for violation of CHRB Rule(s) 1846.2- Trainning Soundness Exam. The person named in this complaint is licensed by the CHRB as a Trainer, under license number 112723 Exp 05/31/2029. The alleged offense occurred on or about February 18, 2025 and is described as follows:

On February 18,2026, the horse HERO OR ZERO, trained by Doug O'Neill, worked 5/8 at Santa Anita and sustained an injury. The horse was diagnosed with fractured right shoulder and was humanely euthanized. The horse had returned from a 3-month layoff (approximately 96 days) without undergoing the required primary and secondary regulatory veterinary examinations before resuming training as required by CHRB Rule 1846.2- training soundness exam.

Other licenses held:

Owner #252163 Exp 05/31/2029

Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Sections 19420 and 19440, as well as the authority outlined in the CHRB Rules, the Board of Stewards are empowered to impose penalties for violations of any provision of a CHRB Rule, or HISA Rule, where authorized. Such penalties may include suspension of any CHRB-issued license, monetary fine, assessment of penalty points, and/or exclusion from any/all racing enclosures under the jurisdiction of the Board, or any combination of the penalties listed above.

Investigator Name: O.Vergara Jr Date of Filing: 11/14/2026 Case Number: 26SA0190

## NOTICE TO APPEAR

You are hereby ordered to appear before the Board of Stewards as noted below.

Location: Los Alamitos Date: 12/10/2026 Time: 11:00 AM

You are entitled to reasonable notice of this hearing and reasonable time to prepare for the hearing. If you require additional time to prepare for the hearing, you must contact the Board of Stewards within 72 hours of receipt of this notice. All requests for continuance must be submitted in writing and fully justify the need for continuance. The granting or denial of a request for continuance rests with the Board of Stewards. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the attached "Governing Procedures for Hearing Before the Board of Stewards."

## DECLARATION OF SERVICE

☒ In Person ☐ Certified Mail (Tracking #): _____ ☐ Other: _____

Documents Served: ☒ Complaint Packet ☒ Governing Procedures ☐ Other: _____

Served By: O.Vergara Jr Date: 11/25/2026 Time: 08:15 AM ☐ 10 Day Time Waived

## DISPOSITION

The Board of Stewards took the following action on the aforementioned case.

☐ Ruling Issued ☐ Formal Warning ☐ Case Dismissed ☐ Withdrawn

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