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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE
Cypress, California**

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Report for the week of June 24, 2026, through June 28, 2026.

WEDNESDAY

6/24/26¹

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.

6/24/26²

RACES CANCELLED

With numerous thoroughbreds that would normally race at night defecting to the current daytime program here at Los Alamitos, only minimal entries came into the racing office today. As a result, management made the decision to once again cancel racing for Saturday evening.

THURSDAY

6/25/26¹

ENTRIES FOR SUNDAY

Steward Nuesch was once again present to oversee entries for Sunday's card.

6/25/26²

FITNESS HEARING (Ref: 7/16/17²)

Groom Lourdes Saldivar was in our office to participate in a fitness-for-license hearing per ruling LATL008, issued back in 2017. Omar Lizarraga from Winners' Foundation attended via telephone and attested that Ms. Saldivar had completed their program as required. As a result, the following ruling was issued, restoring her to good standing with the CHRB.

Ruling # 50

Stable Worker/Groom LOURDES M. SALDIVAR, having appeared before the Board of Stewards for a fitness hearing, is restored to good standing. Ruling #8 LATL, issued at Los Alamitos Thoroughbred Summer/Fall meeting on July 16, 2017, is set aside.

6/25/26³

FILM REVIEW

Jockey Cesar Franco was in our office to review two possible crop violations from the prior weekend's races. Mr. Franco agreed that he did indeed violate the crop rule in both situations and would accept the penalty the Stewards would hand down to him. Ruling to follow...

6/25/26⁴

THE DRAW

The racing office was able to compile a solid ten-race card for Sunday evening.

FRIDAY

6/26/26¹

SCRATCHES AND PANEL

Steward Nuesch was present to approve scratches and changes for Sunday's card. The Entry Panel met to review and discuss all the runners on the ten-race program. No scratches were submitted by the Panel.

SATURDAY

6/27/26¹

FRANCO RULING (Ref: 6/26/26³)

After considering the fact that Mr. Franco violated the crop rule on back-to-back nights, the Stewards unanimously agreed that a suspension was in order, so the following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 51

Jockey CESAR FRANCO, is suspended for THREE (3) RACING DAYS (July 5th, 11th and 12th, 2026) 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 – two offenses) while riding AJ Flawless in the eighth race on June 13, 2026, and Accuzation in the fifth race on June 14, 2026, at Los Alamitos Race Course.

6/27/26²

CITATION HEARING

The Stewards held an informal hearing to address a citation issued to Exercise Rider Jose Contreras by Los Alamitos security. The citation was ordered by Outrider Shellie McGrath for possibly not wearing his required safety vest. The Stewards felt that Mr. Contreras did not fully cooperate with the Outriders involved and did not handle himself in a professional manner, so the following ruling was issued.

Ruling # 52

Exercise Rider JOSE M. CONTRERAS is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules or Regulations – failure to cooperate with morning outrider).

6/27/26³

REINSTATEMENT (Ref: 6/16/19²)

Trainer Nicolas Acuna contacted the Board of Stewards today and explained that the outstanding debt outlined in the 2019 ruling LAQL153 was paid in full. Once the Stewards received confirmation, they issued the following ruling, restoring him to good standing.

Ruling # 53

Trainer NICOLAS ACUNA, having contacted the Board of Stewards and satisfying the financial complaint filed against him, is restored to good standing. Ruling #153, issued at Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association on June 16, 2019, is set aside.

SUNDAY

6/28/26¹

INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION - RACE 4

Following the running of the fourth race, the Stewards posted the inquiry sign to review contact between #5 Layenda Candelaria (I. Lara) and #6 Queen Monarch (H. Lopez) at the start. With the margin only being a head separating the two runners in the photo for show, the Stewards unanimously agreed that Queen Monarch impeded Layenda Candelaria enough at the start to cost that runner an opportunity at a better placing, so Queen Monarch was disqualified from third position and placed fourth.

Original order of finish: 3-2-6-5-1-7-4

Official order of finish: 3-2-5-6-1-7-4

6/28/26²

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES, CLAIMS AND REFUNDS

2nd Race #5 Wired Tothe Limit (Tr. A. Aquino) Jockey changed to C. Ortega
 3rd Race #1 Jessbegood (Tr. J. Nunez) Jockey changed to A. Viramontes
 #2 Tarzan Eyesa (Tr. R. Guillen) Jockey changed to G. Lara
 4th Race #1 Princess Caliza (Tr. A. Farias) Jockey changed to E. Velazquez
 5th Race #8 PYC Funcy N Salty (Tr. F. Gonzalez) Vet-Injured – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund:
 \$297.64
 9th Race #5 La Solita (Tr. F. Gonzalez) Jockey changed to J. Alcala
 10th Race #2 Stetsonn (Tr. D. Frey) Vet-Unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald - Refund: \$527.34

6/28/26³

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

ON TRACK	721	\$107,692.20
SCOTWINC	857	\$199,361.60
OUT OF STATE + ADW	N/A	\$1,235,529.75
TOTAL	1,578	\$1,542,583.55

SUMMARY

	Thur 06/25	Sat 06/27	Sun 06/28	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	N	0	0	8
Cal-Bred Races	0	O	0	0	0
Claims	0	R	0	0	38
Disqualifications	0	A	1	1	10
Inquiries	0	C	1	1	28
Refunds	0	I	2	2	173
Rulings	1	N	3	4	53
Voided Claims	0	G	0	0	14

David Nuesch, Steward

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