

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 263-6000
www.chrb.ca.gov



**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INC
Arcadia, California**

TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

Honorable Gregory L. Ferraro, DVM, Chairman
Honorable Oscar Gonzales, Vice Chairman
Honorable Dennis V. Alfieri, Member
Honorable Damascus Castellanos, Member
Honorable Brenda Washington Davis, Member
Honorable Thomas C. Hudnut, Member
Honorable Peter Stern, Member
C. Scott Chaney, Executive Director
Cynthia Alameda, Deputy Executive Director
Darrel McHargue, Chief Steward

Report for Monday, January 12, 2026, through Monday, January 19, 2026.

MONDAY

01/12/26¹

DARK DAY ENTRIES

Luis Jauregui was available to oversee entries for Sunday (9 races) and adjudicate any issues that would come to the forefront. He also approved program changes for Thursday's card.

TUESDAY

01/13/26¹

DARK DAY ENTRIES

Steward Jauregui was again present to resolve any problems that may arise during entries for Monday (9 races) and the approval of program changes for Friday's program.

THURSDAY

01/15/26¹

POLANCO RULING

The following ruling was issued after trainer Marcelo Polanco failed to register his trainee on Lasix prior to entry.

LATS RULING #14

Trainer MARCELO POLANCO, who started the horse GRAN ORIENTE (CHI) in the sixth race on January 11, 2026, at Santa Anita Park is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration).

01/15/26²

DISQUALIFICATION HEARING CASE 25DMOO45

The complaint was filed by the CHRB for a violation of HISA rule 2280 and 2282 (b). Present for the hearing before the BOS were CHRB Investigator Anne Dillon, owner Nick Hines (dba Battle Born Racing Stable) and observing, Safety Steward Eddie

Rich. Prior to the hearing, Mr. Garcia (trainer) and Mr. Aguilar (jockey) signed a waiver of appearance.

The complaint read as follows:

On August 28, 2025, Investigators were notified that Jockey Armando Aguilar (406554-05/2028) who rode "FAST SERVICE" in the sixth race at Del Mar on August 24, 2025, and placed third, was observed using his riding crop five times over the limit (Class 2 Violation). The horse is owned by Nicholas Hines (083581-06/2028) DBA Battle Born Racing Stable (600244-12/2027) and trained by Antonio Garcia. In accordance with HISA Rule #2282(b), the horse "FAST SERVICE" will be disqualified and all purse money forfeited. Garcia is also licensed by the CHRB as an Owner (304029-02/2026).

Mr. Hines requested another review of the race wherein the crop count was still five strikes over the limit (6) as listed in HISA rule 2280 (Use of Riding Crop). After several reviews of several angles and having to explain the crop rule to Mr. Hines, he stated he now understood. A ruling will be forthcoming.

01/15/26³

CHIEF STEWARD VISIT

Darrel McHargue was in Southern California for other CHRB work obligations and met with the Stewards. General issues were discussed.

01/15/26⁴

JOCKEY FILM REVIEWS

Armando Aguilar met with the Stewards to review the ninth race last Sunday (ref 01-11-26⁴). This incident involved an inquiry and a disqualification of his mount. The issue being his actions shortly leaving the starting gate and folding into the first turn without being clear of horses to his inside. This affected four horses, of which three placed higher than Mr. Aguilar. He was candid in his admittance of riding carelessly and too aggressive after his mount broke poorly from the starting gate. In a unanimous opinion, his penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LATS RULING #15

Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode COSMIC TRAIL in the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on January 11, 2025, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (January 30, 31 and February 1, 2026) for altering course without sufficient clearance entering the first turn, causing interference, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from seventh to eighth place; 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.

Diego Herrera met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the first race on Sunday. After a review of all angles, Mr. Herrera agreed he violated the rule, and his penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LATS RULING #16

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3) Jockey DIEGO HERRERA, who rode APPLE PIE in the first race (Purse \$70,000) at Santa Anita Park on January 11,

2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (January 30, 2026) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for ONE (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

Armando Ayuso also joined the Stewards to review his ride in the stretch in the first race. He left the office with a warning but was advised to make better efforts to go straight if not clear.

01/15/26⁵

PEREZ HEARING CASE 25SA0150

The complaint filed read as follows:

Dr. Kim Kuhlmann performed pre-workout/entry soundness examinations and treatments between October and December 2024 for CITY OF CHAMPIONS. Owner Jesus C. Perez was sent a notice of his past due account for the veterinary services in the amount of \$431.00 on September 11, 2025, via Certified US Mail. The outstanding balance remains unpaid until present day.

