

Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro, S. Callanan & E. Scott (Cadet)

Tuesday, 26 October 2021

SANTELMO FUEGO – Mr. G. Young

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the results of a post-race urine sample taken on Sunday, 22 August 2021 from the racehorse **Santelmo Fuego**, which was presented to race in Race 4, the Sir Loin Butchers Benchmark 68 Handicap run over 1800 meters at the Naracoorte 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. Grant Young, the Trainer of **Santelmo Fuego**, Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge, and Mr. G. Ganio, Inorganic Laboratory Manager - Racing Analytical Services Limited. After considering the evidence, Stewards issued the following charge against Mr. Young.

Charge: - Under Australian Rule of Racing - AR240(2)

The particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse **Santelmo Fuego** at all relevant times leading up to and including Sunday, 22 August 2021, he did bring the said racehorse to the Naracoorte Racecourse where it competed in and won Race 4, the Sir Loin Butchers Benchmark 68 Handicap run over 1800 meters, after which a urine sample taken from the horse disclosed upon analysis the substance Cobalt at a level of 127 micrograms per litre which is above the threshold level of 100 micrograms per litre, which substance is a prohibited substance under the rules of racing. Mr. Young pleaded guilty to the charge.

Penalty: In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Mr. Young's guilty plea, 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. Young's relatively clean record in relation to prohibited substances. In the circumstances, Stewards determined the following penalty:

A suspension of Mr. Young's license 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 Tuesday 2 November 2021 and to expire at midnight Wednesday 2 February 2022.

Mr. Young was informed of his right of appeal.

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

1st Grosvenor Bridge (NZ)
2ND Campobasso (NZ)
3RD Foraoise
4TH Aristocat
5TH Space Equity

J Petzer
General Manager Integrity/Chairman of Stewards