

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr Chris Frisby

Date: 28 June 2022

Panel: D. Farquharson, L. Wilson & N. Torpey

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into reports from the QRIC Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) that the prohibited substance Arsenic above the prescribed threshold as defined in Australian Harness Racing (AHR) Rule 188A(2)(b) had been detected in a sample taken from the Chris Frisby trained horse Aphorism following its winning performance at Albion Park on 23 April 2022.

Stewards commenced inquiries on 14 May 2022 and on 6 June 2022 Mr Chris Frisby was issued with a charge pursuant to rule 190(1) of the Australian Harness Racing (AHR) rule, via written correspondence as follows:

AHR Rule 190 (1)

(1) A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances

The particulars of charge being that:

Licensed trainer Chris Frisby, as the trainer of Aphorism, did present that horse to race at Albion Park on 23 April 2022 when a post-race urine sample taken from that horse, upon analysis, was found to contain a prohibited substance, namely Arsenic above the prescribed threshold as defined in AHR rule 188A(2)(b).

On 22 June 2022, Mr Frisby pleaded guilty to the charge via written correspondence.

In assessing penalty Stewards considered the following:

- * AHR Rule 190 (1) is a strict liability rule with the onus on the trainer to present a horse drug free for racing,
- * Notifications have been communicated to the racing industry regarding the substance Arsenic and for trainers to be vigilant and ensure stable environments are free of contaminants,
- * The offence file of Chris Frisby and his overall record under this rule,
- * Penalty precedents for matters of this type,
- * The need for any penalty to serve as a deterrent both general and specific.

Stewards imposed a fine of \$3000.

Acting under the provisions of AHR rule 195 Aphorism was disqualified from its winning performance at Albion Park on 23 April 2022 and all other placing were amended accordingly.

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