

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Trevor Lambourn

Date: 21 December 2020

Panel: P Zimmermann, T Hudson and A Turner

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) that the total plasma dioxide (TCO₂) concentration in a pre-race blood sample taken from OZARK at the Ipswich Turf Club on 5 November 2020 was at a concentration above the prescribed limit.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, along with evidence from licensed trainer Mr Trevor Lambourn.

After considering all the evidence, Mr Lambourn was issued with a charge pursuant to AR240(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 Mr Trevor Lambourn, as the trainer of OZARK, brought that gelding to the Ipswich Turf Club on 5 November 2020 for the purpose of engaging in a race and a pre-race blood sample taken from OZARK, who competed in the River 94.9FM Open Handicap over 1100 metres, was found to contain TCO₂ at a concentration above the prescribed limit.

Mr Lambourn pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions on penalty.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards were mindful of Mr Lambourn's disciplinary record in both equine codes. Stewards were also mindful of similar penalty precedents, the negative impact that such breaches have on the image of racing and the need for a penalty to serve as an appropriate deterrent.

Mr Lambourn was disqualified for six (6) months effective from midnight on 28 December 2020 and to expire at midnight on 28 June 2021.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR240(1) OZARK was disqualified from its seventh placing.

Mr Lambourn was made aware of his appeal rights.