

Additional Stewards Report



RACINGSA

Stewards: - J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro, C Deakin

Tuesday, 08 March 2022

CHROMIUM – Mrs. N. Irwin

Stewards concluded an inquiry on Tuesday, 08 March 2022 into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken on Saturday, 08 January 2022 from the racehorse **Chromium**, which was presented to race in and won Race 1 the Cornerstone Stud Maiden Plate run over 1506m at the Gawler Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of Arsenic, at a level in excess of the threshold set for Arsenic under the rules of racing, being 0.30 mg/L (0.3 milligrams per Litre).

Evidence was taken from Mrs. N. Irwin, the Trainer of **Chromium**, Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. R. Haensel and Racing Analytical Services Limited - Inorganic Manager, Mr. G. Ganio. Stewards also considered the findings of a study conducted in Australia, and noted, having regard for this study, where there is evidence of a horse being exposed to ingestion of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) treated wood fencing, it is possible for such horse to disclose elevated levels of Arsenic. Notwithstanding these findings, after considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mrs. N. Irwin under AR240(2).

Particulars of Charge: that Mrs Irwin, as the trainer of the racehorse **Chromium** at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 08 January 2022, did bring the said racehorse to the Gawler Racecourse where it competed in and won Race 1 the Cornerstone Stud Maiden Plate run over 1506m, after which a urine sample taken from the horse disclosed upon analysis the substance Arsenic at a level of 0.34 mg/L in urine which is above the threshold declared under the rules of racing.

Plea: Mrs. Irwin pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for the circumstances in this case, including the likely exposure of the racehorse **Chromium** to, and ingestion by the gelding of CCA treated wood fencing. Stewards also noted that although this is Mrs Irwin's third offence for a breach of the same rule, one of the previous offences involved a breach for a matter involving the same substance, and in which similar circumstances existed, and for which a conviction without penalty was recorded. Stewards noted that since that offence in May 2017, Mrs Irwin has made improvements to her stabling facilities in an attempt to prevent inadvertent ingestion of CCA treated timber by horses trained by her, and in addition she had also sought advice from an equine veterinarian to assist her with strategies to minimise the risks associated with CCA treated material at her stabling facilities.

Penalty: In view of the circumstances Stewards recorded a conviction without penalty. Acting under AR 240(1), Stewards determined that **Chromium** be disqualified from Race 1 The Cornerstone Stud Maiden Plate run over 1506m, on 08 January 2022 at the Gawler Racecourse.

Consequently, the **new result** of the race is:

1 st	COYOTE (NZ)
2 nd	FIAMETTE
3 rd	GOSDEN
4 th	DIXIE WHISTLER
5 th	WHOSEZOU

Mrs. Irwin was informed of her right of appeal.

J Petzer
General Manager Integrity/Chairman of Stewards