

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Jason Edwards – Sir Barnabus

Date: 21 May 2020

Panel: D Aurisch, N Boyle and P Zimmermann

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into information posted by trainer Jason Edwards to the owners of SIR BARNABUS in the days following the gelding finishing unplaced in the Shoot Out Quality Hcp at Eagle Farm on 28 December 2019.

After considering all evidence, Mr Edwards was issued with a charge pursuant to AR 79(2) which reads:

If a horse has an attack of bleeding at any time it must be reported by the trainer to the Stewards without delay.

The specifics of the charge being that trainer Jason Edwards posted an audio recording to the owners of SIR BARNABUS in the days following the gelding finishing unplaced at Eagle Farm on 28 December 2019, he explained that when SIR BARNABUS returned to his stable at Deagon it had suffered a bleeding attack that wasn't reported to the Stewards.

Mr Edwards pleaded not guilty to the charge and made submissions in response.

After considering these submissions, Stewards were satisfied to the requisite standard that the evidence substantiated the charge and Mr Edwards was formally found guilty.

When considering penalty, the Stewards considered Mr Edwards personal circumstances and relevant precedents. Stewards also had to consider the failure to report the matter had the potential to adversely impact the safety of riders and horses. Any penalty must serve as a specific deterrent to Mr Edwards and a general deterrent to the wider industry to outline the critical importance of reporting these matters without delay.

Furthermore, Mr Edwards was advised that SIR BARNABUS will be declared a first-time bleeder from 28 December 2019 under AR 79 (4).

Mr Edwards was subsequently fined \$1000.

He was made aware of his rights to an internal review.