

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Trainer Clinton Taylor

Date: 25th March 2024

Panel: Hayden Gillett, Shane Larkins, Sharon Coulthard

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a blood sample taken from AIRIT on 11 December 2024, that after competing in trial four (4) at the Rockhampton Jockey Club official trials returned a positive result for the prohibited substance furosemide.

Documentary evidence was presented from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Racing Analytical Services Limited, Victoria with evidence provided from licensed Trainer Clinton Taylor

After considering all evidence licensed trainer Mr C Taylor was issued with a charge under the provisions of AR 241(a) which reads:

AR 241 Prohibited substance in sample taken from horse at trial etc.

If a horse is brought to a racecourse or recognised training track to participate in:

(a) an official trial;

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 the relevant event, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.

With the specifics of the charge being as follows:

Mr Clinton Taylor the trainer of AIRIT did present that thoroughbred at the Rockhampton Jockey Club official trials on the 11 December 2023 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Furosemide, as detected by the Racing Science Centre Queensland and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited Victoria, in the blood sample collected from AIRIT on 11th December 2023.

Mr Taylor pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions in relation to penalty.

When considering penalty stewards took into account the following:

- Mr Taylor's guilty plea.
- Mr Taylor's forthright evidence, cooperation throughout the investigation and inquiry process.
- Mr Taylor's exemplary record in relation to this particular rule with no prior breaches.

- Penalty precedents.
- The need for the penalty to serve as a specific deterrent and also a general deterrent for the wider racing industry.
- That AIRIT was not presented to pass any embargo or receive a barrier certificate.
- Human rights act 2019 and the effect that any penalty may have on an individual.

Stewards determined that a penalty of \$1000 be imposed on Mr Taylor.

Mr Taylor was advised to his right to an appeal.