

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr Greg Booth, re - HIGHER

Date: 9 November 2023

Panel: Paul Zimmermann, Brett Wright and William Wain.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance FIROCOXIB was detected in urine sample taken from HIGHER at Aquis Park Gold Coast on 20 May 2023.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Booth 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 are as follows- Mr Greg Booth as a licensed trainer with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission you were the registered trainer of HIGHER when on 20 May 2023 the gelding was brought to Aquis Park Gold Coast Racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race, that being Race 2, The Cascade Benchmark 62 Handicap 1050m, and a post-race urine sample was collected following its winning performance which upon analysis revealed the sample to contain FIROCOXIB a substance prohibited under the Australian Rules of Racing pursuant to Division 1 Prohibited List B and thus breaching the requirements of AR 240(2).

Mr Booth pleaded guilty to the charge.

Stewards after considering recent penalty precedents and the circumstances pertinent to this matter Mr Booth was fined \$5000.

Under the provisions of AR240(1), HIGHER was disqualified from its placings in the above-mentioned race and the placing were amended as follows: Stewards amended the placings in Race 2 at Aquis Park Gold Coast on 20 May 2023 in the Cascade Benchmark 62 Handicap 1050m to the following results:

1ST – WIN BURN

2ND – BARONESSA

3RD – THE RATTLESNAKE

4TH – LOOK A LIKE

5TH – UNLIKELY OCCURENCE

Mr Booth was advised of his appeal rights.