

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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

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Report for Monday, May 18, 2026, through Monday, May 25, 2026.

MONDAY

05/18/26¹

ENTRIES

Steward Grant Baker was in the office on Monday morning to oversee entries for Sunday's (May 24th) races. The racing office carded nine (9) races for Sunday.

TUESDAY

05/19/26¹

ENTRIES/PROGRAM CHANGES

On Tuesday morning, Steward Grant Baker was in again to monitor Monday's (May 25th) races. The racing office carded ten (10) races for Monday's card.

THURSDAY

05/21/26¹

McLEAN HEARING (case #26SA0023)

Trainer WILLIAM McLEAN was in our office this morning to respond to a complaint filed by the CHRB for violations of rule #1946.2 (Training Soundness Examination), 1846.3 (Veterinarian and Training Records for Horses Requiring Training Soundness Examination) and nine counts of #1878 (Workouts) on January 22, 2026. The complaint reads as follows:

An audit of workouts performed at Santa Anita Park showed Trainer Bill McLean recorded nine (9) timed workouts in January 2026 without a corresponding clearance by an attending veterinarian. One of the horses was NOVINOPHOBIA which shipped into Santa Anita Park on October 25, 2025, after a 107-day layoff. The horse had 42 training events recorded on its training chart after shipping in and prior to its first 3 Furlong timed workout at Santa Anita Park on December 6, 2025, without the completion of a Training Soundness Examination.

Trainer McLean stated that he and his assistant trainer failed to notify his practicing veterinarian to have the examination completed. He also stated that he's learning all

the rules regarding the required examinations and it wouldn't happen again. Mr. McLean has had one official warning on 01/31/2025 at Pleasanton. Decision to follow.

05/21/26²

COPELAND HEARING (case #26SA0013)

Owner LISA COPELAND was in our office to respond to the complaint filed by the Southern California Equine Foundation for unpaid cancellation fees (\$720.00) for a scheduled Nuc/PetScan on the horse "North Lake" on November 5, 2025. This is a continuation of the first hearing on March 5, 2025 (ref 03/5/25⁴). Present for the hearing were Exercise Rider Cesar Serrano (Exercise Rider/Groom of North Lake), Nicole Berbiglia (Imaging Services Director), Margaret Levine (Office Manager Southern California Equine Foundation) and Veterinarian Cecilia Chapparro. SCEF has a policy that all cancellations of NucScans must notify the Hospital 24 hours prior to the treatment date. The Owner stated she never officially scheduled the NucScan, only was inquiring, and that the Veterinarian failed to communicate with the barn that she scheduled the scan. After hearing everyone's testimony from all parties and entering all the exhibits into the record, the hearing came to an end. Decision to follow.

05/21/26³

FINANCIAL CASE (#26SA0050)

The financial complaint filed by Southern California Equine Foundation against Owner JODI CUELLAR in the amount of \$655.00 for services has been withdrawn after receiving notice that the full amount has been paid.

FRIDAY

05/22/26¹

FILM REVIEWS

Jockey KYLE FREY was in to review Sunday's fourth race in which he was involved in a Stewards' Inquiry. After reviewing the video several times, it was apparent that Mr. Frey's horse shifted inward from right-handed crop use. The good thing is Mr. Frey only used his crop one time and quickly corrected. Therefore, he left with a warning.

Jockey KYLE FREY came back in the office to represent Jockeys ADRIAN ESCOBEDO and TYLER BAZE who were called in for races on Sunday. Mr. Escobedo was called in for Sunday's fourth race in which he shifted out slightly impeding a horse to his outside, who was in between Mr. Frey and Mr. Escobedo approaching the finish line. Ironically, it was Mr. Frey who was mostly responsible for the incident. Therefore, Escobedo was not sanctioned.

Mr. Frey also represented Mr. Baze who was called in for Sunday's ninth race for his crop use. After reviewing the video a few times, everyone agreed that Mr. Baze used his crop seven (7) times. Subsequently, the following ruling was issued.

HISA Ruling

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 TYLER BAZE, who rode COME ON OM in the ninth race (Purse \$65,000) at Santa Anita Park on May 17, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (June 5, 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.

