

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Trevor Rowe – SUNSHINES

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 ARSENIC was detected in a urine sample taken from SUNSHINES at Townsville on September 16, 2021.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and Racing Analytical Services Ltd (RASL) along with evidence from licensed trainer Mr Trevor Rowe. Expert evidence was also provided, via telephone, by Dr Shawn Stanley, RSC Integrity Services and Operations Director.

After considering all of the evidence Mr Rowe 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 Trevor Rowe brought the horse SUNSHINES to Townsville on September 16, 2021 for the purpose of engaging in the Maiden Plate 1000m and a post-race urine sample taken was found to contain the prohibited substance ARSENIC.

Mr Rowe pleaded guilty to the charge.

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

1. Mr Rowe'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 Arsenic.
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 Rowe was subsequently fined \$2000.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR 240 (1) SUNSHINES was disqualified from winning the Maiden Plate 1000m and the placing's were amended as follows:

Townsville September 16, 2021 – Maiden Plate 1000m

1st – MIND GAME

2nd – SWEET WILL GO

3rd – CLASSIC ENUFF

4th – EMMA ROCKET

5th – ALL BAR SURAH

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