

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Ms Janel Ryan

Date: 15 February 2024

Panel: Darryl Griffiths, Ross Neal, Sam Nosworthy

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards (QRIC) conducted an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance Heptaminol was detected in a urine sample taken from BRAVE INTENT after winning Race 4 at Townsville on 6 October 2023.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) along with evidence from Trainer Mrs Janel Ryan and Stable Foreperson Mr Ronald Ryan, who both attended the Cairns QRIC office and appeared via video link.

After considering all the evidence, Ms J Ryan 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 it's running in any race, the trainer or any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time, breaches these Australian Rules.”

The specifics of the charge being that Mrs Janel Ryan brought BRAVE INTENT to Townsville Turf Club meeting on 6 October 2023 for the purpose of engaging in Race 4 – Ratings Band 0-55 Handicap 1000m and a post-race urine sample taken was found to contain the prohibited substance HEPTAMINOL.

Mrs J Ryan was found guilty of the charge.

In assessing penalty Stewards considered the following -:

1. Ms Ryan's previous good record over a lengthy period holding a trainer's licence.
2. Similar penalty precedents for the prohibited substance Heptaminol
3. The negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing.
4. The need for a penalty to serve as an appropriate deterrent to ensure racing is conducted free of prohibited substances.

Ms J Ryan was subsequently fined \$2000.00.

Furthermore, under the provision of AR240 (1) BRAVE INTENT was disqualified from winning the above-mentioned race and the placings were amended as follows :

Townsville 6 October 2023 – Band 0-55 Handicap 1000m

1st – BOOMED

2nd – MISS DAURIAN

3rd – WHEY MISCHIEF

4th – RUGGED BOY

5th – GUAPO

Ms J Ryan was advised of her rights of appeal.