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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
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Los Alamitos, California

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GENERAL DATA:

- Dates:** Friday, June 19, 2026, through Sunday, July 5, 2026.
Racing Fridays through Sundays. Total number of racing days is nine.
- Post time:** Weekdays/weekends/holidays – 1 p.m. first post, unless otherwise specified.
- Scratch time:** Regular scratch time will be at 10:00 a.m. the day after entries, unless otherwise noted.
The deadline for scratches for stakes races, with the exception of overnight stakes races, will be prior to the 3rd race or two hours before post time, whichever is longer.
- Wagering:** Minimum \$2 Win, Place and Show wagering on every race; \$1 Exactas on all races; \$1 Trifectas on all races; \$1 (10 cent minimum) Superfectas on all qualifying races; \$2 Rolling Doubles; \$1 Rolling Pick Threes; \$1 Pick Four on races 2 thru 5, and last four races; \$0.50 Pick Five (14% Takeout) on races 1 thru 5; \$2 Pick Six (with carryover) on final six races; \$1 Super High Five on final race of the day.

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Report for Tuesday, June 16, through Sunday, June 21, 2026.

TUESDAY

06/16/26¹

DUTY STEWARD

Richard Lewis, representing the CHRB, was available to supervise entries for Friday (8 races) opening day of the 2026 LACF Meet at Los Alamitos and resolve any issues that may arise.

WEDNESDAY

06/17/26¹

DUTY STEWARD

Again, Steward Lewis was present to adjudicate any issues and answer questions needed to complete the entries for Saturday (9 races). He also approved changes made to Friday's program.

THURSDAY

06/18/26¹

KOWALSKI HEARING CASE 26SA0059

The complaint listed below with the attached CHRB rule 1484 (Evidence of Unfitness for License). Upon confirmation per Washington State Stewards' ruling EMD2157526034 verifying her debt owed was paid in full and she is restored to good standing in the state of Washington. The complaint was signed and withdrawn.

The Washington State Horse Racing Commission informed the CHRB about a ruling that was issued in Washington involving CHRB licensee Elizabeth Kowalski. Ruling EMD2157526008 (ATTACHED) declares Elizabeth Kowalski ineligible for licensing in Washington beginning on March 18, 2026, pending the payment of several fees and a fine totaling \$778.93 to the Washington Racing Commission. Based on the above ruling, Kowalski shows evidence of unfitness for licensure in California.

Elizabeth Kowalski also holds current CHRB licenses as a Pony Rider #408844 exp. 07/2026 and an owner #408696 exp. 07/2026.

06/18/26²

TAMAYO RECORDED HEARING CASE 26SA0058

The following complaint was originally scheduled for June 11, 2026, which was continued as that date converted into a makeup race day. A complaint was issued by the CHRB per a ruling issued by Washington Horse Racing Commission. Present for the hearing before the BOS in person was CHRB Investigator Hiroshi Yokoyama, via Microsoft Teams at Santa Anita was Trainer Isidro Tamayo, with the assistance of CHRB Investigator Octavio Vergara, Jr.

The complaint read as follows:

The CHRB received notice of Stewards Ruling EMD2860226023 from the Washington Horse Racing Commission dated, March 26, 2026, "On Thursday March 26, 2026, a conference was scheduled with Isidro Tamayo regarding a financial complaint from Rigoberto T. Botello (RLSB Feed), in the amount of \$2,665.78. Isidro Tamayo was properly served and failed to appear. Accordingly, Isidro Tamayo is hereby made ineligible for licensing until such time that he appears or resolves the financial complaint."

*Isidro Tamayo has an active trainer license 296084, Exp. 2/2028
Isidro Tamayo has an expired owner license 326425, Exp. 2/2026*

Upon receiving last minute information from Vendor Rigoberto T. Botello (RLSB Feed) stating he received a "check" from Mr. Tamayo last night in the full amount owed, the hearing was opened to iterate all the facts onto the record. The complaint will not be signed off until confirmation the check has cleared.

06/18/26³

PEARSON HEARING CASE 26SA0104

After confirmation that Deron Pearson paid the debt owed prior to the hearing, the complaint listed below was signed off and dismissed.

