

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Terry McGovern – PURPLE HAT

Date: 13 September 2022

Panel: P Lane, P Gillard

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance HEPTAMINOL was detected in a blood sample taken from PURPLE HAT at Home Hill on 9 July 2022.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) along with evidence from licensed trainer Mr Terry McGovern.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr McGovern was issued with a charge pursuant to AR240 (2) which reads:

Subject to subrule (3), if a horse 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 any sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer or any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.

The specifics of the charge being that, Mr Terry McGovern brought PURPLE HAT to Home Hill on 9 July 2022 for the purpose of engaging in the QTIS Maiden Plate 1180m and a post-race blood sample taken was found to contain the prohibited substance HEPTAMINOL.

Mr McGovern pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions in relation to penalty.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards were mindful of Mr McGovern's unblemished record in relation to the rule, his conduct prior to and during the inquiry, and his forthright evidence. Stewards were also mindful of similar penalty precedents, the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing and the need for a penalty to serve as an appropriate deterrent to ensure racing is conducted free of prohibited substances.

Mr McGovern was subsequently fined \$2000.00.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR. 240 (1) PURPLE HAT was disqualified from winning the above-mentioned race and the placing's were amended as follows:

Home Hill 9 July 20262 – QTIS Maiden Plate 1180m

1st – VISTA ORIENTAL

2nd – ON YOUR SKATES

3rd – SOUL CONEXION

4th – COOL HARRY

Mr McGovern was made aware of his right to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.