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Report for Monday, September 28, 2026, through Sunday, October 4, 2026.

MONDAY

09/28/26[1] **ENTRIES**

Steward Grant Baker was in the office on Monday morning to oversee entries for October 3rd. The racing office carded ten (10) races for Saturday.

TUESDAY

09/29/26[1] **ENTRIES/PROGRAM CHANGES**

On Tuesday morning, Steward Grant Baker was in again to monitor Sunday's (October 4th) races. The office carded ten (10) races for Sunday's card.

THURSDAY

10/01/26[1] **CITATION**

Exercise Rider GERSON PEREZ VILLATA responded (via Microsoft Teams) to a citation issued by Safety Steward Brice Blanc for using his reins as a riding crop during training on September 2, 2026, at San Luis Rey Training Center (SLR). The citation was issued after Mr. Villata rode an erratic young horse and when it acted up, he used his reins to urge the horse. Safety Steward Eddie Rich was on Teams from SLR to translate the hearing for Mr. Villata. We explained to the rider that it's not permitted to use his reins as a riding crop. In a unanimous vote, he was issued a $200 fine. A ruling will be issued tomorrow morning.

10/01/26[2] **MUSSAD HEARING (26DM0008)**

The hearing this morning for Apprentice Jockey DAVID MUSSAD had to be rescheduled until next Wednesday morning after learning that our court reporter was not notified of today's hearing. After speaking to all parties, a new time and place was scheduled.

FRIDAY
10/02/26[1]

RULINGS

Owner GORDON LEE WEAVER is restored to good standing after we received notice that the debt (ref. 9/24/26[3]) to Southern California Equine Foundation has been paid in full.

LATC Ruling #05

Owner GORDON LEE WEAVER, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1876 (Financial Responsibility – $390.00 to Southern California Equine Foundation), is restored to good standing. Ruling LATC #01, issued at Santa Anita Park on September 25, 2026, is set aside.

Trainer DOUG O'NEILL was issued this ruling after he failed to register his horse "Godbless Her" on Lasix on Saturday's tenth race. Mr. O'Neill accepted the following fine.

LATC Ruling #06

Trainer DOUG O'NEILL, who started the horse GODBLESS HER in the tenth race on September 26, 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).

*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532 requires "that fines shall be paid (to the paymaster of purses) within seven calendar days from the date of the ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended."

Exercise Rider GERSON PEREZ VILLATTA was issued the following ruling in regard to yesterday's citation hearing (ref: 10/01/26[1]).

LATC Ruling #07

Exercise Rider GERSON PEREZ VILLATTA is fined TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1530 (Cases Not Covered by Rules and Regulations – using reins as a crop) on September 2, 2026, at San Luis Rey Training Center.

*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532 requires "that fines shall be paid (to the paymaster of purses) within seven calendar days from the date of the ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended."

Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR was issued the following ruling after receiving notice from HISA that ruling 2026-20811 has been modified. The terms are listed in the ruling below.

HISA Ruling #2026-20811

Per the HISA crop appeal resolution's enforcement counsel, the penalty for Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR from HISA Ruling case #2026-20811 (09/20/2026) has been modified, and by the 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- third offense), Jockey ARMANDO AGUILAR, who rode MAJESTIC PALISADES in the fourth race (Purse $51,000) at Los Alamitos Race Course on September 19, 2026, is suspended TWO (2) days

(October 9 and 10, 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.

10/02/26[2] **INCLEMENT WEATHER MEETING**

We held a meeting this morning to discuss the heat for this weekend. Present in our office: Santa Anita General Manager Nate Newby, Santa Anita Director of Racing Jason Egan, CTT Alan Balch, Jockeys' Guild Darrell Haire, Track Superintendent Rob Moore, Track Surface Consultant Dennis Moore, Safety Steward Paul Atkinson, CHRB Equine Medical Director Dr. Jeff Blea, CHRB Official Veterinarian Dr. Nolton Pattio, Racing Veterinarian Dr. Jay Deluhery, TOC Bill Nader and Vice President Amy Zimmerman (telephonically). We discussed the changes to our race day schedule and all the extra precautions that were put in place to prevent any heat-related issues.

