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Los Alamitos Racing Association

Los Alamitos, California

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Report for Monday, June 22, through Sunday, June 28, 2026.

TUESDAY06/23/26¹**ENTRY DAY**

The racing office was open today accepting entries for Friday, June 26, 2026. Steward Kim Sawyer was the Duty Steward today. Eight (8) races were carded. Sixty-one (61) horses are scheduled to start.

WEDNESDAY ENTRY DAY06/24/26¹

Racing Secretary Randy Valdez and his staff are on hand today putting a racing card on for this meet's fifth day of racing, Saturday, June 27, 2026. Nine (9) races were drawn with the post positions 'shook out' starting at 2:00 p.m. Sixty-one (61) horses are scheduled to start. The featured race Saturday will be the \$100,000 Los Alamitos Derby. Steward Kim Sawyer was on duty today for the CHRB.

THURSDAY ADAN ZAMORANO INFORMAL HEARING06/25/26¹

Pony Person Adan Zamorano appeared for a Microsoft Teams hearing today. Mr. Zamorano appeared from San Luis Rey Downs where he was issued a Violation Notice. CHRB Safety Steward Eddie Rich served as an Interpreter for this hearing. San Luis Rey Downs Gateman Robert Valencia testified that on June 11, 2026, Mr. Zamorano was playing very loud music from the lower parking lot. Mr. Valencia directed Zamorano to lower the volume to comply with SLRD rules. According to Valencia Zamorano intentionally increased the volume of the music in an apparent act of defiance. Mr. Zamorano did not receive a Citation Notice for this day.

The Stewards asked several questions and listened to testimony regarding the matter. Decision to follow.

06/25/26²

WELFIN ORANTES COMPLAINT (CASE #26SA0111)

The CHRB has filed a complaint against Jockey Welfin Orantes for alleged violation of CHRB Rule #1500.1 (Random Jockey Testing). CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama was on hand today to present a twenty-seven (27) page complaint package that he prepared. The cover page reads as follows:

A urine sample submitted by Welfin Orantes as part of a random drug test of jockeys conducted by CHRB investigators on April 25, 2026, resulted in an Adverse Analytical Finding as determined by the official diagnostic service provider for the CHRB.

Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. helped our hearing to set up a Microsoft Teams format in which Jockey Orantes appeared at Santa Anita. Steward Richard Lewis chaired this hearing. Decision to follow.

06/25/26³

CHRIS CARPENTER COMPLAINT (CASE #26SA0049)

Southern California Equine Foundation (SCEF) has filed a complaint against Owner Chris Carpenter alleging that Owner Carpenter owes them \$382.50 past due for veterinary work. The cover page of this ten (10) page complaint packet reads as follows. CHRB Investigator Tom Gandara prepared today's complaint which reads as follows:

Chris Carpenter is indebted to Southern California Equine Foundation for Nuclear Scan services rendered on January 8, 2026, in the amount of \$382.50.

The Stewards were informed by Magaret Levine (SCEF) that debt in this matter has been paid. This case has now been withdrawn.

06/25/26⁴

SECOND CHRIS CARPENTER COMPLAINT (CASE #26SA0122)

Private Veterinarian Michael Manno has filed a complaint alleging Owner Chris Carpenter has violated CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). The twelve (12) page complaint in this matter was prepared by CHRB Investigator Tom Gandara. The cover page of his complaint reads as follows:

Chris Carpenter is indebted to Dr. Michael Manno for Veterinary services rendered between August 15, 2025, to December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$1053.36.

The Stewards were informed that this bill has been paid in full and this complaint has now been withdrawn.

06/25/26⁵

FRED DESIMONE HEARING (CASE #260123)

Dr. Michael Manno (San Dieguito Equine Group) has filed a complaint against Owner Fred Desimone alleging violation of CHRB Rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility). CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara Jr. prepared an eleven (11) page complaint packet for this case. The cover page of the complaint reads as follows:

Owner Fred Desimone is indebted to Dr. Michael Manno in the amount of \$783.18 for services rendered, veterinary treatment. Dr. Manno provided the CHRB with invoices for the horses 'Travel The World', 'Cindy's Beach House', and 'Walk'n The Beach'. Desimone has been sent invoices via email and certified mail.

The Stewards were informed that this bill had been paid in full and this case has now been withdrawn.

