

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Jamie McConachy

**Date: 2 September 2025**

### **Panel: Hayden Gillett, Shane Larkins & Shikira Stehbens**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into reports from the Racing Science Centre, Brisbane and Racing Analytical Services Limited, Melbourne that the prohibited substance FLUNIXIN was detected in a pre-race blood sample taken from CHERRY ROSE at the Rockhampton Jockey Club on 20 June 2025.

Documentary evidence from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and Racing Analytical Services Ltd (RASL) was tabled along with evidence from licensed trainer Jamie McConachy.

After considering the evidence, Mr McConachy was issued a charge pursuant to AR240(1) which reads:

Charge 1

#### *Division 2 – Prohibited substance in a sample taken from a horse*

##### *AR 240 Prohibited substance in sample taken from horse at race meeting*

*(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 specifics of the are as follows:

- 1: Mr Jamie McConachy, was at all relevant times, a thoroughbred trainer licensed by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission.
- 2: Mr McConachy was at all relevant times, the licensed trainer of the registered thoroughbred CHERRY ROSE.
- 3: On 20 June 2025, CHERRY ROSE was brought to the Rockhampton Jockey Club for the purpose of competing in Race 6, the ROCKHAMPTON JOCKEY CLUB TATTERSALLS SPRINT OPEN Handicap 1200 metres.

4: Upon analysis by the Racing Science Centre, Brisbane, a pre-race blood sample collected from CHERRY ROSE, was reported to contain the substance Flunixin and this finding was confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited, Melbourne.

5: Flunixin is a prohibited substance under the Australian Rules of Racing, SCHEDULE 1 – PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES LISTS & EXEMPTIONS/THRESHOLDS, PART 2 – SUBSTANCES PROHIBITED ON RACE DAYS, CERTAIN TRIALS ETC Division 1 – Prohibited List B, 2. Substances within, but not limited to, the following categories: (v) anti-inflammatory agents;

Mr McConachy pleaded guilty to the charge.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards also today concluded an inquiry into a report from the Compliance Assurance Team (CAT) that an empty bottle of Hemoplex containing Cobalt Salts was found at the stables of licensed trainer Mr Jamie McConachy during a stable inspection 29 November 2024.

After considering the evidence in its entirety, and submissions from Mr McConachy the following charges were issued under:

## Charge 2

### *AR 252A Possession of injectable products containing cobalt salts*

*(1) A person must not have in his or her possession, or on his or her premises, any injectable product which contains cobalt salts.*

The specifics of the charges were as follows.

1: You, Mr Jamie McConachy, are, and were at all relevant times, a thoroughbred trainer licensed by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission.

2. In a four-week period leading up to 29 November 2024 you had in your possession a bottle of Hemoplex, an injectable product, containing cobalt salts at your licensed stable premises.

## Charge 3

### *AR 254A Administration of cobalt salts by injection*

*(1) A person must not:*

*(a) administer*

*a product containing cobalt salts to a horse by injection.*

With specifics as follows:

- 1: You, Mr Jamie McConachy, are, and were at all relevant times, a thoroughbred trainer licensed by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission.
2. In a four-week period leading up to 29 November 2024 you had in your possession a bottle of Hemoplex containing cobalt salts which was administered by injection on multiple occasions to treat an unnamed horse in your care.

Mr McConachy pleaded guilty to all charges.

When assessing penalty stewards considered the following factors.

- Mr McConachy's immediate plea of guilty to the charge;
- Mr McConachy's full cooperation throughout the investigation and inquiry process;
- Mr McConachy's time in the thoroughbred racing industry as a trainer, being more than FORTY (40) years;
- Mr McConachy's disciplinary history, noting he has two prior breaches of the prohibited substance rules with the most recent one being in 2010;
- Mr McConachy's clear disciplinary record for possession or administration of Cobalt salts;
- Mr McConachy's treatment records were accurately recorded and supported his submissions;
- The need for both specific deterrence to Mr McConachy and general deterrence to the wider industry;
- The need for the general public to maintain confidence in the integrity control of the thoroughbred racing industry;
- Relevant penalty precedents;
- The Human Rights Act 2019;

The following penalties were imposed.

AR240(2) Presentation of CHERRY ROSE - Fined \$2000

AR252A Possession of injectable cobalt salts – Fined \$500

AR254A Administration of injectable cobalt salts – Fined \$2000

Stewards also considered the provisions of AR240(1) which reads.

***AR 240 Prohibited substance in sample taken from horse at race meeting***

*(1) Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse 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 horse must be disqualified from any race in which it started on that day.*

After considering submissions from Mr McConachy on behalf of the ownership group in relation to AR240(1), stewards invoked the provisions of the rule and therefore CHERRY ROSE was disqualified from Race 6 the ROCKHAMPTON JOCKEY CLUB TATTERSALLS SPRINT OPEN Handicap 1200m at the Rockhampton Jockey Club on the 20<sup>TH</sup> of June 2025.

The placings were amended as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup>     DEMON AWARD
- 2<sup>nd</sup>     KATHY'S BEAU
- 3<sup>rd</sup>     TRACK TALE
- 4<sup>th</sup>     MASTER SHOWMAN

Mr McConachy was advised of his rights to an appeal.