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO appeared on our office to review Sundays' fifth race in which he possibly violated the riding crop rule. After reviewing the race several times, Mr. Rosario agreed he violated the rule and took full responsibility. Mr. Rosario had a previous violation last week, therefore, his penalty doubled.

HISA Ruling

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 - second offense), Jockey JOEL ROSARIO, who rode CENTRAL DISPATCH in the fifth race (Purse \$35,000) at Santa Anita Park on May 17, 2026, is suspended for TWO (2) days (June 5 and 6, 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.

05/22/26²

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/NO CHANGE (7th Race- Turf)

We posted the inquiry sign to review the stretch run involving the #4 Catch the Breeze (K. Kimura, 6th) and the #3 None Above the Law (J. Rosario, 7th). After reviewing the race and speaking to the riders involved, we made no change to the order of finish. In a unanimous opinion, the #3 attempted to enter into a tight opening in the inside rail; therefore, no change was made.

05/22/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No changes. Refund \$0.00
 2nd Race No changes. Refund \$0.00
 3rd Race #1 Cosmo Friday- Claimed by F. Rodriguez, trainer. Refund \$51.00
 4th Race No changes. Refund \$52.00
 5th Race #9 Liam Smith- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$1,047.70
 6th Race #1 Sensational Z Z- VOIDED claim, returns to F. Rodriguez
 #5 Outrageous- VOIDED claim, returns to M. Stortz
 #7 Ro Town- Claimed by M. Badilla, trainer
 7th Race No change. Refund \$84.00
 8th Race #6 Mekenarita- Claimed by E. Alavarez, trainer
 #8 Beer's Board- Claimed by J. Farias, trainer
 #9 A Fleet Ride- Claimed by F. Rodriguez, trainer. Refund \$23,671.57
 9th Race #9 Omfortheholldays- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #10 Miss Hellfire- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #11 Florence Joyner- Stewards' scratch- also eligible.
 Refund \$523.55

05/22/26⁴

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	2,424	\$398,716.62
SCOTWINC	2,168	\$780,977.59
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$6,747,344.78
TOTAL	4,592	\$8,300,161.61

SATURDAY

05/23/26¹

FILM REVIEWS

Jockey ARMANDO AYUSO appeared in our office to review yesterday's fifth race to look at an incident at the dirt transition (6 fur. turf) in which when he crossed over putting pressure on the inside horse. Mr. Ayuso agreed with our assessment that he should have waited a little longer until he crossed the transition before crossing over. A warning was issued.

Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA was in to review two incidents from yesterday's seventh race. The first incident we reviewed was the start, where he shifted inward putting pressure on the inside horses, resulting in contact. The second incident was in the stretch in which he floated inward, causing a horse who was attempting to pass him to steady slightly.

Mr. Kimura's excuse for the first incident was that the outside horse put pressure on him. The second was that the horse didn't have space to enter. In a unanimous opinion, he angled inward without sufficient clearance in the first incident and that behavior was worthy of a suspension. For the second incident, Mr. Kimura could have done a better job maintaining a straight course. Therefore, he was issued the following ruling.

LATS Ruling #68

Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA, who rode CATCH THE BREEZE in the seventh race at Santa Anita Park on May 22, 2026, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (June 6, 7 and 11, 2026) for angling inward without sufficient clearance soon after the start, causing interference; 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.

Jockey JOEL ROSARIO was in to review his ride in yesterday's ninth race in which he eased up in the stretch and was passed for a placing. Mr. Rosario stated that his horse was getting tired and he was protecting him. We agreed that protecting the horse is important, but if there is an issue with a horse, to please let the racing veterinarian examine the horse. He agreed.

05/23/26²

MALDONADO MEETING

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO was ordered to come into our office, accompanied by Jockeys Guild Manger Darrel Haire as a representative. Mr. Maldonado was in to discuss his conduct towards a Steward in the saddling paddock and for another incident a couple of months ago. Mr. Maldonado was upset that he was ordered to come in and stated that he hadn't been speaking to the Steward, but that he was having a conversation with another jockey. The meeting seemed to clear up the air, and all parties understood to respect each other's opinions.

