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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Report for the Week of Monday, December 22, through Sunday, December 28, 2025.

MONDAY12/22/25¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward is in the office for entries. The Racing Office is in transition this week as former Director of Racing George Yniguez has left the position, and a replacement has not been named. Ward will also be writing minutes.

TUESDAY12/23/25¹**SATURDAY RACING CANCELED/SUNDAY ENTRIES**

Entries are being accepted for the Sunday card this morning. Saturday racing has been scrapped due to the forecast of heavy rainfall in the area for the next few days. Santa Anita has moved their traditional opening day from Friday, December 26th, to Sunday, December 28th, due to weather.

FRIDAY12/26/25¹**SUNDAY SCRATCHES/CHANGES/PANEL**

Kudos to the Racing Office staff as they somehow managed to pull eight races together for Sunday. It was extremely difficult to fill a card, as the draw was not completed until after 8:00 P.M. The entry process had been on-going for twelve hours! Changes to the Sunday program were negligible, with one rider change and two equipment changes. The Los Alamitos panel met this morning, with two horses making the "hard watch" list.

12/26/25²**NEW SKIPPER IN THE RACING OFFICE**

Eulices Gomez, who is a former rider, Racing Office staff member and television personality, has assumed the position of Director of Racing and Racing Secretary at Los Alamitos. We wish him well in his new endeavor.

SUNDAY12/28/25¹**RULINGS #1 - #4**Ruling #1

Jockey JONATHAN ROMAN, who rode MG CASH PAYMENT in the fifth race at Los Alamitos

Racecourse on December 14, 2025, is suspended for three (3) racing (January 3, 4 and 10, 2026) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from fifth to seventh. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

This ruling was issued as Mr. Roman admitted that he was in error for interference caused by his mount. He said that he lost his balance, which prevented him from grabbing the inside rein, in a timely manner.

Ruling #2

Apprentice Jockey RIGOBERTO SEVILLA, who rode MOMO'S KIDDO in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on December 20, 2025, is suspended for three (3) racing (January 3, 4 and 10, 2026) and is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 2, (5) strikes over the limit for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

The preceding ruling was issued after Mr. Sevilla had viewed the second race from December 20, during which he committed a Class 2 HISA crop violation by striking his mount eleven times. Mr. Sevilla, who may be the sport's oldest apprentice jockey, denied violating the rule, stating that he was just "flagging" his mount. Video failed to confirm his assertions.

HISA rules dictate the horse must be disqualified from all purse monies earned in the race, due to the Class 2 violation. A hearing will be arranged in the near future.

Ruling #3

Jockey HENRY REYNOSO LOPEZ is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the race) while riding Da One Of Kind in the fourth race at Los Alamitos Racecourse on December 21, 2025.

The above ruling was signed after the rider pled guilty to the violation.

Ruling #4

Jockey EDWIN ESCOBEDO is fined SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$750.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the race) while riding Train B Taka in the eighth race at Los Alamitos Racecourse on December 21, 2025.

Mr. Escobedo opted not to defend his actions last Sunday evening; consequently, the foregoing ruling was distributed.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

- 1st Race #3 Too Much Info (Tr. J. Nunez) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$964.12
- 2nd Race No Changes
- 3rd Race #5 Anna's Wish (Tr. T. Dial) – Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$334.36
- 4th Race #3 Good Vibes Only (Tr. J. Uranga) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$347.34
- 5th Race No Changes
- 6th Race No Changes
- 7th Race #5 Job Done (Tr. J. Flores) – Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald – Refund: \$644.29
- 8th Race No Changes

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	657	\$62,751.40
SCOTWINC	787	\$195,515.40
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$820,946.29
TOTAL	1,444	\$1,079,213.09

SUMMARY

	Fri 12/26	Sat 12/27	Sun 12/28	Week	Meet
Accidents	D	C	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A	A	0	0	0
Claims	R	N	1	1	1
Disqualifications	K	C	0	0	0
Inquiries	D	E	0	0	0
Refunds	A	L	4	4	4
Rulings	Y	E	4	4	4
Voided Claims		D	0	0	0

Tom Ward, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward

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