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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS  
LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE  
Cypress, California  
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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**Report for the week of May 13, 2026, through May 17, 2026.**

**WEDNESDAY**5/13/26<sup>1</sup>**DUTY STEWARD**

Steward Dave Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Saturday night's program. Additionally, he will be drafting the Stewards' minutes for this reporting period.

5/13/26<sup>2</sup>**THE DRAW**

The racing office compiled sixty runners to build a strong nine-race card for Saturday.

5/13/26<sup>3</sup>**CAL-BRED REPORT**

Once the first race in the book for California bred two-year-old maiden fillies was opened up to all runners, the race quickly filled and was used as the final race on the nine-race program.

**THURSDAY**5/14/26<sup>1</sup>**ENTRIES, SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Once again, Steward Nuesch was present to oversee entries for Sunday. He also approved scratches and changes for Saturday evening's card. Additionally, the entry panel met to review and discuss all the runners on Saturday's nine-race program. No scratches were submitted.

5/14/26<sup>2</sup>**STEWARDS' MEETING**

The Board of Stewards attended their quarterly Stewards Committee Meeting via Microsoft Teams. The meeting was led by Executive Director Scott Chaney and attended by several board members. Various procedural topics were discussed, including the ever-changing HISA rules and protocols.

5/14/26<sup>3</sup>**THE DRAW**

The racing office compiled another solid nine-race card for Sunday evening.

5/14/26<sup>4</sup>**AGREEMENT REACHED (Ref: 5/07/26<sup>2</sup>)**

The Stewards received confirmation that a settlement agreement had been reached between trainer Adan Farias and Gordon Feed. Both parties, along with the Board of Stewards, were relieved to finally consider this case closed.

**FRIDAY**  
5/15/26<sup>1</sup>

**SCRATCHES AND PANEL**

Steward Nuesch was present to approve scratches and changes for Sunday's card. The entry panel met once again to review and discuss all the runners on the nine-race program. One Stewards/Panel scratch was submitted.

**SATURDAY**  
5/16/26<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #36**

Jockey Damian Diaz Cruz was in our office to review his ride in last Saturday's second race, where the Stewards determined that he crossed over too quickly shortly after the start, impeding two rivals in the process. As a result, the following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 36

Jockey DAMIAN DIAZ CRUZ, who rode Perfecto Amor in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 9, 2026, is suspended for (3) THREE RACING DAYS (May 24, 30 and 31, 2026) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course, causing interference. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board #1699 (Riding Rules – Careless Riding).

5/16/26<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #37**

For violating the CHRB crop rule in last Saturday's seventh race, jockey Martin Arriaga was issued the following ruling.

Ruling # 37

Jockey MARTIN ARRIAGA 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 running of the race) while riding High Resolve in the seventh race at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 9, 2026.

5/16/26<sup>3</sup>

**TWO LATE SCRATCHES**

During the loading process of the third race, #2 became fractious and reared up, getting his front legs into the neighboring stall. That horse was a recommended scratch by the racing vet. In the process of trying to unload #1 from the starting gate, he got loose from the assistant starter, resulting in a second declaration which reduced the field to four runners. As a result, show wagering was also cancelled.

5/16/26<sup>4</sup>

**VOIDED CLAIM**

Following tonight's fifth race, the claim submitted by trainer Francisco Rubio for the runner Tough To Catch was voided after the three-year-old gelding did not pass his post-race exam.