*Jesus C. Perez is licensed as a CHRB Owner 292878 Exp. 02/2028
Jesus C. Perez was licensed as a Pony Rider CHRB #298552, Exp. 02/2025*

Owner Jesus C. Perez failed to appear for the scheduled hearing. A ruling will be issued tomorrow.

01/15/26⁶

AGUILAR HEARING CASE 25SA0155

The complaint filed read as follows:

Dr. Kim Kuhlmann performed pre-workout/entry soundness examinations and treatments between September and December 2024 for LESSONS OF AUTISM. Dr. Kuhlmann also provide the same services between February and December 2024 for SUNNY SPOT. Owner Gerardo Aguilar was sent a notice of his past due account for the veterinary services in the amount of \$6,038.00 on September 11, 2025, via Certified US Mail. The outstanding balance remains unpaid until present day.

*Gerardo R. Aguilar is licensed as a CHRB Owner 319270 Exp. 04/2027
Gerardo R. Aguilar was licensed as a Pony Rider CHRB #328369, Exp. 04/2020*

Owner Gerardo R. Aguilar failed to appear for the scheduled hearing. A ruling will be issued tomorrow.

01/15/26⁷

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /THIRD RACE /ACCIDENT 6 ½ turf

Following the running of the race the Inquiry sign was posted to review two different incidents.

The first was #4 Otro Mas (R. S. Ramirez -DNF), who stumbled crossing the transition and unseated the jockey; no other factors were involved in the incident. The horse and rider were both reported to be injury free.

The second incident in the stretch involved #2 Special Club (J. Hernandez 1st) and #6 Gold Council (D. Herrera 2nd). After a review of the available video angles, a report from the Patrol Judge and conversation with both jockeys, in a majority

decision the slight contact between the two horses did not warrant a disqualification. Steward Sawyer dissented.

01/15/26⁸

INQUIRY /NO CHANGE /SEVENTH RACE ¾ turf

Following the running of the race the Inquiry sign was posted to review the field approaching the dirt transition. Involved were #2 Check's On the Way (U. Rispoli 8th), #3 Berlin Wall (T. Pereira 6th), #4 Galland de Besos (A. Aguilar 4th) and #5 Irish Royalty (E. Jaramillo 1st). There was a jam up with these horses, and in a unanimous decision, the available video was inconclusive to determine any one horse or horses culpable for the incident. With the rail set at thirty (30) feet on the turf course, a shift of the field inward soon after the start plays into scenarios of this nature.

01/15/26⁹

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes. Refund \$220.00
2nd race #4 Guaguarero (Tr. S. Sherman) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Bohannon Refund \$451.54
3rd race #3 Singlemore (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed by Tr. B. McLean
#4 Otro Mas (R. S. Ramirez). Refund \$22.00
4th race #5 Hot Rod Christine (Tr. T. McCanna) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Deluhery Refund \$312.32
5th race No Changes. Refund \$277.99
6th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00
7th race No Changes. Refund \$3.00
8th race #7 Ryan's Girl (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed by Tr. G. Vallejo Refund \$25.00
9th race #8 Maui (Tr. A. Psarras) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery Refund \$374.90

01/15/26¹⁰

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,181	\$255,891.72
SCOTWINC	1,452	\$480,156.51
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$4,030,027.23
TOTAL	3,633	\$5,000,988.03

FRIDAY

01/16/26¹

PEREZ (ref 01-15-26⁵) AND AGUILAR (ref 01-15-26⁶) RULINGS

The following two rulings were issued subsequent to the respondent's failure to appear for their scheduled hearings.

LATS RULING #17

Owner JESUS C. PEREZ, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before January 15, 2026, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$431.00 to Dr. Kim Kuhlmann). Suspension to commence on January 30, 2026.

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

LATS RULING #18

Owner GERARDO R. AGUILAR, having failed to respond to written notice to appear before the Board of Stewards at Santa Anita Park on or before January 15, 2026, is suspended for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1547 (Failure to Appear) pending an appearance at a hearing before the Board of Stewards to answer to charges alleging violation of CHRB rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – \$6,038.00 to Dr. Kim Kuhlmann). Suspension to commence on January 30, 2026.

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

01/16/26²

DISQUALIFICATION RULING (ref 01-15-26²)

The following ruling was distributed following the disqualification hearing on Thursday.

