

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: DENMAN BLUE

Date: 19 April 2024

Panel: Clayton Warren & Danielle McMahon

Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the eligibility of DENMAN BLUE to have competed in the Burnett to the Beach Series - Heat- Ratings Band 0-55 Handicap over 1200m run at Esk Jockey Club on 9 March 2024. After taking evidence from Trainer K Kemp, acting on behalf of the ownership group, and considering the matter in its entirety, specifically as pertained to Australian Rule of Racing AR53(3)(a) which reads:

AR 53 Horses can only run in races they are qualified to run in

(3) If a horse runs in a race: it is ineligible for, it may be disqualified;

Stewards, in considering the matter, determined that as DENMAN BLUE was ineligible to nominate and/or compete in the aforementioned event, specifically that the gelding did not meet the required number of starts in non-TAB races in Queensland in the preceding 12 months. As such, stewards determined that the gelding should be disqualified from its 2nd place finish in the Burnett to the Beach Series- Heat- Ratings Band 0-55 Handicap over 1200m run at Esk Jockey Club on 9 March 2024 and amended the placings as follows:

1st – DANTE ALIGHIERI

2nd – NINE CIGARS

3rd – MR GORMAN

4th –MISHANI SCANDAL

Stewards further considered the matter as it pertained to AR53(1)(b). However, given the circumstances, elected to take no further action other than to remind Mr Kemp of his obligations under the Rules to ensure he only nominates horses for races in which they are eligible to compete.