

Additional Stewards Report



RACINGSA

Stewards: - J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro, and E. Scott (Cadet)

Tuesday, 21 December 2021

SPECIALISM – Mr. W. Clarcken

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the result of the analysis of a pre-race blood sample taken on Saturday, 18 September 2021 from the racehorse **Specialism**, which was presented to race in and competed in Race 8, the WH Wylie Handicap run over 1100 metres at the Morphettville Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of Triamcinolone Acetonide, a substance prohibited under the Rules of Racing.

Evidence was taken from Mr. W. Clarcken, the Trainer of **Specialism**, Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. P. Horridge, Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. M Taylor – Stable Veterinarian for Mr. Clarcken, and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Director, Mr. D. Batty.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. W. Clarcken under AR240(2), the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse **Specialism** at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 18 September 2021, he did bring the said racehorse to the Morphettville Racecourse where it competed in Race 8 the WH Wylie Handicap run over 1100 metres, after which a pre-race blood sample taken from the horse disclosed, upon analysis, the substance Triamcinolone Acetonide, which substance is a prohibited substance under the Rules of Racing. Mr. Clarcken pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Mr. Clarcken's guilty plea, his personal circumstances, the circumstances surrounding the treatment of the horse in the lead-up to the race, which included the stable practice being amended by Mr Clarcken and his veterinarian Dr. M Taylor post 2017 to allow an even greater buffer for horses in the stable being treated intrarticularly, factors relating to individual and general deterrence, the serious nature of breaches relating to prohibited substances and the fact that Racing SA Stewards had provided notice on a number of occasions in recent years that offences in relation to prohibited substance matters may in future attract more severe penalties. Stewards noted that this was Mr. Clarcken's third offence under this rule. In the circumstances Mr. Clarcken was fined \$15,000 reduced from \$20,000 after taking into account mitigating factors.

Further, acting under AR240(1), **Specialism**, which finished eleventh (last) in the race concerned, was disqualified from this event. Given that **Specialism** finished in last place no consequential amendment to the placings were necessary.

Mr. Clarcken was informed of his right of appeal.

J Petzer
General Manager Integrity/Chairman of Stewards