

Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro, and H. Matthews

Thursday, 1 September 2022

IT'S MAGIC – Mr. S. Grivell

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the result of the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken on Sunday, 1 May 2022 from the racehorse **It's Magic**, which was presented to race in and competed in Race 5 – The Central Augusta Football & Community Sporting Club Handicap run over – 1396m at the Port Augusta Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of **Dexamethasone**, a substance prohibited under the Rules of Racing.

Evidence was taken from Mr. S. Grivell, the Trainer of **It's Magic**, Racing SA Chief Veterinarian, Dr. T. Koenig, and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Director, Mr. D. Batty.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. S. Grivell under AR240(2), the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse **It's Magic** at all relevant times leading up to and including Sunday, 1 May 2022, he did bring the said racehorse to the Port Augusta Racecourse where it competed in Race 5 the Central Augusta Football & Community Sporting Club Handicap run over 1396 metres, after which a urine sample taken from the horse, disclosed upon analysis the substance **Dexamethasone**, which substance is a prohibited substance under the rules of racing. Mr. Grivell pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for a number of factors including the seriousness of the rule with which he was charged, individual and general deterrence, 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. In the circumstances Stewards imposed a fine of \$10,000, however having regard for mitigating factors, which included Mr. Grivell's guilty plea, his clean record and his forthrightness at the inquiry, Stewards reduced the penalty to a fine of \$7,000 and further determined, having regard for Mr Grivell's personal circumstances to suspend \$3,000 of the fine for a period of 24 months (to apply to the period in which he holds a license) provided he is not found guilty of a charge relating to prohibited substances during that period.

Further, acting under AR240(1), **It's Magic**, which was declared the winner of the race, was disqualified from this event, and the result of the race was amended as follows;

1 st	Alkaamel
2 nd	Grimesy
3 rd	Smart Style
4 th	Call Me Herbie
5 th	Relaxed

Mr. Grivell was informed of his right of appeal.

J Petzer
General Manager Integrity