

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Kevin Joiner

**Date: 19 July 2022**

**Panel: D. Farquharson, N. Torpey, W. Barr**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC)

Stewards concluded an inquiry into reports from the QRIC Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) that the prohibited substance Cobalt above the prescribed threshold as defined in Australian Harness Racing (AHR) Rule 188A(2)(k) had been detected in a sample taken from the Kevin Joiner trained horse Jay Dee Be Rollin following its winning performance at Redcliffe on 20 March 2022.

Stewards commenced inquiries on 12 April 2022 and on 7 June 2022 Mr Joiner was issued with a charge pursuant to rule 190(1) of the Australian Harness Racing (AHR) rules, 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 Kevin Joiner, as the trainer of Jay Dee Be Rollin, did present that horse to race at Redcliffe on 20 March 2022 when a post-race urine sample taken from that horse, upon analysis, was found to contain a prohibited substance, namely Cobalt above the prescribed threshold as defined in AHR rule 188A(2)(k).

On 22 June 2022, Mr Joiner recorded a plea of not guilty to the charge via written correspondence and provided further submissions.

On 29 June 2022, Stewards found the evidence supportive of a guilty finding under AHR rule 190(1).

On 11 July 2022 Stewards received a submission from Mr Joiner in answer to penalty should one be imposed by Stewards for the breach of AHR 190(1).

On 19 July 2022 Stewards made a decision on the matter of penalty and gave careful consideration to:

\* AHR Rule 190 (1) is a strict liability rule with the onus on the trainer to present a horse drug free for racing,

\* The offence file of Kevin Joiner which indicated a good 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.

Mr Kevin Joiner was suspended for a period of 12 months effective immediately.

Stewards further determined that Jay Dee Be Rollin be disqualified from its winning performance at Redcliffe on 20 March 2022 under the provisions of AHR 195 and all remaining placings be adjusted accordingly.

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