

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Jade Doolan – Captain's Way

Date: 4 June 2020

Panel: D Aurisch, P Chadwick & E Barron

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 CAPTAIN'S WAY at the Cairns Jockey Club on 14 September 2019.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this inquiry was conducted by written correspondence and Trainer Jade Doolan was provided with documentary evidence from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL).

After considering the evidence, Miss Doolan pleaded guilty to a charge pursuant to AR 240 (2) which reads:

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 Jade Doolan, as the trainer of CAPTAIN'S WAY, brought that horse to the Cairns Jockey Club on 14 September 2019, for the purpose of participating in a race and a post-race urine sample taken after the gelding competed in the Benchmark 60 Handicap 1900m, revealed the prohibited substance Dexamethasone.

When considering an appropriate penalty for this breach, the Panel were of the view the following points to be relevant:

1. Miss Doolan's unblemished record as a trainer since August 2018;
2. The forthright correspondence she submitted and her guilty plea;
3. The veterinarian advice Miss Doolan received about the safe withhold period for the substance;
4. Penalty precedents for Dexamethasone;
5. Need for both a specific deterrent to Miss Doolan and a general deterrent to the wider industry that these matters have a negative impact on the image of the sport.

After taking the above into account, Miss Doolan was subsequently fined \$2000.

Furthermore, acting under the provisions of AR 240(2) CAPTAIN'S WAY was disqualified from winning the Benchmark 60 Handicap 1900m and the placing's were amended as follows.

Cairns – Benchmark 60 Handicap 1900m

1st – ARMS RACE

2nd – LANSALA

3rd – JIMMY HOFFA

4th – SPIRITED CHARACTER

5TH – SUPER MARIO

Miss Doolan was made aware of her right to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.
