

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Ms Angela Plumb

Date: 1st April 2025

Panel: Brett Wright, Clayton Warren & Danielle McMahon

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards today inquired into a report from the RSC Analyst that the prohibited substances METHAMPHETAMINE and AMPHETAMINE were detected in the urine sample taken from LADY SHOTGUN, following its winning performance at Aquis Park on 23 November 2024.

Documentary evidence from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and Racing Analytical Services Ltd (RASL) was tabled, along with evidence from Licensed Trainer Ms Angela Plumb.

After considering the evidence, Ms Plumb was issued with a charge pursuant to AR 240(2) which states:

(2) Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is 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 a 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 the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.

The particulars of the charge being that on 23 November 2024, Ms Angela Plumb, as the trainer of LADY SHOTGUN, brought the thoroughbred mare to the Aquis Park Racecourse for the purpose of participating in Race 6, Happy Birthday Mitch Benchmark 62 Handicap 1150m, where a post-race urine sample taken from LADY SHOTGUN following its winning performance on that date, upon analysis, was found to contain Methamphetamine & Amphetamine; substances prohibited under the Australian Rules of Racing pursuant to Division 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 (Prohibited List B) due to its effects on the nervous system in breach of AR 240(2).

Ms Plumb pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$3000.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered Ms Plumb's guilty plea, record in relation to this rule, her history in the industry with the last 11 years as a licensed Trainer, her cooperation leading up to and throughout the inquiry, precedents for an offence pursuant to Australian Rule of Racing 240(2) in regard to the substances, her efforts to identify the source of the breach within her stables, personal circumstances, changes to be effected in stable practices, and the need for the penalty to act as a general deterrent to the wider racing industry.

Further, under the provisions of AR240(1), LADY SHOTGUN was disqualified from its first placing in the above-mentioned race and the placings were amended as follows:

1st – BRECHEN

2nd – GREGARIOUS

3rd – BOOM IN THE DARK

4th – MY DOG DIESEL

5th – NEOCLASSICISM