

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr Matthew Hoysted – OUROBOROS

Date: 30 July 2025

Panel: Paul Zimmermann and Geoff Goold.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance 2-(HYDROXYETHYL) Promazine Sulfoxide was detected in a post-race urine sample taken from OUROBOROS after it competed in Race 8 at Eagle Farm on 22nd March 2025.

Evidence was taken from Mr Hoysted trainer of OUROBOROS, stable foreperson Miss Z Leef, Dr S Flynn Acting Chief Veterinary Officer QRIC, Dr S Stanley Director of Analytical Services Qld Racing Science Centre and submissions were also made on behalf of Mr Hoysted by Mr J Murdoch KC.

After considering the evidence, Mr Hoysted 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 Hoysted as the licensed trainer of OUROBOROS, which was brought to the Eagle Farm Racecourse on 22nd March 2025, for the purpose of participating in Race 8 the ETHOS ORTHODONTICS COLTS, GELDINGS & ENTIRES BENCHMARK 78 Handicap 1200 metres and a post-race urine sample taken from OUROBOROS was subsequently upon analysis found to contain the prohibited substance 2-(HYDROXYETHYL) Promazine Sulfoxide above the permitted screening limit as prescribed by Racing Australia for the purpose of AR257.

Mr Hoysted pleaded not guilty to the charge and submissions were made in his defence.

After considering these submissions, Stewards formally found Mr Hoysted guilty of the charge.

When considering an appropriate penalty for this breach, Stewards considered Mr Hoysted's submissions, his good record, race status, frequency and number of starters. Mr Hoysted's forthright evidence, his personal circumstances, the events leading up to the breach were also considered along with penalty precedence's. Stewards recognise 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 Hoysted and a general deterrent to the wider industry to illustrate that these matters will result in the imposition of a significant penalty.

Mr Hoysted was fined \$4000 and advised of his appeal rights.

Under the provisions of AR240(1), OUROBOROS was disqualified from its placing in the above-mentioned race and the placing were amended as follows:

Eagle Farm Race 8 the ETHOS ORTHODONTICS COLTS, GELDINGS & ENTIRES
BENCHMARK 78 Handicap 1200 metres.

1st – CALICO JACK

2nd – MAXIMUM VORTEX

3rd – REDZOUST

4th – DIVINE OKAY

5TH – HURTS SO GOOD