

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Rodney Miller – CLEAVER GREENE

**Date: 14 December 2021**

**Panel: P Lane, P Gillard, D Lane**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance ETHACRYNIC ACID was detected in a urine sample taken from CLEAVER GREENE at Townsville on Thursday June 24, 2021.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) along with evidence from licensed trainer Mr Rodney Miller. Expert evidence was also provided, via telephone, by Dr Shawn Stanley, RSC Integrity Services and Operations Director.

After considering all of the evidence Mr Miller 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 licensed trainer Mr Rodney Miller brought the horse CLEAVER GREENE to Townsville on Thursday June 24, 2021 for the purpose of engaging in the QTIS 3YO Handicap 1300m and a post-race urine sample taken was found to contain the prohibited substance ETHACRYNIC ACID.

Mr Miller pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards were of the view that the following points were relevant:

1. Mr Miller's excellent record over a long period in relation to the rule.
2. His forthright evidence and guilty plea.
3. His personal and financial circumstances.
4. Penalty precedents for Ethacrynic Acid.
5. 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.

Taking the above into account, Mr Miller was subsequently fined \$3000.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR 240 (1) CLEAVER GREENE was disqualified from winning the QTIS 3YO Handicap 1300m and the placing's were amended as follows:

Townsville Thursday June 24, 2021 – QTIS 3YO Handicap 1300m

1st – BOONA BOY

2nd – DEADLY DIVA

3rd – ROBIG

4th – WATERWAY

5<sup>th</sup> – COOL INTELLIGENCE

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