

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Peter Kings

Date: 21/2/2022

Panel: Ben Cooke, Tim North, Tony Preston, Jim Childs

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the race day treatment of Anacheeva Lad prior to the Toowoomba meeting on Saturday 22nd May 2021.

Due to Mr Kings refusing to attend an official inquiry, stewards proceeded with the matter via written correspondence. After considering all the evidence tendered, Mr Kings was found guilty of the following charges:

Charge 1:

AR247(1)(a)(i) Administration of alkalinising agents

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Peter Kings, as the licensed trainer of Anacheeva Lad which was accepted to race in race 8 at the Toowoomba Turf Club race meeting on Saturday 22nd May 2021, did administer a prohibited substance, namely alkalinising agents, to the gelding by way of naso-gastric intubation at approximately 7pm at his registered stables. Evidence of the administration was identified by way of the total carbon dioxide (TCO₂) being at a concentration greater than 39.0 millimoles per litre in plasma in a swab sample taken from the gelding at 10:40pm at the Toowoomba Turf Club on the night it was engaged to race.

Charge 2:

AR 255(1)(a)(i) - Stomach-tubing prohibited at certain times

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Peter Kings, as the licensed trainer of Anacheeva Lad, which was accepted to race in race eight, The Toowoomba Plastics Maiden Plate over 2170m at the Toowoomba Turf Club race meeting on Saturday 22nd May 2021, did stomach tube the gelding by way of naso-gastric intubation at approximately 7pm on the day in which the horse was engaged to race.

In determining penalty the Stewards took into consideration the following:

- Mr Kings's reserved plea to the charge and unwillingness to co-operate with the Stewards

- 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 AR283(6)(j) which determines that a disqualification of not less than 12 months be imposed when breaching the provisions of AR255(1)(a)(i). Giving consideration to AR255(2), Local Rule 117B and the circumstances of the case, Stewards were of the opinion that no special circumstances existed in this case.

In the opinion of the panel the appropriate penalty would be a disqualification for a period of six (6) months for charge one (1), and a disqualification of twelve (12) months for charge two (2), to be served cumulatively.

Therefore, Mr Kings would be disqualified for a total period of eighteen (18) months to commence midnight 21st February 2022 and to conclude midnight 21st August 2023.

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