

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Roy Chillemi – Triumph Star

Date: 1 August 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 urine sample taken from TRIUMPH STAR at Cairns on 14 May 2020.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASLO along with evidence from licensed trainer Mr Roy Chillemi.

After considering all the evidence, Mr Chillemi was issued with 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, trainer Roy Chillemi brought TRIUMPH STAR to Cairns on 14 May 2020 for the purpose of participating in the Benchmark 58 Handicap 1500m, and a post-race urine sample taken was found to contain the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE.

Mr Chillemi pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions in defence.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards were mindful of Mr Chillemi's exemplary record over a long period, other than one recent similar breach, and that Mr Chillemi had not had the opportunity to alter his treatment regime prior to being notified of the discrepancy in the subject sample. 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 \$2000.00.

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

Cairns 14 May 2020 – Benchmark 58 Handicap 1500m

1st – ARTHUR PORRIT

2nd – WHITTERICK

3rd – AS YAWOOD

4th – AGILITY