

Additional Stewards Report



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

Thursday, 3 October 2024

WILLYBEAFCTOR – Mr. G. Dimitropoulos

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the result of the analysis of a pre-race blood sample taken on Saturday, 8 June 2024 from the racehorse **Willybeafactor**, which was presented to race in and competed in Race 3 – The Sportsbet Same Race Multi Handicap run over – 1250m at the Morphettville Parks Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of **Caffeine and its metabolites Theophylline, Paraxanthine and Theobromine** a substance prohibited under the Rules of Racing. Evidence was taken from Mr. George Dimitropoulos, the Trainer of **Willybeafactor** who attended in person, Racing SA Regulatory Veterinarian, Dr. S. McColgan, and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Science Manager, Dr. A. Cawley.

After considering the evidence, Stewards laid the following charges against Mr. Dimitropoulos;

Charge 1: - under AR240(2). The particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse **Willybeafactor** at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 8 June 2024, he did bring the said racehorse to the Morphettville Parks Racecourse where it competed in Race 3 – The Sportsbet Same Race Multi Handicap run over – 1250m, when a pre-race blood sample taken from the horse, disclosed upon analysis the presence of the substance **Caffeine**, which substance is a prohibited substance under the rules of racing. Mr. Dimitropoulos pleaded guilty to the charge.

Penalty: - In determining penalty Stewards had regard for a number of factors including the seriousness of the rule with which Mr. Dimitropoulos was charged, his record, individual and general deterrence. In the circumstances Stewards imposed a fine of **\$9,000**, however having regard for mitigating factors, which included Mr. Dimitropoulos' guilty plea and personal circumstances, reduced the penalty to a fine of **\$6,000**.

Charge 2: - under AR104(6). The particulars being that as a licensed trainer, on 18 July 2024, he failed to make available to Stewards treatment records of treatments in his stable. Mr. Dimitropoulos pleaded guilty to the charge.

Penalty: - In determining penalty Stewards had regard for relevant factors and in the circumstances imposed a **Reprimand**.

Further, acting under AR240(1), **Willybeafactor**, which placed 5th in the race, was disqualified from this event, and the result of the race was amended as follows:

1 st	Master Montaro
2 nd	Eamonn's Memory (NZ)
3 rd	King Moya
4 th	Aiguillette
5 th	Wonderwomen

Mr. Dimitropoulos was informed of his right of appeal.

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