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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS DEL MAR THOROUGHBRED CLUB Del Mar, California.

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Report for Wednesday, November 12, 2025 through Sunday, November 16, 2025.

WEDNESDAY

11/12/25¹

ENTRY SCHEDULE CHANGED

Del Mar Management changed their entry schedule for this week on the morning of Sunday, November 9. The change was due to the anticipated rain that is scheduled to hit the San Diego area this week. Entries for Saturday, November 15, were originally scheduled to be taken on Sunday, November 9. Entries for Saturday were now taken today in the backside racing office. Steward Kim Sawyer was overseeing all matters for the CHRB. Nine (9) races are scheduled to be contested with eighty-three horses scheduled to start.

THURSDAY

11/13/25¹

SATURDAY CANCELLATION

Today at 7:22 a.m. Del Mar management announced racing for Saturday November 15 would be cancelled. All Saturday races will be used as extras for Sunday and will be taken along with all Sunday races only on the main track.

ENTRY DAY FOR SUNDAY

Entries for Sunday, November 16 were originally scheduled to be scheduled for Wednesday November 12. Entries for Sunday are now today. Nine (9) races were drawn in the racing office. Seventy-four (74) horses are scheduled to start.

FRIDAY

11/14/25¹

POST TIME CHANGE

In order to beat the anticipated storms Del Mar moved their first race post time to Noon (12:00 p.m.). The rest of the days eight (8) race card were shortened. Post time for the last race (Race 8) was 3:20 p.m.

11/14/25²

DAVID MUSSAD FILM REVIEW/RULING

A film review was conducted in our office for Apprentice Jockey David Mussad. Apprentice Mussad was aboard #8 Lena Lindgard, who finished fifth in the fourth race Sunday, November 9. This race was a 6 ½ furlong main track event. During the final furlong #8 Lena Lindgard ducks in sharply in front of eighth place finisher #4 Wild Cat Danzing (Kazushi Kimura) was forced to steady sharply to avoid heels.

Apprentice Mussad did not attend today's film review. He spoke to the Stewards over the telephone. In a unanimous decision, Stewards issued the following ruling.

DFTD Ruling #6

Apprentice Jockey DAVID MUSSAD, who rode LENA LINDGARD in the fourth race at Del Mar Race Track on November 9, 2025 is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (November 28, 29, and 30, 2025) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch, causing interference, a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

11/14/25³

HISA VISITORS

A HISA accreditation team visited our office while making their rounds at Del Mar today. Mike Kilpack (Integrity Consultant), Tony Patterson and Bruce Toliver (Accreditation Advisor) spent some time with us today and informed us of their responsibilities during their assignment this week at Del Mar.

11/14/25⁴

INCLEMENT WEATHER MEETING

Due to this week's incoming weather system, the Stewards organized an Inclement Weather Meeting today in our office. The following individuals participated either telephonically or in-person in the confines of our morning office.

- A. Josh Rubinstein -DMTC President
- B. Tom Robbins- DMTC Exec. V.P, Racing/Industrial Relations
- C. David Nuesch—CHRB Safety Steward
- D. Darrell Haire-Jockey's Guild
- E. Alan Balch-California Thoroughbred Stewards
- F. Dennis Moore-DMTC Trackman
- G. William Navarro-DMTC Mutual Manager

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VOIDED CLAIM—RACE 3

Second place finisher #5 Shop Till You Drop was claimed out of the third race for the price of \$10,000. Following examination in the Test Barn this horse was deemed unsound by CHRB Veterinarian Nolton Pattio. This four-year old filly now returns to the barn of original trainer Richard Baltas.

11/14/25⁶

GOOD RACING

Today's eight (8) race card went well as it was free of Steward Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race #2 My Dominator (Tr. J. Nunez) claimed, R. B. Hess Jr., trainer
#6 Halo Uncle (Tr. J. Uranga) claimed, R. Gonzalez, trainer

