

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: G Betros

Date: 10 March 2022

Panel: Ben Cooke, Clayton Warren

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the race day treatment of Bump'n'run on the morning it was engaged to race at the Toowoomba Turf Club on Saturday 25 September 2021.

After considering all the evidence tendered, Mr Gerard Betros pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR 249(1), which reads:

AR249(1)(a) Administration of medication on race day

Notwithstanding the provisions set out in Schedule 1, Part 2, Division 2, a person must not, without the permission of the Stewards administer any medication to a horse on race day prior to the commencement of a race in which the horse is engaged to race.

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Betros, at his registered stables on Saturday the 25 September 2021, at approximately 7:30am, administered the medication Boost Oral Paste to Bump'n'run on the morning it was engaged to race at the Toowoomba Turf Club in the Magic Millions Garden City Guineas over 1625m.

In determining penalty stewards took into consideration the following:

- Mr Betros's Guilty plea and forthright evidence.
- The objective seriousness of the conduct
- The paramount importance of maintaining the integrity of Thoroughbred Racing and ensuring a level playing field for all participants
- Specific and general deterrence principles
- The prescribed mandatory minimum penalty under 249(2) which determines that a disqualification of not less than 6 months be imposed when breaching the provisions of AR249(1)(a). Considering LR117B, the panel was of the opinion that a one (1) month reduction be given.

Taking into consideration the above, Mr Betros was subsequently disqualified for a period of five (5) months to commence midnight 10 March 2022 and to conclude midnight 10 August 2022.

Mr Betros was advised of his rights regarding an internal review into this decision.