

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Jared Wehlow – Mishnah

Date: 27 November 2019

Panel: D Aurisch & J Adams

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE was detected in urine samples taken from MISHNAH at the Rockhampton Jockey Club on 31 January 2019 and 14 February 2019.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) along with evidence from licensed trainer Mr Jared Wehlow.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Wehlow was issued with (2) charges pursuant to AR 178 which reads:

Subject to AR178G, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.

Charge 1

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Jared Wehlow as the trainer of MISHNAH brought that horse to the Rockhampton Jockey Club on 31 January 2019 for the purpose of engaging in the Benchmark 65 1500m, and a post-race urine sample taken was found to contain the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE.

Charge 2

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Jared Wehlow as the trainer of MISHNAH brought that horse to the Rockhampton Jockey Club on 14 February 2019 for the purpose of engaging in the Benchmark 65 1500m, and a post-race urine sample taken was found to contain the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE.

Mr Wehlow pleaded not guilty to both charges and made brief submissions in defence of both charges.

When considering all of the evidence the Stewards were comfortably satisfied that sufficient evidence existed to substantiate both charges and Mr Wehlow was formally found guilty of both charges

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards acknowledged Mr Wehlow's unblemished record over a long period. However, Stewards were also mindful of similar penalty precedents, the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing and the need for a penalty to serve as an appropriate deterrent to ensure racing is conducted free of prohibited substances.

Mr Wehlow was subsequently fined \$3000 for charge (1) and \$3000 for charge (2).

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR. 240 (1) MISHNAH was disqualified from winning the above-mentioned races and the placing's were amended as follows –

Rockhampton 31 January 2019 – Benchmark 65 Handicap 1500m

- 1st – TIME OUT
- 2nd – LEGAL STATURE
- 3rd – JAY JAY
- 4th – THE GROGFATHER
- 5th – HOURGLASS TIME

Rockhampton 14 February 2019 – Benchmark 65 Handicap 1500m

- 1st – MAEVE IN MANHATTAN
- 2nd – MAGIC'S BIG SECRET
- 3rd – MUSTARRID
- 4th – THE AMATEUR
- 5th – SIRIUS WITNESS

He was made aware of his right to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.