

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Billy Healey – AHEADOFHISTIME

**Date: 6 March 2020**

**Panel: J Williamson, E Barron & L Hicks**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into the analyst's findings in relation to a sample taken from AHEADOFHISTIME when that horse was presented to race at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 4 August 2019. The findings indicated the presence of the prohibited substance CLENBUTEROL.

Trainer Mr Billy Healey pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 240(2), which reads:

*Subject to sub rule (3), if a horse is 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 a 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 the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.*

The specifics of the charge being that:

*Mr Billy Healey, as the trainer of the thoroughbred, AHEADOFHISTIME, did present that horse to race at Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 4 August 2019 when a urine sample taken from AHEADOFHISTIME, upon analysis, was found to contain the prohibited substance CLENBUTEROL.*

In finding the charge sustained, the Stewards noted that the rule in question is one of absolute and strict liability which once the prohibited substance is found, matters concerning the reasons for its presence were more relevant to penalty.

Mr Healey provided evidence which suggested that AHEADOFHISTIME may have been exposed to treatment containing Clenbuterol, which had been administered to another horse in his stable at the time.

After considering this evidence, hearing submissions on penalty, including penalty precedents specific to this substance and the circumstances of the case, stewards ruled that a fine of \$3000 to be an appropriate penalty.

Under the provisions of AR240(1), AHEADOFHISTIME was disqualified from its sixth placing at Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 4 August 2019.