10/02/26[3] **INQUIRY/NO CHANGE (4th race- 5 ½ furlongs)**

We posted the inquiry sign to review the start involving the #6 Papa Santos (T. Pereira 5th), #9 Stern Sentence (H. Lopez 7th) and the #7 Rooski Doo (K. Frey 8th). After a review, Board of Stewards (unanimous) made no change. In our opinion, the #9 broke inward and the #6 broke out squeezing #7 at the start, causing the #7 to steady, but not costing the #7 a better placing.

10/02/26[4] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race	#1 Young Love- Claimed by M. Reinford, trainer
	#3 Sweet Gal of Mine- Stewards' scratch, heat. Refund $975.20
2nd Race	#1 Mighty Kai- Claimed by P. Aguirre, trainer
	#2 Joint Venture- Claimed by S. Knapp, trainer. Refund $22.88
3rd Race	#8 Arrakis- Claimed by R. Ellis, trainer. Refund $78.00
4th Race	#8 Tiger Smiling- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured Refund $852.64
5th Race	#3 Hazey Jane (JPN)- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, unsound. Refund $59,747.34
6th Race	#1 King Apollo- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick
	#4 Stagger Lee- VOIDED claim, returns to S. Miyadi
	#7 Ya'll Come- Claimed by C. Treece, trainer. Refund $488.10
7th Race	No changes. Refund $44.00
8th Race	#2 Cotta Ride- Stewards' scratch, full field
	#4 Zadra- Stewards' scratch, enter back. Refund $388.84
9th Race	#2 Pro Payne- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, sick Refund $291.50

10/02/26[5] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	2,440	$373,612.66
SCOTWINC	2,252	$837,731.09
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	$5,075,016.13
TOTAL	4,692	$6,673,496.52

SATURDAY

10/03/26[1] **LASIX RULINGS**

Trainer JACK SISTERSON was issued the following ruling after he failed to register his horse “Sutura“ on bleeders’ medication “Lasix” for the fifth race on October 2, 2026.

LATC Ruling #08

Trainer JACK SISTERSON, who started the horse SUTURA in the fifth race on October 2, 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).

*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532 requires “that fines shall be paid (to the paymaster of purses) within seven calendar days from the date of the ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.”

Trainer BLAINE WRIGHT was also fined after he failed to register his horse “Tiosimage” as a bleeder in yesterdays’ eighth race. Mr. Wright accepted the following penalty.

LATC Ruling #09

Trainer BLAINE WRIGHT, who started the horse TIOSIMAGE in the eighth race on October 2, 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).

*California Horse Racing Board Rule #1532 requires “that fines shall be paid (to the paymaster of purses) within seven calendar days from the date of the ruling, or the license of the person upon whom the fine has been imposed shall be suspended.”

10/03/26[2] **JOCKEYS OBJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION (2nd race- 6 furlongs)**

A Jockeys’ Objection was announced after the second-place horse #3 Jockey Tiago Pereira (Our Moonlight) lodged a claim of foul against the winner #4 Paradise City (K. Kimura) for an incident at the 5/8’s pole. After speaking to both riders and reviewing the race several times, the majority voted to disqualify the winner #4 and place him second. In the majority opinion, the #4 crossed over the path causing the #3 to check and lose ground. Steward Jauregui voted for no change.

Unofficial order: **(4)**-3-1-6-2-5
Official order: 3-**(4)**-1-6-2-5

10/03/26[3] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race	No changes. Refund $0.00
2nd Race	#4 Paradise City- K. Kimura replaces M. Husbands, not in town
3rd Race	No changes. Refund $0.00
4th Race	#5 Jetovator- Claimed by J. Mullins, trainer. Refund $61.00
5th Race	#5 D’s Four Thumb Up- J. Rosario replaces K. Desormeaux, sick Refund $153.00
6th Race	#5 Belleza Latina- J. Rosario replaces A. Aguilar, trainer’s choice #7 Off In the Corner- Stewards’ scratch- enter back Refund $1,865.55
7th Race	No changes. Refund $2.00
8th Race	No changes. Refund $96.00
9th Race	#2 Strident Miss- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, sick. Refund $215.04
10th Race	#3 Dona Clota (CHI)- D. Van Dyke replaces M. Husbands, not in town

10/03/26[4] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	6,016	$729,493.10
SCOTWINC	3,655	$1,469,952.89
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	$6,871,387.97
TOTAL	9,671	$9,800,790.21

SUNDAY

10/04/26[1] **ESPINOZA RULING**

Jockey VICTOR ESPINOZA was issued the following HISA ruling after he took full responsibility for violating the riding crop rule in yesterday's ninth race. This was Mr. Espinoza's second offense in last 180 days.

