

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Peter and Will Hulbert – Dillian

Date: 24 July 2025

Panel: J Adams, G Goold, P Zimmermann

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance COBALT over the prescribed limit was detected in a urine sample taken from DILLIAN at Eagle Farm on 26 April 2025.

After considering all of the evidence, co-trainers Will and Peter Hulbert were issued with one (1) charge pursuant to AR 240 which states:

Subject to AR240(2), when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging 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 such horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.

The particulars of the charge being, on 26th April 2025, Mr Peter and Will Hulbert, as the co-trainers of the horse DILLIAN at all relevant times, presented that horse to Eagle Farm racecourse for the purpose of participating in Race 2, BAKER REFRIGERATION BENCHMARK 80 Handicap 2400m, where a post-race urine sample collected from DILLIAN, upon analysis by the Racing Science Centre and Racing Analytical Services Limited, was found to contain Cobalt at a level above the permitted threshold as defined in the Australian Rules of Racing, Division 3 Part 11 – Prohibited List B Thresholds.

Mr Will and Peter Hulbert pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions regarding the matter of penalty.

When considering an appropriate penalty for this breach, Stewards considered that both Peter and Will Hulbert had a previous unblemished record over a long period in racing. 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 and a general deterrent to the wider industry to illustrate that these matters will result in the imposition of a significant penalty.

Stewards when considering recent penalty precedents suspended the license of Will and Peter Hulbert to train for a period of 12 months which under the provisions AR283(5) fully suspended the operation of the penalty for a period for two years, on the proviso that both Mr Will and Peter Hulbert do not reoffend under this rule regarding the prohibited substance COBALT. Co-trainers Mr Will and Peter Hulbert were also fined \$5000.

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

Eagle Farm - BAKER REFRIGERATION BENCHMARK 80 Handicap 2400m – 26 April 2025.

- 1st – GALIFIANAKIS (IRE)
- 2nd – MISTRESSOFILLUSION (IRE)
- 3rd – LIKEABEEL
- 4th – CHASSAGNE

Co-trainers Will and Peter Hulbert were advised of their rights to an appeal.