Owner Deron Pearson is indebted to Southern California Equine Foundation in the amount of \$1,530.00 for services rendered. The horse PRINCESS SNOW, owned by Pearson, had a NucScan performed on December 12, 2025. SCEF sent the invoice via registered mail to Pearson's address but did not receive a payment.

06/18/26⁴

PAVIA HEARING CASE SA0105

Again, after confirmation the bill owed was paid in full prior to the hearing, the complaint listed below was signed off and dismissed.

The Southern California Equine Foundation (SCEF) performed a surgical procedure on KIDDO LIGHT at Santa Anita Park on February 6, 2026, in the amount of \$1,372.22. Another surgical procedure was performed on SMILING TIZZY at Santa

Anita Park on March 27, 2026, in the amount of \$365.01. A request for payment for a total amount of \$1,737.23 was sent to owner Angel Pavia via Certified US Mail on April 11, 2026; however, the balance remains outstanding to this day.

*Angel del Mundo Pavia is licensed as a CHRB Owner #411867, Exp. 11/2027
Angel del Mundo Pavia is licensed as a CHRB Groom #411842, Exp. 11/2026
Urbana Rio is licensed as CHRB Stable #605022, Exp. 12/2027*

06/18/26⁵

ORANTES HISA RULING

Upon receiving a copy of an amended penalty from HISA, the revised ruling is listed below.

HISA RULING

Per the HISA crop appeal resolution's enforcement counsel, the penalty for Jockey WELFIN ORANTES from HISA Ruling Case #2026-04255 (06/07/2026) has been modified, and by 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 (Ruling Crop Violations and Penalties - Class 3- second offense), Jockey WELFIN ORANTES, who rode HIGHPLAINS DRIFTER in the fourth race (Purse \$67,000) at Santa Anita Park on June 6, 2026, is suspended for TWO (2) days (June 21 and 26, 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.
(#2026-02382, issued 05/10/2026)

FRIDAY

06/19/26¹

SAFETY STEWARD REPLACEMENT

Brice Blanc replaced Luis Jauregui today as the latter is under the weather.

06/19/26²

VETERINARIAN MEETING

Dr. Nolton Pattio and Dr. Laura Austgen met with the Stewards to discuss procedures and protocol practiced during this meet. Subjects were discussed and questions were asked and answered.

The Stewards are much appreciative of this interaction prior to each race meet.

06/19/26³

SMOOTH SAILING

The eight-race card was performed without a ripple, any changes made are listed below.

06/19/26⁴

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
2nd race	#3 Kid Dynasty (Tr. T. Yakteen) claimed by Tr. J. Farias
3rd race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
4th race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
5th race	#1 Rapid Response (Tr. R. Baltas) Vet-sick-Dr. Austgen Refund \$206.10
6th race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
7th race	#9 Falabella (Tr. L. Campuzano) Claimed by Tr. C. Treece
8th race	#6 Mashie Niblick (Tr. S. Miyadi) Steward-entered back
	#7 Spy in Disguise (Tr. A. Ruvalcaba) Steward-wrong micro chip
	Refund \$1,421.49

06/19/26⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	682	\$88,783.34
SCOTWINC	1,715	\$149,597.59
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,016,732.61
TOTAL	2,397	\$2,255,113.54

SATURDAY06/20/26¹**JOCKEY REPLACEMENTS**

Jockey Joel Rosario's agent Bill Castle notified the Stewards that Mr. Rosario missed his flight last night. He was ready to fly out this AM, but the flight was cancelled. There were four rider replacements needed, which will be listed below.

06/20/26²**SOUTH KOREAN STEWARD VISIT**

South Korean Stewards, Donggil Choi and Yeongsu Ban visited Los Alamitos Race Course after spending last week at Santa Anita Park to observe the procedures and policies of Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse racing. Their visit was very informative and enjoyable. The CHRB Stewards, in return, would like to visit South Korea.

