

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Sam Strazzieri

Date: 10 October 2022

Panel: Paul Zimmermann and Geoff Goold

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into records contained in the stable treatment book and Hemoplex being found at the stables of Mr S Strazzieri during a stable inspection 23 April 2022.

After considering all the evidence and submissions tendered, trainer Mr Sam Strazzieri was issued with two (2) charges pursuant to Australian Rules of Racing:

CHARGE 1

AR 252A *Possession of injectable products containing cobalt salts*

(1) A person must not have in his or her possession, or on his or her premises, any injectable product which contains cobalt salts.

The specifics being that Mr Sam Strazzieri, a Trainer licensed with QRIC, during a stable inspection conducted by QRIC Integrity Investigation Officers on Saturday 23 April 2022, was found to have on his registered stable premises 1 bottle of Hemoplex, which contain cobalt salts a banned substance under the Rules of Racing effective 1 May 2021.

CHARGE 2

AR 254A *Administration of cobalt salts by injection*

(1) A person must not:

(a) administer

a product containing cobalt salts to a horse by injection.

The Specifics being that Mr Sam Strazzieri, a Trainer licensed with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, did administer Hemoplex, which contain cobalt salts a banned substance under the Rules of Racing effective 1 May 2021, to Bruja on various times during the period 23 March 2022 to 17 April 2022

Mr Strazzieri pleaded guilty to both charges.

Mr Strazzieri subsequently made submissions in respect of any penalty to be imposed.

In determining penalty in relation to the charges, the Stewards considered the following:

1. The nature, circumstances, and seriousness of the offence;
2. Mr Strazzieri's personal circumstances, character, and general background, noting Mr Strazzieri has held a licence in the racing industry for many years;
3. Mr Strazzieri's disciplinary history;
4. The penalty precedents for breaches of Australian Rule of Racing 252A (1) and AR 254A (1)(a);
5. The requirement for penalties to act as both a specific deterrent to Mr Strazzieri and as a general deterrent to the wider racing industry for the integrity of the racing industry to remain paramount.

The Stewards' Panel, having considered the above factors determined the appropriate penalty for the offences as specified was as follows:

CHARGE 1 - \$400

CHARGE 2 - \$3000

Mr Strazzieri was advised of his appeal rights.
