

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Dan Russell

**Date: 25 March 2024**

**Panel: D. Farquharson, N. Torpey, S, Shinn**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded an inquiry into reports from the QRIC Racing Science Centre (RSC) and Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) that the prohibited substance Furosemide had been detected in a sample taken from the Dan Russell trained horse Jay Rowe NZ, following its winning performance at Albion Park on 13 February 2024.

Stewards commenced enquiries on 3 March 2024 and on 18 March 2024 Mr Russell was issued with a charge pursuant to rule 190(1) of the Australian Harness Racing (AHR) rules, via written correspondence as follows:

### **AHR Rule 190 (1)**

***(1) A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances.***

The particulars of charge being that:

*Licensed trainer Dan Russell, as the trainer of Jay Rowe NZ, did present that horse to race at Albion Park on 13 February 2024 when a post-race urine sample taken from that horse, upon analysis, was found to contain a prohibited substance, namely Furosemide.*

On 22 March 2024, Mr Russell submitted a guilty plea to the charge under AHR rule 190(1) and outlined submissions for Stewards to take into consideration in the matter of penalty.

When assessing penalty, Stewards considered:

- AHR Rule 190 (1) is a strict liability rule with the onus on the trainer to present a horse drug free for racing.
- The offence file of Dan Russell which indicated a good record under this rule.
- Penalty precedents for matters of this type.
- The need for any penalty to serve as a deterrent both general and specific.

Mr Dan Russell was fined the sum of \$3000.

Stewards further determined that Jay Rowe NZ be disqualified from its winning performance at Albion Park on 13 February 2024 under the provisions of AHR 195 and all remaining placings be adjusted accordingly.

Mr Russell was advised of his rights to appeal.