05/23/26³

STEWARDS' REVIEW

We conducted a Stewards' Review after the ninth race to examine the start of the #6 J T's Watch (K. Kimura). After speaking to the Head Starter Keil Travis and reviewing the video, we determined that the #6 caused his own issues and therefore, no inquiry would be conducted.

05/23/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #5 Goodnight Nellie- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
 #13 Pavel's Etolle- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #14 Cashed- Stewards' scratch- also eligible. Refund \$5,078.59

2nd Race #2 Quick Up- Stewards' scratch- full field
 #5 Soo Bronx- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, unsound
 #11 Lipstick Lies- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 #12 Babys Gone Country- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 Refund \$1,428.72

3rd Race #1 Pure Madness- Stewards' scratch- enter back. Refund \$1,360.54

4th Race #4 O K Rose- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$3,991.88

5th Race #2 Mr. Akin- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, sick
 Refund \$1,302.30

6th Race #3 Call Cat- Stewards' scratch- stake
 #6 Canani- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$4,239.47

7th Race #1 Holdthatrainbow- Stewards' scratch- stake. Refund \$2,168.75

8th Race No changes. Refund \$2,585.00

9th Race #1 Cowboy Mike- Claimed by S. Miyadi, trainer
 #2 Known Idea- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured
 Refund \$4,057.19

10th Race #1 Robin Olds- Stewards' scratch- full field
 #9 Gaines Stewards' scratch- full field
 #14 Booked Clubhouse- Stewards' scratch- also eligible
 Refund \$5,383.38

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ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	8,345	\$855,062.50
SCOTWINC	3,557	\$1,457,658.94
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$9,484,306.91
TOTAL	11,902	\$11,985,662.53

SUNDAY

05/24/26¹

HEAD STARTER IN

Head Starter Keil Travis was in to review Friday's last race in which the #1 "Taking a Joy Ride" lunged at the start. We wanted to get his input regarding the start. He stated that the horse needs to school and has been on the starter's list three (3) times prior.

05/24/26²

STEWARDS' INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION (6th race)

We posted the Inquiry Sign to review the start involving the #6 Stanford Warrior (E. Jaramillo DNF) who was unseated when the #7 Prime Splash broke inward (E. Garcia 6th) making contact. After reviewing the race several times, we unanimously voted to disqualify the #7 and place him unplaced for interference. The video shows the #7 broke inward making hard contact with the #6 causing him to unseat his rider.

Unofficial order 8-2-4-1-9-(7)-5-6 (DNF)
 Official order 8-2-4-1-9-5-6 (DNF)-(7) (unplaced)

05/24/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #4 Jager Angel- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured in paddock. Refund \$2,509.87

2nd Race No changes. Refund \$0.00

3rd Race #3 Harney Lane- Claimed by A. Garcia, trainer
#6 Legal Fiction- Claimed by R. Lucas, trainer
4th Race #8 Smokem Wicked- E. Garcia replaces D. Cruz, suspended
Refund \$1.00
5th Race No changes. Refund \$23.00
6th Race #3 Red Doggit- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Benson, unsound
Refund \$459.17
7th Race No changes. Refund \$624.01
8th Race #5 King of Success- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured
Refund \$94,832.54
9th Race #4 Catalina Cocktail- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick
Refund \$1,353.57

05/24/26⁴

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	14,243	\$663,335.42
SCOTWINC	2,796	\$885,149.67
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$5,982,895.67
TOTAL	17,039	\$7,629,640.07

MONDAY

05/25/26¹

VOIDED CLAIM RULING

After receiving notice from HIWU to void the claim of the horse “Tom Seaver“ from the ninth race at Santa Anita Park on April 17, 2026, for a post-race test. Therefore, we issued the following ruling.

HISA RULING

Having received a first notice letter from the Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit of an alleged violation of Controlled Medication Rule (DICLOFENAC) in the post-race test sample (#8200053971), pursuant to Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule 3060 (a) (Claiming Races and Voidable Claims) the claim submitted for the horse TOM SEAVER in the ninth race on April 17, 2026 at Santa Anita Park is hereby deemed void.

