

Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - S. Callanan (A/Chairman), J. Petzer, M. Santoro & C. Deakin

Thursday, 6 May 2021

HEAVY ROTATION – Mr. James Dodgson

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the results of a post-race urine sample taken on Friday, 19 February 2021 from the racehorse HEAVY ROTATION, which was presented to race in race 4, the Northpoint Fleurieu Benchmark 58 Handicap run over 1400 meters at the Morphettville Parks Racecourse. Analysis of the sample by Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) disclosed the presence of Cobalt, at a level above the threshold level for Cobalt in urine of 100 micrograms per litre, as stipulated under the Rules of Racing.

Evidence was taken from Mr. James Dodgson, the Trainer of HEAVY ROTATION, Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge, and Racing Analytical Services Limited Scientific Manager Mr. P. Zahra.

After considering the evidence, Stewards issued two (2) charges against Mr. Dodgson.

Charge 1: - AR104(1)

The particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse HEAVY ROTATION, he failed to maintain his treatment records in respect of this horse by not recording the treatment of 10mls of 'VAM' to it on Wednesday 17 February 2021. Mr. Dodgson pleaded guilty to the charge.

Charge 2: - AR240(2)

The particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse HEAVY ROTATION at all relevant times leading up to and including Friday, 19 February 2021, he did bring the said racehorse to the Morphettville Parks Racecourse to participate in race 4, the Northpoint Fleurieu Benchmark 58 Handicap run over 1400 meters for the purpose of starting in the said race and following the filly winning the event a post-race urine sample taken from HEAVY ROTATION, detected upon analysis, in it the prohibited substance Cobalt at a level of 141 micrograms per litre which is above the threshold of 100 micrograms per litre as declared under Division 3 Prohibited List B Thresholds part 11. Mr. Dodgson pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Mr. Dodgson's guilty pleas, his personal circumstances, forthrightness during the inquiry process, factors relating to individual and general deterrence, the serious nature of breaches relating to prohibited substance rules and Mr. Dodgson's relatively clean record in relation to prohibited substances. In the circumstances, Stewards determined the following penalties: -

Charge 1: A reprimand was issued to Mr. Dodgson.

Charge 2: A suspension of Mr. Dodgson's licence to train for a period of three (3) months, reduced from six (6) months after taking into account mitigating factors. The suspension was ordered to commence at midnight on Thursday 13 May 2021 and to expire at midnight Friday 13 August 2021.

Mr. Dodgson was informed of his right of appeal and has subsequently lodged an appeal to the Racing Appeals Tribunal and was granted a Stay of Proceedings.

Further, acting under AR240(1), HEAVY ROTATION, which finished in first place (1st), was disqualified from this event. The new result of the race is:

1 st	MAGIC DEE
2 ND	APPOLLO JET
3 RD	NEODIUM
4 TH	SILENT GENERAL

S B Callanan
Senior Stipendiary Steward