

Stewards Report: Trainer Mr. Michael Nolan

Date: 7th April, 2022

Panel: Clayton Warren, Tony Preston & James Childs

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the concentration of Testosterone was detected above the permissible threshold in a urine sample taken from Bent Benny at Dalby on August 24th, 2021.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) in the form of the initial test results as well as subsequent confirmatory testing, the Racing Analytical Services Ltd (RASL), along with both anecdotal and empirical evidence from licensed Trainer Mr Michael Nolan.

After considering all of the evidence, including expert advice from the RSC, Stewards determined that the origin of the elevated testosterone in the gelding was endogenous deriving from remnant tissue that can be stimulated to produce testosterone and therefore elected not to pursue any formal charge against Mr Nolan as Stewards could not be satisfied to the requisite standard that any breach of the rules had occurred. Furthermore, acting under the provisions of AR22(1)(c) which reads:

(1) Without limiting any other Stewards' powers, the Stewards have the following powers in relation to investigations and inquiries:

(c) to take any action the Stewards deem necessary in respect of any horse involved in any investigation or inquiry conducted under subrule (1)(a) or (b)

Stewards ordered that Bent Benny be reclassified as a Cryptorchid or Rig.

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