The horse TOM SEAVER, trained by STEVE MIYADI, which was claimed by GREENWAY RACING STABLES LLC, WILLIAM A. BRANCH and ANDY MATHIS, shall be returned to owner NICK ALEXANDER. Also, NICK ALEXANDER shall return the amount of the claim TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) to the paymaster at Santa Anita by June 25, 2026.

05/25/26²

ORDONEZ RULING

Trainer AGGIE ORDONEZ was issued the following ruling after she failed to properly register her horse “Elsa Dutton” in yesterday’s second race. Ms. Ordonez did not register her horse as a non-Lasix horse.

LATS Ruling #69

Trainer AGGIE ORDONEZ, who started the horse ELSA DUTTON in the second race on May 24, 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).

05/25/26³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey CRISTOBOL HERRERA was in to review yesterday's third race in which he possibly violated the riding crop rule. Mr. Herrera stated he had to use his crop for safety reasons, because the horse was bearing out. We agreed with his assessment, and he left our office with a warning.

05/25/26⁴

INQUIRY/NON-STARTER

After the running of the seventh race, we conducted an Inquiry to examine the start of #7 Tiz's Harbor (K. Frey) who broke very slow. After speaking with the starter and reviewing the race several times, we voted to declare the #7 a Non-Starter per CHRB rule #1696 (The Start). The video shows the #7 did not receive a fair start, as the assistant starter did not release the horse in time.

05/25/26⁵

OBJECTION/NO CHANGES (9th race)

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA #7 (Cody Boy) lodged an objection against the winner #8 The G M (A. Ayuso) and the second-place horse #11 Supernal (A. Fresu) for interference in the stretch. After speaking to both riders and reviewing the video several times, we made no change. In a unanimous opinion, we all agreed the incident was not worthy of a disqualification. In our opinion the #8 and #11 didn't bother the #7.

05/25/26⁶

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#4 Yacowlef- VOIDED claim- returns to H. Palma's barn #6 King Stephen- Stewards' scratch- jockey was late. Refund \$3,434.09
2 nd Race	#2 Fix It Quick- Claimed by I. Tamayo, trainer #3 Three Georges- VOIDED claim returns to J. Uranga #6 Ya'll Come- Claimed by V. Garcia, trainer. Refund \$70.00
3 rd Race	#9 Miss Chardonnay- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured Refund \$462.04
4 th Race	#6 Janey Creed- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Bohannon, injured #7 Resolve- J. Rosario replaces F. Prat- travel. Refund \$1,153.87
5 th Race	No changes. Refund \$0.00
6 th Race	No changes. Refund \$172.00
7 th Race	#2 The Big Cheeseola- Claimed by J. Uranga, trainer #9 Dirty Words- claimed by C. Treece, trainer. Refund \$74,352.54
8 th Race	#1 El Potente- Stewards scratch- Stake. Refund \$8,256.93
9 th Race	#1 Chrome-flash- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick #2 Refocus- Claimed by P. Miller, trainer #3 Scene by Me- Stewards' scratch- Enter back #4 See Through It- Claimed by L. Barocio, trainer #5 Geezer- Claimed by D. O'Neill, trainer #6 Shady Tiger- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured Refund \$5,745.60
10 th Race	#1 High King- A. Fresu replaces T. Pereira, 2 nd call #2 Throwin Heat- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Benson, unsound #4 Big Bill- Stewards' scratch, full field #10 Om Grown Tomatoes- Stewards' scratch- Full field. Refund \$3,278.24

05/25/26⁷

ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	14,235	\$1,240,210.58
SCOTWINC	3,069	\$1,127,416.01
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$10,742,892.12
TOTAL	17,304	\$13,570,285.29

SUMMARY

	Fri 05/22	Sat 05/23	Sun 05/24	Mon 05/25	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	1	0	1	11
Cal-Bred Races	2	10	3	2	17	136
Claims	5	1	2	7	15	155
Disqualifications	0	0	1	0	1	6
Inquiries	1	0	1	2	4	35
Refunds	6	10	7	9	32	381
Rulings	0	1	0	1	2	69
Voided Claims	2	0	0	2	4	23

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 05/18/26 TO 05/24/26

Horses on Vet List	17
Horses off Vet List	11
Shock Wave Therapy	2
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Luis Jauregui, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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