

# Stewards' Report

**Stewards' Report – Harness Trainer – Bill Crosby**

**Date – 14 September 2020**

**Panel – D. Farquharson, L. Wilson, N. Torpey, & R. McCrae**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the analyst's findings that a pre-race blood sample taken from Slippery Jade prior to it competing in Race 4 at Redcliffe on 20 August 2020 contained a prohibited substance, namely TC02 above the prescribed threshold. Slippery Jade was trained for this event by Bill Crosby.

On 1 September 2020, Stewards issued the following charge against Bill Crosby pursuant to Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 190(1) which reads:

*A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances.*

The specifics of the charge being:

*Mr Bill Crosby, as the trainer of Slippery Jade, did present that horse to race at Redcliffe on 20 August 2020 when not free of a prohibited substance namely TC02 above the prescribed threshold.*

On 5 September 2020, Mr Bill Crosby pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions in regard to penalty.

Today Stewards considered the submissions and in determining an appropriate penalty, considered the following:

- Mr Crosby's licence history over a 40 year period;
- Mr Crosby's submissions ;
- The particular circumstances of the case;
- Penalty precedents including relevant appeal decisions;
- The need for a penalty to serve as a deterrent to illustrate that drug free racing is of paramount importance to the integrity of harness racing;

Mr Crosby was disqualified for a period of 6 months.

Acting under the provisions of AHR rule 195, Slippery Jade was disqualified from race 4 at Redcliffe on 20 August 2020 and the placings amended accordingly. The embargo previously placed on the horse was lifted.

Mr Crosby was advised of his rights to an Internal Review.