FRIDAY

06/26/26¹

STATE VETERINARIAN CHANGE

Dr. Jocelyn Lorbiecki is filling in this week as the CHRB veterinarian. Nolton Pattio VMD is off from his duties this week in a work related (horse health) matter.

06/26/26²

POTICA HIWU DISQUALIFICATION (CASE #ECM2026-160/ECM)

The Stewards issued the following disqualification ruling after communication from HIWU via CHRB Chief Steward Darrel McHargue.

**AMENDED
LAFL Ruling #01**

After receiving notice from Horseracing Integrity and Welfare Unit (HIWU), the following horse, POTICA, was disqualified for a positive test sample from Race 2 at Santa Anita Park on April 30, 2026, Case #ECM2026-160/ECM. The Consequences of Disqualification results included forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points and rankings and repayment or surrender (as applicable) of such to the Race Organizer (ADMC Program Rule 3321 (a) (2) – Disqualification of the Covered Horse's Results).

It is further ordered that all purse monies earned or awarded to Owners DACMAC VENTURES, LLC, RYAN HANSON, and PAUL PIMENTEL, Trainer RYAN HANSON and Jockey ADRIAN ESCOBEDO be returned to the Paymaster of Purses at Santa Anita Park on or before July 26, 2026, for redistribution pursuant to Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority Rule # 8200 (f).

Revised Order of Finish:

1 st DREAM QUEST	2 nd THIRSTY CAITLIN
3 rd PAY ONE MORE DREAM	4 th LIHUE PRINCESS
5 th SHE'S MY STAR	6 th SOO BRONX

06/26/26³

SECOND RACE INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Stewards posted the Inquiry sign after viewing an incident in the vicinity of the 1/16th mile marker. In this race, third place finisher #2 Cornealusthegreat (Jeremy Laprida) encountered a rival horse crossing over in front of him. First place finisher #4 Throwthefirstpunch (Kazushi Kimura) was the rival horse.

Jockey Jeremy Laprida, aboard #2 Cornealusthegreat, was forced to steady sharply when #4 Throwthefirstpitch took his path. #2 Cornealusthegreat was beaten ½ length for third position at the finish. Stewards spoke to both jockeys involved, received a Patrol Judge report, and reviewed all camera views of the incident. In a unanimous decision, #4 Throwthefirstpitch was disqualified and placed third. Jockey Kazushi Kimura was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH	4 -5-2-1-3
OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH	5-2- 4 -1-3

06/26/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

5 th Race	#8 Supernal (Tr. D.O'Neill) claimed, I. Tamayo, trainer
6 th Race	Declarations #2 Atomic Drop (Tr. J. Uranga) Unsound- Jocelyn Lorbiecki DVM

#4 Caribbean King (Tr. D. Blacker) Unsound-Jay Deluhery DVM
 REFUND TOTAL: \$764.50
 7th Race Declaration Definitely Prbable (Tr. V. Belvoir) Injured- Laura Austgen
 DVM. REFUND: \$342.10
 8th Race Declarations #4 Hemet Gold (Tr. H. Palma) HIWU List-Stewards
 #10 I B Salty (Tr. S. Sherman) Unsound-Jocelyn Lorbiecki—DVM
 REFUND TOTAL: \$585.30

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DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	625	\$76,810.50
SCOTWINC	1,826	\$162,109.80
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$1,993,530.38
TOTAL	2,451	\$2,232,450.68

SATURDAY ARMANDO AGUILAR FILM REVIEW/RULING

06/27/26¹

Jockey Armando Aguilar appeared in our office to review his ride in yesterday's (June 26) fourth race, which was contested at five (5) furlongs. Jockey Aguilar was aboard third place finisher #5 Pine Run. Today's film review shows Jockey Aguilar use his riding crop seven (7) times, which is one strike over the HISA limit. Jockey Aguilar agreed with the Stewards film analysis. In a unanimous decision, Stewards issued the following HISA ruling.

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 ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode PINE RUN in the fourth race (Purse \$17,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 26, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 18, 2026) and fined TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY HUNDRED 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.

06/27/26²

RICARDO RAMIREZ FILM REVIEW/RULING

Jockey Ricardo Ramirez appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's (June 26) fourth race, which was contested at five (5) furlongs. Jockey Ramirez was late for the film review, showing up at 12:20 p.m., which is 40 minutes before post time for the first race.