LATS RULING #19

Pursuant to a formal hearing held on January 15, 2026, it is ordered that FAST SERVICE, who finished third in the sixth race at Del Mar Race Track on August 24, 2025, be disqualified and deemed unplaced pursuant to HISA Rule # 2282 (b) (Riding Crop Violation and Penalties) for violation of HISA Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop).

It is further ordered that all purse monies awarded to Owner NICHOLAS HINES (dba BATTLE BORN RACING STABLE), Trainer ANTONIO GARCIA, and Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Del Mar Race Track on or before February 16, 2026 for redistribution in accordance with the revised order of finish, pursuant to California Horse Racing Board Rule #1760 (Purse Award or Prize or Finish).

Revised order of finish as follows:

1 st MONGOLIAN ALTAI	2 nd YOURAMYSTYLE	3 rd SILVER N BLACK
4 th SIX HOT GRANDS	5 th QUEBRANCHO	6 th ROBARANDO
7 th BAD TO THE BONES	8 th SMILING CAPOTE	9 th MEEKING

All records are ordered to reflect this ruling. In accordance with California Horse Racing Board rule #1956 (Race Declared Official) neither pari-mutuel payoffs nor the distribution of any pari-mutuel shall be affected.

01/16/26³

JOCKEY FILM REVIEWS

Emisael Jaramillo met with the Stewards along with his son, Emisael Jaramillo, Jr., to review the seventh race yesterday that involved an inquiry (ref 01-15-26⁸). Part of the issue is the transition on the chute turf races that is very tricky when the rail is set at thirty (30) feet. Upon a review of the race, it was a unanimous opinion that this session was more of an education for Mr. Jaramillo to realize the configuration and the necessity to not drift inward until the field has crossed the dirt, as he is a new rider in Southern California.

Adrian Escobedo met with the Stewards to review the use of his crop in the eighth race yesterday. All agreed, one strike over was a violation of the rule. His penalty is listed in the following ruling.

LATS RULING #20

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 – first offense), Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO, who rode BIG CELEBRATION in the eighth race (Purse \$18,500) at Santa Anita Park on January 15, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) days (January 30, 2026) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00) for ONE (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

01/16/26⁴

SMOOTH SAILING

Today's eight race card was performed without notable incident, any changes made are listed below.

01/16/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race NO SHOW WAGER
 #3 Deep Blue (Tr. D. Blacker) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$3,085.12

2nd race No Changes. Refund \$8.72

3rd race #1 Maniae (Tr. G. Vallejo) claimed by Tr. G Stute
 #7 Angi's Topsy (Tr. S. Sherman) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Bohannon
 Refund \$443.26

4th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

5th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

6th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

7th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

8th race No Changes. Refund \$4.00

01/16/26⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,517	\$376,918.93
SCOTWINC	2,021	\$755,739.06
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$4,467,301.02
TOTAL	4,538	\$5,963,965.80

SATURDAY

01/17/26¹

RISPOLI RULING

The following ruling was issued after confirmation from HISA that the original penalty had been modified.

LATS RULING #21

Per the HISA crop appeal resolution's enforcement counsel, the penalty for Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI from ruling LATS #08 (01/09/2026) has been modified, and by the order of HISA, the following ruling is now issued.

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 – second offense), Jockey UMBERTO RISPOLI, who rode MANIATIC (IRE) in the second race at Santa Anita Park on January 8, 2026, is fined ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$135.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

01/17/26²

JOCKEY FILM REVIEW

Juan Hernandez met with the Stewards to discuss the use of his crop in the first race yesterday. After a review of several angles, it was confirmed there was a violation of the rule as listed in the following ruling. Unfortunately, this is his second offense in the last 180 days (HISA parameter), which generated the penalty to be doubled.

LATS RULING #22

Having violated the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2280 (Use of Riding Crop) and pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule #2282 (Riding Crop Violations and Penalties – Class 3 – second offense), Jockey JUAN HERNANDEZ, who rode REHEARSAL (IRE) in the first race (Purse \$35,000) at Santa Anita Park on January 16, 2026, is suspended for TWO (2) days (January 31 and February 1, 2026) and fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for one (1) strike over the limit.

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board #1766 (Designated Races), the term of suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races.

01/17/26³

GOOD RACING

The nine race Cal Cup card was performed without notable incident.

