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INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS' FINDINGS RELATIVE TO A URINE SAMPLE PROVIDED BY
LICENSED TRAINER MR DANIEL STANLEY

Dubbo Stewards Room

18 February 2025

Stewards: S D Parkinson (Chair)
X C Dalton
T P Moxon (via videoconference)
D R Hadley (via videoconference)

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings relative to a urine sample provided by licensed trainer Mr Daniel Stanley at Wellington Racecourse on 17 December 2024.

On 13 February 2025, Stewards received the certified findings of the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) Analyst that the urine sample he provided was found, upon analysis, to contain a banned substance under AR137(1), greater than the cut-off.

A brief of evidence was tendered, and oral evidence was taken from Mr Stanley and ARFL General Manager Mr John Keledjian. Stewards considered the evidence and issued a charge under AR140(1)(a) as detailed below:

Charge: AR140 Offences where horse handlers use banned substances

The details of the charge being that licensed trainer Mr Daniel Stanley provided a sample of his urine on the morning of 17 December 2024 at Wellington Racecourse, which was found upon analysis to contain a banned substance under AR137(1), greater than the cut-off.

Plea : Guilty

Penalty

The Stewards considered the following matters when determining penalty.

1. Guilty plea
2. Forthright evidence.
3. Personal and professional circumstances.
4. Disciplinary record which included prior offences under this rule.
5. The levels detected categorised as high.
6. Personal and professional circumstances.

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7. Principle of specific and general deterrence and what message is sent to the industry in respect of such conduct.
8. Purpose of issuing penalties as a protective measure for the image and interests of the thoroughbred racing industry.

Stewards determined that Mr Stanley's licence in full should be suspended for a period of 4 months. Having regard to his guilty plea and other relevant considerations, Stewards varied the penalty to 3 months.

Under the powers afforded by AR283(7), Stewards ordered the commencement of the penalty be deferred for a period of seven (7) days, however, during this period Mr Stanley is not to start a horse in a race.

Accordingly, the period of suspension is to commence on 25 February 2025, and to expire on 25 May 2025.

Mr Stanley was advised of his rights of appeal.

Relevant Rule

Division 6 – Banned substances offences for riders and horse handlers

AR 140 Offences where horse handlers used banned substances

(1) A horse handler breaches these Australian Rules if:

(a) a banned substance under AR 137(1) is detected in a sample taken from the horse handler

Division 4 – Penalties

AR 283 Penalties

(7) A person or body authorised by these Australian Rules to suspend or disqualify any trainer may defer the commencement of the period of suspension or disqualification for no more than 7 clear days following the day the suspension or disqualification was imposed, and upon terms and conditions considered fit.

S D Parkinson
Chief Stipendiary Steward WRA
Racing NSW