

# Stewards' Report

**Mr Trevor & Peter Rowe, RE: Gulf Of Lion**

**Date: 7 February 2024**

**Panel: Paul Gillard, Samuel Copelin, Ashleigh Holzhauser, Yorick Walburgh Schmidt**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a report from the RSC analyst that the prohibited substance ARSENIC was detected in a urine sample taken from GULF OF LION at Cairns on 11 May 2023. Mr Peter Rowe was unable to attend due to illness.

After considering all the evidence, in that GULF OF LION, which was brought to the Cairns Jockey Club, 11 May 2023 and competed in Race 2 'Cairns Floral Supplies Maiden Handicap – 1250 Metres' a post-race urine sample of GULF OF LION was collected following its winning performances which upon analysis revealed the sample to contain Arsenic above the permitted threshold, a substance prohibited under the Australian Rules of Racing. AR 240(2).

Stewards noted that the rule in question is one of absolute liability which once the prohibited substance is found, matters concerning the reasons for the presence were more relevant to any penalty. It was also accepted that extensive soil testing and stable inspections were conducted at Mr Rowe's stable barns. Stewards, therefore, could not exclude to the requisite standard that the level of ARSENIC detected was not the result of mitigating circumstances. There was no other evidence before the inquiry in relation to administration of products containing ARSENIC. Under the circumstances and in addition to the forthright evidence and conduct throughout the inquiry of Mr Rowe, the stewards determined not to impose a penalty against Rowe's training partnership for the breach of AR 240(2).

Mr Rowe was further advised that it is his obligation to ensure corrective action and adequate measures are taken to prevent further possible breaches of AR 240(2).

Under the provisions of AR 240(1), GULF OF LION was disqualified from its respective race of first placing in the above-mentioned race and the placings were amended as follows:

Cairns Jockey Club 11 May 2023 - Race 2 Cairns Floral Supplies Maiden Handicap – 1250 Metres (GULF OF LION – Disqualified)

1 ST – MISS DAURIAN

2 ND – CLASSIC CHANCE

3 RD – HITCHEDINMANHATTEN

4 TH – AMBER'S POWER

5 TH – DISORDERLY

Mr Rowe was advised of his appeal rights.