

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr Greg Kilner – SWANSTON

Date: 17 August 2023

Panel: Paul Zimmermann, Simon Fletcher and Olivia Legg

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance PREGABALIN was detected in a urine sample taken from SWANSTON at Doomben on 23 July 2022.

After considering all the evidence, Mr Kilner was issued with one (1) charge pursuant to AR 240(2) which states:

Subject to AR240(3), when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging 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.

The particulars being that Mr G Kilner as the licensed trainer of SWANSTON, which was brought to Doomben on 23 July 2022, for the purpose of participating in the TAB VENUE MODE COLS, GELDING AND ENTIRES CLASS 6 HANDICAP 1350m and subsequent a post-race urine sample taken from SWANSTON following its second placing was found to contain a prohibited substance, namely PREGABALIN.

Mr Kilner pleaded to the charge.

When considering an appropriate penalty for this breach, Stewards acknowledged the circumstances leading up to the 23 July 2022 and documented evidence that Mr Kilner and a staff member were both prescribed PREGABALIN. Mr Kilner's disciplinary history and personal circumstances were also considered however 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 Kilner and a general deterrent to the wider industry.

Stewards after considering recent penalty precedents and the circumstances unique to this matter fined Mr Kilner \$4000.

Under the provisions of AR240(1), SWANSTON was disqualified from its placings in the above-mentioned race and the placing were amended as follows:

Doomben – TAB VENUE HANDICAP 1350m – 23 July 2022.

1st – OAKFIELD TWILIGHT
2nd – DON'T STOP
3rd – VENTURA QUEEN
4th – SAFEWORK

Mr Kilner was advised of his appeal rights.