

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Beau Gorman – Swan Island and Inciter

Date: 13 April 2022

Panel: Paul Zimmermann, Peter Chadwick, Daniel Aurisch

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance Cobalt over the prescribed limit was detected in a urine sample taken from Swan Island at the Sunshine Coast on 1 March 2020 and a blood sample taken from Inciter at Esk on 10 July 2021.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Gorman was issued with one (1) charge pursuant to AR 240 which states:

*Subject to AR240(2), when any horse that 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 a 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 breaches these Australian Rules.*

(i)The particulars being that Mr Beau Gorman as the trainer of Swan Island, which was brought to the Sunshine Coast on 1 March 2020, for the purpose of participating in the Kingsley St Clair Memorial Maiden Plate 1000 metres and a post-race urine sample taken from it was found to contain a prohibited substance, namely Cobalt.

(ii)The particulars being that Mr Gorman as the trainer of Inciter, which was brought to Esk on 10 July 2021, for the purpose of participating in the Somerset Regional council BM50 Handicap 800 metres and a post-race blood sample taken from it was found to contain a prohibited substance, namely Cobalt.

Mr Gorman pleaded guilty to the charge and his legal representative made detailed submissions regarding the matter of penalty.

When considering an appropriate penalty for this breach, Stewards considered that Mr Gorman had not previously been penalised under this rule. The personal circumstances of Mr Gorman were also considered. Stewards recognised that breaches of this kind have a negative impact to the image of thoroughbred racing and a penalty must serve as both a specific deterrent to Mr Gorman and a general deterrent to the wider industry to illustrate that these matters will result in the imposition of a significant penalty.

Stewards when considering recent penalty precedents suspended Mr Gorman's licence to train for a period of 12 months, which under the provisions of AR283(5) fully suspended the operation of the penalty for a period of two years (24months), on the proviso that Mr Gorman does not reoffend under this rule regarding the prohibited substance Cobalt. Mr Gorman was also fined \$8000.

Under the provisions of AR240(1), both Swan Island and Inciter were disqualified from their respective placings in the above-mentioned races and the placings were amended as follows:

**Sunshine Coast – Kingsley St Clair Memorial Maiden Plate 1000m – 1 March 2020**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Mint Strip
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Plenty Of Zip
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – La Miska
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Federal Agent

**Esk –Somerset Regional Council BM50 Maiden Handicap 800m – 10 July 2021**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Metro Tramp
- 2<sup>nd</sup> –Stryking Princess
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Miss Cruisey
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Glenbawns Dutchess

Mr Gorman was advised of his rights to an internal review.