

Stewards' Report

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Date: 26/01/2020

Panel: L Wilson , N Finnigan

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the pathology report pertaining to a urine sample and breath test provided by licensed harness trainer Peter Donohoe at the Marburg training track on Tuesday 3rd December 2019, which upon analysis respectively revealed the presence of TEMAZEPAM and alcohol above the permitted threshold.

After considering all the evidence tendered, Mr, Donohoe was charged and pleaded guilty pursuant to AHR Rule 250(1)(a) which reads:

“A driver commits an offence if a sample taken from him is found upon analysis to contain a substance banned by Rule 251.”

Specifics of the charge being that whilst training horses at Marburg race track on Tuesday 3rd December 2019, Mr Donohoe provided a urine sample which upon analysis was found to contain a banned substance by Rule 251, namely TEMAZEPAN, and further provided a breath sample which recorded alcohol at a concentration in excess of 0.02% on a breath analyser.

When considering the matter of penalty, Stewards were mindful of the circumstances leading up to Mr, Donohoe providing the samples, Mr Donohoe's guilty plea, his good record regarding this particular rule and his forthright evidence during the inquiry.

In all the circumstances, Stewards determined the appropriate penalty be a suspension of Mr Donohoe's licence for a period of eight (8) weeks, to be backdated to commence on Tuesday, 3 December 2019 on the day in which he was stood down.

Further, under the provisions of AHR Rule 250(4), Mr Donohoe will be required to provide a sample free of banned substances prior to resuming training.

Mr Donohoe was advised of his rights to an internal review.