

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Steve O'Dea - SABKHAT

Date: 21 May 2020

Panel: D Aurisch, 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 a urine sample taken from SABKHAT at the Doomben Official Trials on 25 February 2020.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) along with evidence from licensed trainer Mr Steve O'Dea.

After considering all evidence, Mr O'Dea pleaded guilty to a charge pursuant to LR. 118. which reads:

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 Mr O'Dea, as the trainer of SABKHAT brought that horse to the Doomben on 25 February 2020 for the purpose of engaging in an official trial, and a urine sample taken following the trial was found to contain the prohibited substance Frusemide.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards acknowledged Mr O'Dea's forthright evidence and guilty plea. Stewards were also mindful of similar penalty precedents and the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing.

Mr O'Dea was subsequently fined \$1000.

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