

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Michael Lakey – Rosinca

Date: 11 April 2022

Panel: Daniel Aurisch, Peter Chadwick, Paul Zimmermann.

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 Rosinca at the Sunshine Coast on 2 February 2018.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Lakey 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.

The particulars being that Mr Michael Lakey as the trainer of ROSINCA, which was brought to the Sunshine Coast Coast on 2 February 2018, for the purpose of participating in the Mosaic Property Group Three Years Old Fillies Maiden Handicap 1200m and a pre-race urine sample taken from it was found to contain a prohibited substance, namely Cobalt.

Mr Lakey 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 Mr Lakey's record, long standing involvement in the industry and personal circumstances. 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 Lakey 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 Lakey's licence to train for a period of 12months, which under the provisions of AR283(5) was fully suspended for a period for two years (24months), on the proviso that Mr Lakey does not reoffend under this rule regarding the prohibited substance Cobalt. Mr Lakey was also fined \$6000.

Under the provisions of AR240(1), Rosinca was disqualified from its placing in the above-mentioned race and its placings was amended as follows:

Sunshine Coast – Mosaic Property Group Three Years Old Fillies Maiden Handicap 1200m – 2 February 2018

1st – Mymming

2nd – Princess Cavallo
3rd – Showy Lady
4th – Play Thing

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