

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Steve Tregea – LOVE RUSH

Date: 15 February 2022

Panel: C Warren and T Preston

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 LOVE RUSH at Gatton on September 5, 2020.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and Racing Analytical Services Ltd (RASL), along with evidence from licensed Trainer Mr Steve Tregea.

After considering all of the evidence Mr Tregea 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 licensed Trainer Mr Steve Tregea brought LOVE RUSH to Gatton on 5 September 2020 for the purpose of participating in the Benchmark 55 Handicap for C,G & E over 1100m, and a post-race urine sample taken from the gelding was found to contain the prohibited substance ARSENIC above the permitted threshold.

In determining penalty Stewards considered Mr Tregea's guilty plea and forthright evidence, his record in relation to the rule, his personal and financial circumstances, relevant penalty precedents as well as the negative impact such breaches have on the image of the industry and the need for any penalty to act not only as a specific deterrent to Mr Tregea but to the industry cohort.

Mr Tregea was subsequently fined the sum of \$2000.

Furthermore, acting under the provisions of AR240(1), Stewards disqualified Love Rush from winning the Benchmark 55 Handicap for Colts, Geldings and Entires over 1100m and the placings were amended as follows:

Gatton September 5, 2020 – Benchmark 55 Handicap C, G, E 1100m

1st- SCARE CAMPAIGN

2nd- DUELLATOR

3rd- NEWS DIRECTOR

4th- HARRY'S STAR

Mr Tregua was advised of his right to an internal review.
