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Senior Stewards Report

Name of Track	Ajax Downs		
Date	Wednesday July 29 th , 2026	Post-time	15:30
Weather:	24C, Sunny		
Wind:	NW 20kph		
Track Conditions	Fast		
Number of Races/Entries:	8 Races / 59 Entries		
Scratches	Stewards: 1 Vets: 1		
Mutual Handle:	\$ 309,195		

Senior Steward	Associate Steward	Associate Steward
Scott Ksionzyk	Fred Brethour	Voss Yu (in training)
Official Veterinarian: Dr. A. Stovman and Dr. S. Nickerson		

Report on day's Events: (Backstretch - accidents, fines, suspensions, objections, disqualifications, refunds, pertinent incidents, general details etc., Film Reviews, Races, Claims)

Backstretch:

Stewards spoke with track personnel and Jockey Brian Bell about an incident / disturbance occurring during the card of racing on July 19th, 2026. Decision reserved.

Races:

Race 1: #2 "Rushn Valentine" (M. Badal – 5th) broke inwards, trailed.

#3 "Rr Illbeurhucklebery" (C. Beland – 1st) was incorrectly programmed as using a flipping halter. Horse did not use a flipping halter.

Race 2: Jockey Claim of Foul: #4 “One Fabulous Wave” (M. Badal – 6th) on #3 “Drouillard” (J. Nabor Cruz – 2nd) alleging interference. Spoke to both jockeys and reviewed available video angles. #4 broke slowly and the hole closed up on him. He then tried to come between #3 and #5 “Justt Jackson” (C. Jeschke – 1st). However, there was never sufficient room in between those horses and he had to take up and change course in mid-stretch. No fault attributed to #3.
JCOF disallowed. No change.
VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/2fWmqIfYVfc>

Race 3: INQUIRY / Jockey Claim of Foul: Stewards inquiry looking at the outside four horses, and JCOF #4 (T. Phillips – 6th PL 5th) on #5 “Bellatrix” (R. Castillo – 5th PL 4th). Also involved were #3 “Fly Fishn” (C. Benitez – 2nd PL 6th) and #6 “Jumpin Dashin Willie” (C. Jeschke – 3rd PL 2nd). There is bumping amongst all 4 horses leaving the gate, and again within the first 100 yards. Spoke with all 4 of the involved jockeys and reviewed available video angles. Ultimately, it was determined that #4 was impeded by #3 moving outwards several paths and causing #4 to take up and lose ground.
#3 disqualified from 2nd and placed last behind #4. New order of finish 2-6-1-5-4-3
Notice of Review issued for Jockey Cristian Benitez to be held on August 12th, 2026.
VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/CtYCMICTjM>

Spoke to Jockey Max Badal about being late to the paddock for Race 2. Accepted his explanation but warned about any future recurrence.

Race 4: #1 “Sugar Boy Perry” (J. Medina – 3rd) was confirmed to be a starter by Stewards, and was never removed from the pari-mutuel pool.

Race 5: Jockey Claim of Foul: #4 “Phil Jefferson” (M. Badal – 6th) on #5 “A Shades of Cold” (JB Botello – 2nd) shortly after the start. Spoke with both riders and reviewed available video angles. #4 was away slowly and his path was taken. There was no room when he tried to move up alongside #5 and #4 had to back away. No fault attributed to #5.
JCOF disallowed. No change.
VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/KBA7TmmyOgQ>

Race 6: Ontario Bred Futurity: Jockey Claim of Foul: #6 (R. Castillo – 4th) on #7 (C. Beland – 2nd) alleging interference shortly after the start. Spoke to both riders and reviewed available video angles. #6 is away slightly slowly, then things get tight between #6 and #7 as well as #4 “Snowy Goose” (J. Medina – 7th) and #5 “Oscar the Grouch” (C. Benitez – 6th). #6 is bumped slightly by the #7 as well as the #5 who is pushed out by the #4, but #6 is only mildly impacted and recovers quickly and finishes evenly to be 4th. Any issue can be attributed equally to the bearing out of #4 who finished behind #6. In consider of all of the above, JCOF was disallowed. No change.
VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/QgNjvOqbSUw>

Race 7: Clear.

Race 8: Clear.

Claims: None.