

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Alan Jones – Flat To Stack

Date: 20th February 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 DEXAMETHASONE was detected in a urine sample taken from FLAT TO STACK at the Rockhampton Jockey Club on 5 November 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 Alan Jones.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Jones 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 Alan Jones as the trainer of FLAT TO STACK brought that gelding to the Rockhampton Jockey Club on 5 November 2019 for the purpose of engaging in a race and a post-race urine sample taken following the Benchmark 65 Handicap 1500m, was found to contain the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE.

After considering further submissions, Mr Jones was found guilty of the charge.

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

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR. 240 (1) FLAT TO STACK was disqualified from winning the above-mentioned race and the placings were amended as follows –

Rockhampton 5 November 2019 – Benchmark 65 Handicap 1500m

1st – BLUE SEAL

2nd – PLAIN 'N' SIMPLE

3rd – ARIGOLD

4th – GLADISHING

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