

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Phillip Burke - ZATORIO

Date: 07 January 2020

Panel: J Adams & T Hudson

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance HEPTAMINOL was detected in a urine sample taken from ZATORIO at the Rockhampton Jockey Club on 19 October 2019.

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

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Burke was issued with a charge pursuant to AR 240(2) which states:

Subject to subrule (3), if a horse has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in any sample taken from the horse 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.

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Phillip Burke as the trainer of ZATORIO brought that gelding to the Rockhampton Jockey Club on 19 October 2019 for the purpose of engaging in a race and a pre-race urine sample taken prior to the Open Handicap 1300m, was found to contain the prohibited substance HEPTAMINOL.

Mr Burke pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions in regard to mitigation regarding the reason for heptaminol being present in the sample.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards acknowledged Mr Burke'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 Burke was subsequently fined \$3000.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR. 240 (1) ZATORIO was disqualified from its third placing in the above-mentioned race and the placing's were amended as follows –

Rockhampton 19 October 2019 – Open Handicap 1300m

1st – CONCA DEL SOGNO

2nd – BOLD ENDEAVOUR

3rd – WINDSOMEMORE (NZ)

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