5/16/26<sup>5</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1 <sup>st</sup> Race	#3 Ebok's Dream Girl (Tr. C. Treece) Claimed by trainer A. Aquino
3 <sup>rd</sup> Race	#1 Wealth Manager (Tr. M. Casselman) Stewards-Starting gate - Refund: \$14,321.76
	#2 Henosheis Fire (Tr. E. Andrade) Stewards-Starting gate - Refund: \$9,703.31
4 <sup>th</sup> Race	#3 Excess B First (Tr. S. Morfin) Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$56.55
5 <sup>th</sup> Race	#2 Tough To Catch (Tr. S. Willoughby) Claimed by trainer F. Rubio - VOIDED
	#4 CCR Sweetnseperate (Tr. R. Guillen) Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$72.20
8 <sup>th</sup> Race	#5 Mr Apollitical MRL (Tr. J. Gomez) Jockey changed to J. Klaiber

5/16/26<sup>6</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	791	\$89,145.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	1,132	\$275,855.50
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,273,870.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,923	\$1,638,871.03

**SUNDAY**

5/17/26<sup>1</sup>

**RULING #38**

For violating the CHRB crop rule in last Sunday's Grade II Robert Adair Kindergarten Futurity, the following ruling was issued against jockey Jose Alcala.

Ruling # 38

Pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (d)(2), Jockey JOSE R. ALCALA is suspended for (3) THREE RACING DAYS (May 30, 31 and June 6, 2026) and is fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688 (b)(8) (Use of Riding Crop – more than six times during the running of the race) while riding Call Me Candela in the ninth race (Grade II Kindergarten Futurity) at Los Alamitos Race Course on May 10, 2026.

5/17/26<sup>2</sup>

**RULING #39**

Jockey Adrian Escobedo was in our office to review his ride in last Sunday's third race. The Stewards unanimously agreed that Mr. Escobedo crossed over too quickly entering the far turn, putting two of his fellow riders in danger. As a result, the following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 39

Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO is suspended for THREE RACING DAYS (May 30, 31 and June 6, 2026) for failure to make the proper effort to maintain a straight course, contributing to interference while riding Pantages in the third race at Los Alamitos Racing Course on May 10, 2026. This constitutes a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (Riding Rules – careless riding).

5/17/26<sup>3</sup>

**SMOOTH SAILING**

Tonight's nine races were conducted smoothly, with no notable incidents.

5/17/26<sup>4</sup>

**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Race #1 Voucher (Tr. R. Quinonez) Claimed by trainer J. Farias
- #5 Bet The Om (Tr. J. Farias) Claimed by trainer T. Dial
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Race #4 Silver Reins (Tr. J. Bautista) Vet-Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$377.31
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Race #3 Lucky's Loaded (Tr. I. Tamayo) Vet-Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$189.55
- 4<sup>th</sup> Race #2 Calm Down Kimmie (Tr. S. Paldanius) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$271.61
- #5 Wink Wish And Park (Tr. D. Winick) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$131.12
- #6 Lady Run (Tr. F. Gonzalez) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$221.66
- 5<sup>th</sup> Race #4 Beau's Charm (Tr. S. Morfin) Vet-Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$265.24
- 6<sup>th</sup> Race #5 Whocarez (Tr. R. Figueroa) Stewards-Panel - Refund: \$287.89
- #6 Playingwithfiretwo (Tr. R. Lucas) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$50.41
- 7<sup>th</sup> Race #3 Val Camel (Tr. R. Zuazo) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$325.56
- #6 Tacos N Coronas (Tr. L. Diaz) Vet-Sick – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$162.55

5/17/26<sup>5</sup>

**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

<b>ON TRACK</b>	575	\$66,988.20
<b>SCOTWINC</b>	853	\$196,179.10
<b>OUT OF STATE + ADW</b>	N/A	\$1,050,012.25
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,428	\$1,313,179.55

**SUMMARY**

	<b>Fri 05/15</b>	<b>Sat 05/16</b>	<b>Sun 05/17</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Meet</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	D	0	0	0	5
<b>Cal-Bred Races</b>	A	0	0	0	0
<b>Claims</b>	R	1	2	3	30
<b>Disqualifications</b>	K	0	0	0	4
<b>Inquiries</b>	-	0	0	0	19
<b>Refunds</b>	D	4	10	14	145
<b>Rulings</b>	A	2	2	4	39
<b>Voided Claims</b>	Y	1	0	1	12

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David Nuesch, Steward

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Ron Church, Steward

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Tom Ward, Steward

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