#8 Hot Chicks Only (Tr. J. Thomas) claimed, G. Vallejo, trainer
 3rd Race Declaration #2 Danzig Cat (Tr. P. Miller) Sick-Nolton Pattio VMD
 #3 Vegas Love (Tr. A. Farias) claimed R. Gonzalez, trainer
 REFUND: \$929.29
 4th Race Declaration #6 Mutaz (Tr. B. Baffert) Sick—B. Cassady DVM
 REFUND: \$1,144.46
 5th Race Declaration #3 Starry Night (Tr. J. Thomas) Sick—Nolton Pattio
 VMD
 #7 Giggle Giggle (Tr. P. Eurton) claimed. D.W. Baker, trainer
 REFUND: \$2,344.03
 7th Race Declaration #6 Sasafran (Tr. G. Mandella) Sick—Nolton Pattio VMD.
 REFUND: \$1,234.56
 8th Race #1 Seager Man (Tr. B. Wright) claimed, J. Mullins, trainer
 #3 Atomic Drop (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, J. Uranga, trainer
 #7 Geezer (Tr. H. Palma) claimed, G. Vallejo, trainer

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,639	247,143.70
SCOTWINC	2,305	2,878,291.94
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	3,875,002.24
TOTAL	3,944	7,000,437.88

SATURDAY SATURDAY RACING CARD CANCELLED

11/15/25¹

Del Mar Thoroughbred Club (DMTC) sent out a mass text message at 7:22 a.m. on the morning of Thursday, November 13, announcing the cancellation of today's racing card. DMTC announced that all Saturday races will be used as extra races for Sunday and will be taken along with all Sunday condition book races only on the main track.

SUNDAY

11/16/25¹

OSCAR G. RUIZ RULING (REF: 11/5/25 (5))

The Stewards deliberated following a hearing that was held in our office on November 5, 2025. The original complaint (Case No. 25SA0130) contained six (6) color photographs of Oscar Ruiz standing in front of wagering windows in the Santa Anita grandstand while on duty as a Veterinarian Assistant at Santa Anita Park. He displayed remorse for his actions at the hearing.

The majority voted to issue the following ruling. Steward Sawyer dissented.

DFTD Ruling #07
AMENDED

Groom/Veterinarian Assistant OSCAR G. RUIZ is suspended THIRTY (30) days (November 21 thru December 20, 2025 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1969 (Wagering Prohibited – Test Barn Employee) on September 26, 2025 at Santa Anita Park.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges are suspended, and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to suspend or fine), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

Furthermore, Oscar G. Ruiz must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation and abide by their recommendations.

11/16/25²

JOMEL AGUILAR RULING (REF: 11/5/25 (4))

Jomel Aguilar was one of a group of four men that were spotted together wagering on horses on September 26, 2025, at Santa Anita Park. Mr. Aguilar and two (2) of the other men were 'on duty' working as Veterinarian Assistants for HISA. CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama observed this activity. Aguilar, who is also licensed as a Groom apologized for his actions (gambling while on duty) while testifying at the live hearing (CASE#25SA0129) held in our office on November 5, 2025.

The majority voted to issue the following ruling. Steward Sawyer dissented.

DFTD Ruling #08
AMENDED

Groom/Veterinarian Assistant JOMEL AGUILAR is suspended THIRTY (30) days (November 21 thru December 20, 2025 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1969 (Wagering Prohibited – Test Barn Employee) on September 26, 2025 at Santa Anita Park.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges are suspended, and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to suspend or fine), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

Furthermore, Jomel Aguilar must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation and abide by their recommendations.

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CRISTIAN T. LOPEZ RULING (REF: 11/05/25 (3))

The Stewards informed Groom/Veterinary Assistant of the penalty listed below. Mr. Lopez was betting on horses while on duty in the Test Barn at Santa Anita on September 26, 2025. Mr. Lopez accepted responsibility for his improper actions on this day.

Stewards Jauregui and Baker voted for the following penalty. Steward Sawyer dissented due to mitigating factors.

DFTD RULING #09
AMENDED

Groom/Veterinarian Assistant CRISTIAN T. LOPEZ is suspended THIRTY (30) days (November 21 thru December 20, 2025 for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1969 (Wagering Prohibited – Test Barn Employee) on September 26, 2025 at Santa Anita Park.

During the term of this suspension, all licenses and license privileges are suspended, and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards to suspend or fine), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction

Furthermore, Christian T. Lopez must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation and abide by their recommendations.

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MAJORITY & MINORITY OPINION - LOPEZ, AGUILAR & RUIZ (CASE #25SA0130 & #25SA0120 & #25SA0131)

MAJORITY OPINION

All three (3) licensees involved in this matter had the ability to work in the stable area after they were relieved of their duties in the sensitive area of the test barn. Two of the three individual's that were gambling while on duty in the equine testing area, were working as Stable Employees between the violation date of September 26, 2025 and the hearing date of November 5, 2025.