06/20/26³**JOCKEY OBJECTION /NO CHANGE /NINTH RACE -1 mile**

Following the running of the last race, jockey Tiago Pereira aboard #2 Whiskyginandbrandy who finished 4th lodged a claim of foul against #5 Coach Cronin (M. Smith 3rd) for possible interference in the second turn. After a report from the Patrol Judge, conversation with both jockeys and a complete review of the videos, the claim of foul was disallowed. In a unanimous decision, the Stewards determined Mr. Pereira tried to enter into a non-existent opening, causing his own problems, and the race was made official.

06/20/26⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS**

1st race #2 Swift Appeal (Tr. P. Miller) E. Payeras replaced J. Rosario (travel)
 2nd race #5 Whynotanotherone (Tr. R. B. Hess Jr.) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio
 #6 Big Reflections (Tr. S. McCarthy) J. Leparoux replaced J. Rosario (travel). Refund \$2,141.80
 3rd race #4 Split (T. Yakteen) T. Pereira replaced J. Rosario (travel)
 4th race #5 Just Deal (Tr. J Uranga) DNF
 #6 Rollinwithpolan (Tr. D. O'Neill) claimed by Tr. S. Morfin
 5th race No Changes. Refund \$0.00
 6th race #5 Sheza Gemini Jewel (Tr. J. Raudales) Veterinarian-injured starting gate- Dr. Austgen. Refund \$15,028.51
 7th race #1 Three Roses (Tr. R. DeLeon) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio. Refund \$665.70
 8th race #1 Blame It On Abby (Tr. P. Miller) Steward-entered back
 #4 Perfect Smile (Tr. P. Miller) A. Aguilar replaced J. Rosario (travel)
 #6 Mashie Niblick (Tr. S. Miyadi) Veterinarian-injured-Dr. Austgen
 Refund \$1,397.80
 9th race #6 None Above the Law (Tr. P. Miller) Steward-stake. Refund \$2,224.04

06/20/26⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	1,339	\$133,022.08
SCOTWINC	3,395	\$239,033.96
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$1,985,443.48
TOTAL	4,734	\$2,357,499.52

SUNDAY
06/21/26¹

JOCKEY FILM REVIEWS

Francisco Orduna-Rojas was directed to meet with the Stewards to review his ride in the fifth race yesterday for possible misuse of the crop. He contacted the Stewards via Clerk of Scales Charles McCaul yesterday and stated he "did" violate the HISA crop rule that follows below.

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 FRANCISCO ORDUNA-ROJAS, who rode THE KEY IS UNITY in the fifth race (Purse \$15,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 20, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 5, 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.

Cesar Ortega met with the Stewards to analyze the use of his crop in the fourth race yesterday. After a review of the race in the Stewards' office, he agreed he violated the HISA rule as listed below.

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 CESAR ORTEGA, who rode FUEGO DEL SOL in the fourth race (Purse \$27,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on June 20, 2026, is suspended for ONE (1) day (July 5, 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.

06/21/26²

QUIET AFTERNOON

The eight-race card was performed without notable incident, the few changes made are listed below.

06/21/26³

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

1st race	Hey Brother (Tr. L. Barocio) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Austgen Refund \$1,153.24
2nd race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
3rd race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
4th race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
5th race	#2 Lochmara (Tr. J. Bautista) Veterinarian-sick-Dr. Pattio #7 Donttellourwives (Tr. L. Campuzano) claimed by Tr. F. Rodriguez Refund \$146.50
6th race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
7th race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00
8th race	No Changes. Refund \$0.00

06/21/26⁴

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	1,582	\$126,184.61
SCOTWINC	2,428	\$173,495.58
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	\$2,022,881.89
TOTAL	4,010	\$2,322,562.08

SUMMARY

	Fri 6/19	Sat 6/20	Sun 6/21	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	1	2	2	5	5
Claims	2	1	1	4	4
Disqualifications	0	0	0	0	0
Inquiries	0	0	0	0	0
Refunds	2	5	2	9	9
Rulings	0	0	0	0	0
Voided Claims	0	0	0	0	0

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 06/15/26 TO 06/21/26

Horses on Vet List	11
Horses off Vet List	8
Shock Wave Therapy	8
Fatalities	1
Medication	0

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Grant Baker, Steward

Richard Lewis, Steward

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