

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Co Trainers Mr. Toby & Trent Edmonds

Date: 18 May 2020

Panel: P Gillard, N Boyle and P Zimmermann

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance Frusemide was detected in urine sample taken from CRACK ME UP at the Gold Coast Turf Club Official Trials on 31 December 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 Toby Edmonds on behalf of Edmonds Racing.

After considering the evidence, Mr Edmonds was issued a charge and pleaded guilty pursuant to LR. 118. which reads: **Prohibited Substances detected in horse engaged in Official Trials**

Where a horse is brought to a racecourse or recognised training track to engage in an official trial and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it either prior to or following the official trial, the trainer or any other person who was in charge of the horse at the relevant time may be penalised.

The specifics of the charge being that Co Trainers Toby & Trent Edmonds, as the trainers of CRACK ME UP presented that horse to the Gold Coast Turf Club on 31 December 2019 for the purpose of engaging in an official trial, and a post-race urine sample taken was found to contain the prohibited substance Furosemide.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards acknowledged Mr Edmonds forthright evidence and guilty plea. 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.

Co Trainers Mr Toby & Trent Edmonds were subsequently fined \$1000.00

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