Today's film review showed Jockey Ramirez using his riding crop seven (7) times aboard first place finisher Robarando. Jockey Ramirez agreed with the Stewards' observations that his use of the riding crop was one (1) strike over the limit. The following ruling was issued. Due to time constraints, the Stewards quickly headed to the top level of the grandstand to judge today's nine (9) races.

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 RICARDO RAMIREZ, who rode ROBARANDO in the fourth race (Purse \$17,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 26, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 18, 2026) and fined TWO

HUNDRED AND FIFTY HUNDRED 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.

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KAZUSHI KIMURA FILM REVIEW/RULING (REF:06/26/26³)

The Stewards held a film review today for Jockey Kazushi Kimura who rode #4 Throwthefirstpunch in yesterday's 2nd race. This horse finished first but was disqualified and placed second by the Stewards. Jockey Kazushi Kimura was not available for today's film review as he took a 'red eye' to Toronto, Canada as he is riding in several stake races at Woodbine Racetrack.

Jockey Kimura was represented by Jockey Agent Brian Beach who participated telephonically. Today's review shows Jockey Kimura and his mount drift inward and take the path of #2 Cornealeusthegreat (Jeremy Laprida) who was racing to the inside of Jockey Kimura. Jockey Agent Beach told the Stewards that his client Jockey Kimura didn't realize that Cornealeusthegreat was inside of him. Stewards determined that this was a careless ride by Jockey Kimura. In a unanimous decision, the following ruling was issued.

LAFL RULING #2

Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA, who rode THROWTHEFIRSTPUNCH in the second race at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 26, 2026, is suspended for THREE (3) racing days (July 18, 19 and 23, 2026) for crossing over without sufficient clearance, causing interference, resulting in the disqualification of his mount from first to third. This constitutes 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.

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THIRD RACE JOCKEY OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of this third race Jockey Ricardo Gonzalez, who rode second place finisher #6 Fix It Quick lodged an objection against first place finisher #4 Pacer (Tiago Pereira) for alleged stretch interference. Inside the 1/8th mile marker first place finisher #4 Pacer shifts out into the path of second place finisher #6 Fix It Quick (Ricardo Gonzalez). This action forced #6 Fix It Quick to quickly shift off the heels of #4 Pacer. #6 Fix It Quick lost his path and considerable momentum in the incident.

The Stewards spoke to both jockeys involved, received a Patrol Judge report and reviewed all camera angles of the incident. In a majority vote, # 4 Pacer was disqualified and placed second. Steward Sawyer dissented with the belief a better placing was not affected. Jockey Tiago Pereira was ordered to film review with the Stewards.

ORIGINAL ORDER OF FINISH	4-6-2-3-5-1
OFFICIAL ORDER OF FINISH	6-4-2-3-5-1

06/27/26⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

2 nd Race	Declaration #6 Vonntastic (Tr. P. Miller) Sick- Laura Austgen DVM REFUND: \$1,918.96
3 rd Race	#4 Pacer (Tr. J. Sadler) claimed, S. Knapp, trainer

4th Race Declaration #2 Moon (Tr. S. Callaghan) Sick- Laura Austgen DVM
REFUND: \$653.00

7th Race Declaration #4 Long Legged Babs (Tr. V. Brinkerhoff) Injured before
arriving at Receiving Barn-Laura Austgen DVM
REFUND: \$1,839.58

7th Race #2 Dragon Kat (Tr. G. Papaprodromou) claimed, L. Campuzano, trainer

9th Race NO SHOW WAGERING

06/27/26⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,382	\$212,081.05
SCOTWINC	3,489	\$252,493.58
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,134,664.21
TOTAL	4,871	\$2,599,238.84

SUNDAY

06/28/25¹

NEW APPRENTICE JOCKEY

Warren Ebow III is a nineteen (19) year old apprentice jockey who arrived in California today after riding in West Virginia. Apprentice Ebow was accompanied by his new agent, Joe Griffin. This young rider has had 353 mounts with 42 winners so far in his brief successful career. Stewards reviewed his Apprentice Certificate, and he obtained his California license to begin exercising horses and be eligible to accept 'calls' to ride in races.

06/28/25²

PEDRO FLORES FILM REVIEW/RULING

Jockey Pedro Flores appeared in the Stewards' office to review his use of the riding crop in yesterday's (June 27) first race. In this 5 ½ furlong event Jockey Flores was aboard second place finisher #2 Oveta's Hobby. Today's film review shows Jockey Flores use his riding crop seven (7) times before being beaten in a 'Photo Finish'. Jockey Flores agreed with our analysis of his crop use. In a unanimous decision 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 PEDRO FLORES, who rode OVETA'S HOBBY in the first race (Purse \$28,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 27, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 19, 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.