MINORITY OPINION

Steward Sawyer dissented due to mitigating factors. The major dynamic being all three licensees were summarily suspended by HIWU from employment in the Receiving Barn in all racing facilities in California on or about (September 26, 2025) pending a hearing. They have not been able to work in the Receiving Barn for over ninety (90) days by the time the ruling was issued. In a minority opinion, time served should have been implemented in the issuance of a penalty.

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TRACK CONDITION

The main track condition following today's fourth race was upgraded to Fast.

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OFFICIAL CHANGE

Paddock Judge Karen Denovel is off today for personal reasons. Stakes Coordinator and Jack of all trades Ed Reese will fill-in.

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THIRD RACE INQUIRY

Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following this third race to examine the start of this one (1) mile main track event. The very late dispatch of original fourth place finisher #8 Start the Ride (Armando Ayuso) was our concern. When Starter Jay Slender opened the doors on the Starting Gate, #8 Start the Ride did not break with the rest of the field.

Film review of this incident shows the Assistant Starter (pointing this horses head down the racetrack) holding onto the rein of #8 Start the Ride for at least two (2) full seconds before releasing the horse. Stewards spoke to Jockey Ayuso, received a Patrol Judge report and reviewed all camera angles of the incident. In a unanimous decision CHRB Rule #1696 (The Start) was enforced and this horse was declared a non-starter. Refunds to the public totaled \$47,392.01.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH 2-5-7-8-4-6-1

OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH 2-5-7-4-6-1

Following a graphic showing Rule #1699 to the public an announcement by Track Announcer Larry Collmus that full refunds were made to the public.

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SEVENTH RACE INQUIRY

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing the start of this 6½ furlong main track event. Post time favorite #4 Mr. Disrespectful (Juan Hernandez) reared up simultaneously with Starter Jay Slender dispatching this seven (7) horse field. Jockey Juan Hernandez stepped off his mount, and held on to the starting gate, at the exact time the field left the Starting Gate. The Assistant Starter assisting this horse, did his job very well by releasing #4 Mr. Disrespectful at the time of dispatch.

The Stewards spoke to Jockey Hernandez and reviewed all camera angles of the incident. In a unanimous decision, #4 Mr. Disrespectful was declared a starter.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES & REFUNDS

1st Race Declaration #6 Irish Element (Tr. D. O’Neil) Sick—Nolton Pattio VMD
REFUND: \$1,877.25

2nd Race #2 My Moroni (Tr. L. Mendez) claimed, P. Miller, trainer
#6 Marcos Performance (Tr. C. Lewis) claimed, P. Miller, trainer

3rd Race Declaration #3 Passion D Oro (Tr. A. Garcia) Injured—Brent Cassady,
trainer
#8 Start the Ride (Tr. Dan Blacker) Declared Non-Starter- Stewards
REFUND TOTAL: \$47,392.01

4th Race #1 Bazooka Charlie (Tr. S. Miyadi) claimed, J. Periban, trainer
#3 Pokernightatvees (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, S. Williams, trainer
#7 Western Freedom (Tr. Mark Glatt) claimed, S. McCarthy, trainer

5th Race Declarations #3 Mawu (Tr. B. Baffert) Sick-Brent Cassady DVM
#8 Lady Aberdeen (Tr. P. Capestro) Track Condition-Stewards
REFUND TOTAL: \$1,852.68

5th Race Jockey Change #4 Brilliantly J. Hernandez for F. Prat—Stewards

7th Race Declarations #2 Piper’s Causeway (Tr. J. Uranga) Post Parade—
Brent Cassady DVM
#5 Silver In Am (Tr. P. D’Amato) Injured-Brent Cassady DVM. REFUND: \$82,033.84

11/16/25¹⁰

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,045	267,086.10
SCOTWINC	2,538	3,195,104.52
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	5,509,142.07
TOTAL	4,583	8,971,332.6

SUMMARY

	No Racing	No Racing	Fri 11/14	Sat 11/15	Sun 11/16	Week
Accidents	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	0	0
Cal-Bred Races			2		4	6
Claims	n/a	n/a	8	n/a	5	13
Disqualifications			0		0	0
Inquiries	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	2	2
Refunds			4		6	10
Rulings	n/a	n/a	1	n/a	3	4
Voided Claims			1		0	1

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 11/10/25 TO 11/16/25

Horses on Vet List	11
Horses off Vet List	13
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	-0-
Medication	-0-
Claims Voided	1

Grant Baker, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

BOS: GB: sv