

Stewards Report: Jake Capewell

Date: 20 September 2024

Panel: Emily Tickner & Clayton Warren

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance Triamcinolone Acetonide was detected in a post-race blood sample taken from SIR WARWICK at Rockhampton on 12 July 2024.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and Racing Analytical Services Ltd (RASL), along with evidence from licensed Trainer Mr Jake Capewell, and a veterinary report tendered by Stable Veterinarian, Dr Zak O'Brien.

After considering all of the evidence Mr Capewell 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 its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.

The particulars of the charge, being that licensed Trainer Mr Jake Capewell did have SIR WARWICK presented at Rockhampton on Friday, 12 July 2024 for the purpose of engaging in the *ONE SYNDICATIONS ROCKHAMPTON NEWMARKET* over 1300m where a subsequent post-race blood sample taken from the gelding was found to contain the prohibited substance Triamcinolone Acetonide.

Mr Capewell subsequently pleaded guilty to the charge.

In considering penalty Stewards considered the following:

- Mr Capewell's guilty plea
- Mr Capewell's forthright evidence and cooperativeness throughout the inquiry
- Mr Capewell's unblemished record in relation to rules associated with prohibited substances
- Mr Capewell's personal and financial circumstances
- That the substance was administered by the stable veterinarian within the recognised veterinary guidelines
- The general nature of the substance being a corticosteroid
- The provincial feature status of the race
- Relevant penalty precedents and Mr Capewell's submissions regarding penalty

- The negative impact such breaches have on the image of the industry and the need for any penalty to act as a deterrent to the industry cohort as a whole

Accordingly, Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty was \$3000.

Mr Capewell was subsequently advised of his right to an appeal.

Furthermore, after taking submissions from Mr Capewell and the ownership group, acting under the provisions of AR240(1), Stewards disqualified SIR WARWICK from its second placing in the ONE SYNDICATIONS ROCKHAMPTON NEWMARKET (1300m) and amended the placings as follows:

Rockhampton, 12 July 2024 – One Syndications Rockhampton Newmarket (1300m)

1st HONKYTONK DIVA
2nd BONAPARTE
3rd EF TROOP
4th TIGER LEGEND
5th CONSTANT FLIGHT