

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Roy Chillemi – Intense Focus

Date: 29 May 2020

Panel: P Lane & D Lane

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE was detected in a urine sample taken from INTENSE FOCUS at Townsville on 20 March 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 Roy Chillemi.

After considering the evidence, Mr Chillemi 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 Roy Chillemi, the trainer of INTENSE FOCUS, brought that horse to the Townsville Turf Club on 20 March 2020 for the purpose of engaging in the Class 3 Handicap 1200m, and a post-race urine sample taken from the gelding was found to contain the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards were mindful of Mr Chillemi's exemplary record over a long period. 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.

Mr Chillemi was subsequently fined \$2000.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR. 240 (1) INTENSE FOCUS was disqualified from winning the above-mentioned race and the placing's were amended as follows –

Townsville 20 March 2020 – Class 3 Handicap 1200m

1st – CHEVAUX

2nd – DIAMOND COUNTRY

3rd – BATTLE

4th – MASTER AGAR

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