01/17/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #8 Balaza (Tr. J. Mullins) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
Refund \$4,130.21

2nd race NO SHOW WAGER
#3 Big City Lights (Tr. M. McCarthy) Steward-stake. Refund \$2,200.16

3rd race No Changes. Refund \$638.05

4th race #2 Really Lucky in Love (Tr. S. Sherman) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon
#7 California Cat (Tr. E. Freeman) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
Refund \$984.29

5th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

6th race No Changes. Refund \$156.40

7th race No Changes. Refund \$1,498.00

8th race #6 Ocean Bear (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Steward-stake
#8 Can't Help Myself (Tr. J. Sadler) Steward-stake. Refund \$7,855.12

9th race #5 Sneaker (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Bohannon. Refund \$3,239.11

01/17/26⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	6,691	\$1,060,225.08
SCOTWINC	3,448	\$1,281,818.13
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,674,004.00
TOTAL	10,139	\$9,674,572.73

SUNDAY

01/18/26¹

ROUTINE MORNING

Regular matters were addressed this morning; there were no jockeys directed to meet with the BOS. Safety Steward Paul Atkinson spent time with the Stewards and reported concerns pertaining to topics on the back side. Mr. Atkinson is very reliable, keeping the BOS informed of all activities.

01/18/26²

LOPEZ RULING

The following ruling was issued due to a late Lasix registration. By rule, the Lasix request must be made prior to the entry of a horse.

LATS RULING #23

Trainer GEORGE LOPEZ, who started the horse SWEETEST MEASURE in the fourth race on January 17, 2026, at Santa Anita Park, is fined FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$400.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1845 (Authorized Bleeder Medication – late registration).

01/18/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race #9 Fort Griffin (Tr. M. McCarthy) Stewards-full field. Refund \$2,632.66
 2nd race NO SHOW WAGER
 #3 Itsnotrocket (Tr. O. J. Jauregui) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Deluhery
 Refund \$469.00
 3rd race No Changes. Refund \$0.00
 4th race No Changes. Refund \$10.00
 5th race No Changes. Refund \$41.00
 6th race NO SHOW WAGER
 #2 Imagineer (Tr. D. Dunham) Veterinarian-unsound-Dr. Pattio
 #5 Silver Ice (Tr. T. McCanna) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$767.49
 7th race #6 City Exile (GB) (Tr. P. D'Amato) claimed by Tr. G. Papaprodromou
 Refund \$24.00
 8th race #5 Union Wave (Tr. J. Hernandez, Jr.) DNF. Refund \$30.00
 9th race #1 Nakota (IRE) (Tr. P. Gallagher) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$465.94

01/18/26⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	5,628	\$637,085.02
SCOTWINC	2,563	\$822,061.28
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,655,633.75
TOTAL	8,191	\$8,504,455.02

MONDAY

01/19/26¹

JOCKEY GUILD VISIT

Jockey Guild Western Regional Manager Darrell Haire met with the Stewards to confer general race/jockey related situations; Safety Steward Paul Atkinson also joined in on the discussions.

01/19/26²

EIGHTH RACE VOIDED CLAIM

Sergio Morfin submitted a claim for the horse Last Call Zondo in today's eighth race. Following the race, State Veterinarian Nolton Pattio informed the Stewards this horse, claimed for \$10,000, was unsound. It returns to the barn of original trainer Craig Dollase.

01/19/26³

GOOD RACING

Today's nine (9) race Martin Luther King Jr. Day card went well, as it was free of Steward Inquiries and/or Jockey Objections.

01/19/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race No Changes. Refund \$0.00

2nd race No Changes. Refund \$0.00
 3rd race No Changes. Refund \$0.00
 4th race #4 Fell the Magic (Tr. J. Valdez) claimed by Tr. D. Wayne Baker
 5th race No Changes. Refund \$42.00
 6th race No Changes. Refund \$78.76
 7th race #6 Hey Jessie (Tr. S. McCarthy) Steward-stake. Refund \$3,566.47
 8th race No Changes. Refund \$205.00
 9th race #3 Marcos Performance (Tr. P. Miller) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 Refund \$1,939.60

01/19/26⁵

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	7,028	\$527,438.30
SCOTWINC	1,658	\$498,315.00
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$4,257,112.61
TOTAL	8,686	\$5,562,245.82

SUMMARY

	Thurs 01/15	Fri 01/16	Sat 01/17	Sun 01/18	Mon 01/19	Week	Meet
Accidents	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Cal-Bred Races	4	1	9	1	2	17	23
Claims	2	1	0	1	2	6	15
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	2	0	0	0	0	2	4
Refunds	8	4	8	8	5	33	58
Rulings	3	4	2	1	0	10	15
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	1	1	2

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 01/12/26 TO 01/18/26

Horses on Vet List 21
 Horses off Vet List 8
 Shock Wave Therapy 1
 Fatalities 0
 Medication 0

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

BOS:KS:sh