



INQUIRY INTO AN ALLEGATION THAT MR ADAM WADICK WAS A PARTY TO LICENSED TRAINER
MR DAVID PFIFFER SUBSTITUTING A URINE SAMPLE PROVIDED TO RACING NSW
STEWARDS ON 24 APRIL 2019.

RNSW Offices
Druitt Street
Sydney

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Stewards: M F Van Gestel (Chairman)
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Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into an allegation that Mr Adam Wadick, a licensed stablehand and licensed trainer in 2019, was a party to licensed trainer Mr David Pfeiffer substituting a urine sample provided to Racing NSW Stewards on 24 April 2019.

Evidence today was taken from Mr Wadick. A brief of evidence provided the Racing NSW Investigations and Surveillance unit was also considered by the Stewards. The evidence disclosed that Mr Wadick facilitated Mr Pfeiffer being provided with the urine of another donor in the knowledge that such urine sample was to be used by Mr Pfeiffer to substitute his sample.

Charge

Mr Wadick today was charged with the following offence under the Rules of Racing.

AR227(b) – Party to another person committing a breach of the Rules.

The details of the charge being that Mr Wadick was a party to Mr David Pfeiffer committing a breach of AR140(1)(b) by providing Mr Pfeiffer with the urine of another donor in the knowledge that such urine sample was to be used by Mr Pfeiffer to substitute his sample.

Plea: Guilty

Penalty

The Stewards issued the following penalty after considering the relevant factors;

1. Seriousness of the dishonest conduct.
2. Mr Wadick's personal circumstances.
3. His guilty plea.
4. Good record.
5. Co-operation with Stewards at today's inquiry.

Further the general principles when considering penalty were taken into account.

6. What message is to be given to this individual to not only ensure that in the future this type of conduct is not repeated, but to also ensure that there is an appropriate penalty imposed to indicate the response of the community to integrity and welfare issues.
7. What general message is required to be sent to the community at large to indicate to those who might be likeminded to engage in such conduct, what the likely consequences are, and, secondly, to indicate to the broader community who are not likely to engage in the type of conduct that, should it be detected, they, whether they be wagerers or people just generally interested in the individual code, will know that it is operating at the highest possible standards.

Penalty – 6 months disqualification.

Stewards ruled under the provisions of AR283(7) the commencement of the disqualification deferred to commence on 24 May 2021 and to expire on 24 November 2021.

Relevant Rules

AR 227 Breaches of the Rules

Without limiting any other powers, a PRA or the Stewards may penalise any person who:

(b) attempts to commit, aids, abets, counsels, procures, connives at, conspires with another person to commit, or is a party to another person who commits, a breach of the Rules.

AR 140 Offences where horse handlers use banned substances.

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

(b) the horse handler refuses or fails to deliver a sample as directed by the Stewards, tampers with, adulterates, alters, substitutes, or in any way hinders the collection of, a sample or attempts to do any of those things.

**M F Van Gestel
Chairman of Stewards
General Manager - Integrity**