HISA Ruling #2026-21590

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 VICTOR ESPINOZA, who rode YOU TRUST ME in the ninth race (Purse $67,000) at Santa Anita Park on October 3, 2026, is suspended for TWO (2) days (October 18 and 23, 2026) and fined ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($1,000.00) 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.

(HISA #2026-01868, 05/01/2026)

10/04/26[2] **FILM REVIEW**

Jockey KAZUSHI KIMURA was in to review yesterday's second race, in which he was disqualified from first to second place for an incident down the backside. After reviewing all the angles, Mr. Kimura placed all the blame on the inside horse who forced himself to his inside and didn't have the speed to be in there. We placed the blame on both riders, one part on the horse on the inside and the other part on Mr. Kimura, who needs to be clear before crossing over. Therefore, Mr. Kimura was issued a warning. Steward Baker voted for a suspension, feeling his actions were careless.

10/04/26[3] **STEWARDS' INQUIRY/JOCKEYS OBJECTION/NO CHANGE (1 mile turf)**

The inquiry sign was posted after the fourth race to review the stretch run involving the top two finishers, the winner #5 Repo Man (U. Rispoli) and the #2 Maxify (J. Hernadez). The jockey of the #2 J. Hernadez also lodged a claim of foul against the winner. After reviewing the video and speaking to both riders, we made no change. In a unanimous opinion, the contact between both horses was mutual. The video shows the #3 came out and initiated the contact and the #5 drifted inward at the finish line. Therefore, no change was warranted.

10/04/26[4] **STEWARDS' INQUIRY /NO CHANGE (9th race)**

We posted the inquiry sign to review an incident down the backstretch (6 ½ furlongs) involving the winner #6 Fumano's Magic (K. Frey), #5 My Bodacious Boy (J. Hernadez 5th), #2 Sammy Davis (J. Rosario 6th) and #3 Fionello (T. Pereira 8th). After speaking to all the jockeys involved and reviewing the footage, we made no

change to the order of finish. In a unanimous opinion, the incident failed to place the blame on just one horse, and therefore no change was made.

10/04/26[5] **DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race	No changes. Refund $0.00
2nd Race	No changes. Refund $0.00
3rd Race	No changes. Refund $0.00
4th Race	#4 Off in the Corner- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, unsound. Refund $45,936.98
5th Race	#5 Low Expectations- Claimed by M. Glatt, trainer Refund $107.30
6th Race	No changes. Refund $162.70
7th Race	#3 We Versed- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured Refund $1,581.40
8th Race	#7 Hannah Buckle (IRE)- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Pattio, injured Refund $1,033.02
9th Race	#9 Big Vengeance- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured Refund $55,057.64
10th Race	#4 Seek the Good- LATE Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Deluhery, injured #12 Shemakesmemad- Stewards' scratch- also eligible Refund $43,257.17

10/04/26[6] **DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

ON TRACK	4,522	$511,198.85
SCOTWINC	2,978	$966,859.50
OUT OF STATE + ADW	n/a	$5,090,511.25
TOTAL	7,500	$7,013,716.80

SUMMARY

	Fri 10/02	Sat 10/03	Sun 10/04	Week	Meet
Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	2	4	2	8	16
Claims	5	1	1	7	11
Disqualifications	0	1	0	1	1
Inquiries	3	1	2	6	6
Refunds	9	6	7	22	46
Rulings	3	2	0	5	9
Voided Claims	1	0	0	1	3

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 09/28/26 – 10/04/26

Horses on Vet List	14
Horses off Vet List	14
Shock Wave Therapy	5
Fatalities	0
Medication	0

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Luis Jauregui, Steward

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Grant Baker, Steward

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Kim Sawyer, Steward

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