

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Paul Jenkins – Wicked Heights and Travistee

Date: 21 April 2022

Panel: Daniel Aurisch, Josh Adams & Geoff Goold

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 WICKED HEIGHTS at the Ipswich Turf Club on 6 May 2019 and taken from TRAVISTEE at Gatton on 1 June 2019.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Jenkins 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 Paul Jenkins as the trainer of WICKED HEIGHTS, which was brought to Ipswich on 6 May 2019, for the purpose of participating in the Maiden Handicap 1666 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 Paul Jenkins as the trainer of TRAVISTEE, which was brought to Gatton on 10 June 2019, for the purpose of participating in the Gatton Cup BM70 Handicap 2000 metres and a post-race urine sample taken from it was found to contain a prohibited substance, namely COBALT.

Mr Jenkins pleaded guilty to the charge and made brief submissions regarding the matter of penalty.

When considering an appropriate penalty for this breach, Stewards considered that Mr Jenkins had not previously been penalised under this rule over a significant period as a trainer. The personal circumstances of Mr Jenkins 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 Jenkins 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 Jenkin's license to train for a period of 12months, 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 Jenkins does not reoffend under this rule regarding the prohibited substance COBALT. Mr Jenkins was also fined \$8000.

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

**Ipswich –Maiden Plate 1666m – 6 May 2019**

1<sup>st</sup> – TAKEITTOTHELIMIT  
2<sup>nd</sup> – ROSE OF CASTILLE  
3<sup>rd</sup> – STRONG DESIRE  
4<sup>th</sup> – QUOTANT

**Gatton –Somerset Regional Council BM70 Handicap 2000m – 1 June 2019**

1<sup>st</sup> – LIKE A RULER  
2<sup>nd</sup> –BENICIO'S PRINCE  
3<sup>rd</sup> – HARADIFY  
4<sup>th</sup> – FENCOURT

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