

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Cypress, California
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Report for the Week of Wednesday, June 17 through Sunday, June 21, 2026.

WEDNESDAY6/17/26¹**DUTY STEWARD**

Tom Ward will be on duty this week, handling entries, changes and panel duties. Composing minutes will also be on the agenda.

6/17/26²**FATALITY REVIEW**

Ward participated in a fatality review with Dr. Jocelyn Lorbiecki, Safety Steward Brice Blanc and trainer Xavier Rodriguez this morning. Mr. Rodriguez' horse, Backside Ace, suffered a fractured knee during the running of the Two Million trials last November and, unfortunately, had to be euthanized. Despite the amount of time that had passed, Mr. Rodriguez had an excellent recall of the situation and the problems the colt dealt with during his short career. A good dialog was shared by all in attendance.

6/17/26³**SATURDAY ENTRIES**

The Saturday entry process is underway this morning, as the day/night schedule is here for the next three weeks.

6/17/26⁴**SATURDAY RACING CALLED OFF**

At 5:30 this afternoon, management was forced to cancel racing for Saturday evening as there were insufficient horses entered to comprise a competitive racing program. There were only three races filled at that time and the prospects for other races filling looked bleak. Hopefully management can get a competitive program together for Father's Day evening.

THURSDAY6/18/26¹**SUNDAY ENTRIES**

Entries are being accepted for the Sunday card; hopefully the result will be better than Saturday's debacle.

6/18/26²

GROOM COMPLIES WITH RULING

Groom Roque Diaz, who was suspended for thirty days in April for methamphetamine use, came to the office this morning with documentation which substantiated that he was in compliance with other terms of the ruling. He has been in a sober living home and has been in contact with Winners Foundation representatives.

FRIDAY

6/19/26¹

SUNDAY CARD FILLS - FINALLY

The Racing Office staff worked until late afternoon on Thursday to fill an eight-race card for Sunday. Entries were still scarce, even though there were three races carried over from the canceled Saturday program and three stakes' events for Sunday. This situation does not bode well going forward.

SATURDAY

6/20/26¹

SATURDAY RACING CANCELED

With the Saturday card canceled, there is nothing to report.

SUNDAY

6/21/26¹

RULING #49

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Jockey ARMANDO VIRAMONTES is fined THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1688 (b) (3) (Use of Riding Crop – striking mount with crop during post parade/warm up period) prior to the fifth race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 14, 2026.

This ruling was issued after Mr. Viramontes acknowledged violation of the crop rule during the warm-up period.

6/21/26²

JOCKEY EXCUSED

Francisco Orduna Rojas was excused from his engagement this evening due to illness. A replacement rider was announced.

6/21/26³

CLAIM VOIDED

The claim slip deposited by trainer Santos Perez in the first race for #6 Fly Zapper was voided as Dr. Gary Beck reported the horse was "off" in the right foreleg during its time in the detention barn. The horse was returned to the barn of trainer Charles Treece.

6/21/26⁴

INQUIRY INTO START / HORSE DECLARED A STARTER

The Stewards posted the Inquiry sign following the fourth race to review the start of #3 Think Think (E. Nicasio). After speaking with Starter Gary Brinson and reviewing video of the break, the Stewards unanimously voted to declare the horse a "starter", with no refund being warranted. Video verified that the horse became fractious and "reared" just as the field was dispatched.

6/21/26⁵

HORSE DOWN FOLLOWING RACE / THIRTY MINUTE DELAY

There was a thirty-minute delay to the start of the sixth race due to an incident following the running of race five. The horse Johnny Lightning, a first time starting two-year-old trained by Paul Jones, fell in the first turn and was unable to stand. Racing Veterinarian Becky Fitzgerald was on the scene immediately but despite her efforts and those of several individuals to aid the horse, it could not remain on its feet for any extended period. A shoulder injury was diagnosed, resulting in the horse being euthanized on the track.

6/21/26⁶

STEWARDS INQUIRY AND DISQUALIFICATION

The Stewards ordered the Inquiry sign posted after the seventh race while reviewing an incident which occurred mid-race involving the fourth and sixth place horses, #6 Cyber Eyes (G. Lara) and #7 Jaque (R. Ramirez), respectively. After reviewing video of the incident from all pertinent angles, the Stewards unanimously voted to disqualify Cyber Eyes from fourth to sixth position. Tapes verified that Cyber Eyes drifted out several paths, forcing Jaque off its path and causing it to lose ground. The margin between fifth and sixth position was a "head", and the Stewards were convinced that Jaque was cost a placing by the actions of the offending horse.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race No Changes
 2nd Race No Changes
 3rd Race No Changes
 4th Race No Changes
 5th Race No Changes
 6th Race No Changes
 7th Race No Changes
 8th Race #7 Flying Sin Tacha (Tr. J. Flores) Stakes – Stewards – Refund: \$859.60
 #8 Dulce Luchadora (Tr. L. Diaz) Stakes – Stewards – Refund: \$258.20

6/21/26⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	877	\$118,934.60
SCOTWINC	847	\$150,894.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,072,692.76
TOTAL	1,724	\$1,342,521.96

SUMMARY

	Fri 6/19	Sat 6/20	Sun 6/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	N	1	1	8
Cal-Bred Races	0	O	0	0	0
Claims	0	R	0	0	38
Disqualifications	0	A	1	1	9
Inquiries	0	C	2	2	27
Refunds	0	I	2	2	171
Rulings	0	N	1	1	49
Voided Claims	0	G	1	1	14

Tom Ward, Steward

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