

# Additional Stewards Report



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**Friday 22 April, 2022**

**Stewards:** T Vanderstok (A/Chairman), G. Rudolph, B Jarman.

Stewards today concluded an adjourned inquiry into the circumstances which led to the late scratching at Clare on the 16 April 2022 in Race 5 of KOBE PRINCESS. Evidence was taken from Trainer Mr. D. O'Leary and Dr. D. Anderson on Saturday, 16 April 2022 in relation to the matter before adjourning the inquiry. Further evidence was taken on Friday, 22 April 2022 from Mr D. O'Leary, Mrs. K. O'Leary, Mr. P. O'Leary and Racing SA Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. T. Koenig. Stewards also considered written correspondence from stable chiropractor Mr. J. Gardiner and trainer Mr. B. Peake respectively.

After considering the evidence Mr. D. O'Leary was found guilty of a charge under AR 105(1)(d) in that; as the trainer of KOBE PRINCESS an acceptor in the O-58 Big Screen Video Handicap at Clare racecourse on Saturday, 16 April 2022, he failed to report as soon as practical the horses condition, that being after acceptance time, a significant subcutaneous swelling to the off side of the mares neck and areas of swelling across the mares back.

In relation to penalty stewards had regard for Mr. O'Leary's longevity in the industry as a trainer and noted he had not offended under this rule previously and consequently he was fined \$500.

Mr. D. O'Leary was advised of his right of appeal.

Mr. D. O'Leary was also reprimanded under AR 104(3)(c) in relation to his treatment record book which failed to record chiropractic treatment in his stable.

Whilst the Stewards could not be satisfied on the evidence taken at the inquiry the cause of the subcutaneous swelling Mr. D. O'Leary was nevertheless reminded of his obligations under LR 20.7.1 that as the trainer of KOBE PRINCESS, he is responsible at all times for the administration and proper conduct of his stables.

**Tara Vanderstok**  
**Stipendiary Steward**  
22 April 2022