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TIAGO PERIERA FILM REVIEW (REF:06/27/26³)

Jockey Tiago Pereira appeared in the Stewards' office to review his ride in the third race yesterday, June 27. In this one (1) mile race Jockey Pereira was aboard #4 Pacer who finished first but was disqualified and placed second for stretch interference. Today's film review showed #4 Pacer shift out at the 1/8th mile marker forcing original second place finisher #6 Fix It Quick (Ricardo Gonzalez) to steady sharply off of heels. This incident led to the disqualification of #4 Pacer from first to second position. The Stewards felt that Jockey Periera attempted to 'correct' (straighten) his mount as soon as possible after the interference took place. In a unanimous decision, Jockey Periera left our informal hearing without a penalty.

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ADAN ZAMORANO DECISION/ RULING (REF: 06/25/26(1))

Pony Rider Adan Zamorano was playing loud music in the parking lot at San Luis Rey Downs on June 11, 2026. He was not cooperative with SLRD security after the incident. It should be noted that on April 22, 2026, Mr. Zamorano had been issued a 'Notice of Compliance' for another 'loud music' incident. The following ruling was issued in a unanimous decision.

LAFL RULING #3

Pony Rider ADAN ZAMORANO is fined FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers – failure to follow orders of security guard – loud music) on June 11, 2026, at San Luis Rey Downs.

06/28/25⁵

WELFIN ORANTES DECISION/AMENDED RULING (REF: 06/25/26(2))

Jockey Welfin Orantes submitted a random urine test when CHRB Investigators requested samples from several jockeys at Santa Anita Park on April 25, 2026. Jockey Orantes tested positive. Jockey Orantes was immediately taken off his mounts after Santa Anita Stewards were informed of the positive test. He missed 3 days of racing until he submitted a negative test sample. Stewards determined that the positive test sample was from an appetite suppressant that was prescribed by a doctor. Jockey Orantes showed Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama a picture of the prescription. Jockey Orantes has a clean record with the CHRB regarding non-riding activities. In a unanimous decision the following ruling was issued.

LAFL RULING #4

Jockey WELFIN R. ORANTES, who was found in violation of California Horse Racing Board Rule #1500.1 (Random Jockey Testing – Adverse Analytical Finding) on April 25, 2026, at Santa Anita Park, must be evaluated by the Winners Foundation, abide by the terms set by their recommendations, and sign a testing agreement while holding a license with the California Horse Racing Board. Failure to do so may result in a suspension of all licenses held by WELFIN R. ORANTES.

06/28/25⁶

GOOD RACING

Today's eight race card went well as it was free of Steward inquiries and/or Jockey objections.

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DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st Race Declaration #5 Normandy Queen (Tr. Mark Glatt) Sick-Laura Autsgen
DVM. REFUND: \$2,092.80
3rd Race Declaration #3 Headed for Om (Tr. T. Yakteen) Unsound- Jocelyn
Lorbiecki DVM. REFUND: \$1,009.60
7th Race Declaration #3 Chief Jackson (Tr. D. Wayne Baker) Sick-Laura Autsgen
DVM. REFUND: \$267.20
7th Race #5 Mother's Prayer (Tr. S. Knapp) claimed, V. Belvoir, trainer
8th Race Declarations #2 Surf Squire (Tr. A. Garcia) Unsound- Jocelyn Lorbecki
DVM
#8 Sip Sio Candy (Tr. E. Alvarez) Lost Rider/Post Parade-Stewards
REFUND TOTAL: \$16,217.62

06/28/25⁸

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,195	\$110,932.02
SCOTWINC	3,009	\$203,298.04
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,132,060.13
TOTAL	4,204	\$2,446,290.19

SUMMARY

	Fri 6/26	Sat 6/27	Sun 6/28	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	3	3	2	8	13
Claims	3	2	1	6	10
Disqualifications	1	1	0	2	2
Inquiries	1	0	0	1	1
Refunds	4	3	4	11	20
Rulings	1	1	2	4	4
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 06/22/26 TO 06/28/26

Horses on Vet List	19
Horses off Vet List	20
Shock Wave Therapy	9
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

Grant Baker, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

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