

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Matt Boland

Date: 28 February 2022

Panel: D Aurisch, P Chadwick & R Hitchener

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance Dexamethasone was detected in a urine sample taken from Mister Ward at the Toowoomba Turf Club on 9 February 2019.

This inquiry was conducted by written correspondence and Trainer Matt Boland was provided with documentary evidence from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL).

After considering the evidence, Mr Boland pleaded guilty to 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 charges being that, as the trainer of Mister Ward, he brought that gelding to Toowoomba on 9 February 2019, for the purpose of participating in a race and a post-race urine sample taken after Mister Ward competed in the C,G&E Maiden 1200m, revealed the prohibited substance Dexamethasone being detected.

When considering an appropriate penalty, the Stewards considered Mr Boland's unblemished record, his guilty plea and penalty precedents for this substance.

Subsequently, Mr Boland was fined \$2000.

Under the provisions of AR 240(1), Mister Ward was disqualified from winning the above-mentioned race, the placings were amended as follows:

Toowoomba 9 February 2019 – C,G&E Maiden 1200m

- 1st – ALL UP TEEKAY
- 2nd – SWAN CITY
- 3rd – BENVENUTI
- 4th – CANFORD TREE
- 5th – EXCEEDINGLY BRAVE