

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr Stuart Kendrick – ZOULAR

Date: 20 May 2025

Panel: P Zimmermann, J Williamson and H Matthews.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substances MELOXICAM and FLUNIXIN was detected in a pre-race blood sample taken from ZOULAR after it competed in Race 1 at Ipswich on 13th March 2025.

After considering the evidence, Mr Stuart Kendrick was issued with one (1) charge pursuant to AR 240(2) which states:
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 being that Mr Stuart Kendrick as the licensed trainer of ZOULAR, which was brought to the Ipswich Racecourse on 13th March 2025, for the purpose of participating in Race 1, The Great Northern Maiden Handicap 1200m metres and a pre-race blood sample taken from ZOULAR was subsequently upon analysis found to contain the prohibited substances MELOXICAM and FLUNIXIN.

Mr Kendrick pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions regarding the matter of penalty.

When considering an appropriate penalty for this breach, Stewards considered that Mr Kendrick's unblemished record over a long period of approximately 36 years, and Mr Kendrick's frequency and number of starters. Mr Kendrick's forthright evidence, his personal circumstances, the unique events leading up to the breach were also considered along with penalty precedents. Stewards recognised that breaches of this kind have a negative impact to the image of thoroughbred racing and a penalty must serve as both a specific deterrent to Mr Kendrick and a general deterrent to the wider industry.

Mr Kendrick was fined \$3000.

Under the provisions of AR240(1), ZOULAR was disqualified from its placings in the above- mentioned race and the placing were amended as follows:
Ipswich Race 1- The Great Northern Maiden Handicap 1200 metres.

1st – WINDOW TAPPER
2nd – BURLEIGH MAGIC
3rd – DEEP DAWN
4th – TWILIGHT SPARKLE
5TH – BEST COFFEE

6TH – PRINCESS MONEYBAGS
7TH – ZOU ZOUTUKATUKIA
8TH - MACEDONIAN

Mr Stuart Kendrick was advised of his appeal rights.