



**Withdrawal of runners from today's Tamworth race meeting**

At 11.01am this morning Racing NSW Stewards ordered the withdrawal of the following horses from their respective engagements for today's Tamworth race meeting.

Race 1 – *Apparently*

Race 6 – *Winged*

Race 7 – *Takanakuy, Haiku Star & Super Souix*

This followed an unannounced stable inspection conducted earlier this morning by Racing NSW Investigators of the registered stable of licensed trainer Ms Melissa Dennett. During the conduct of the stable inspection, it was established that the aforementioned horses had, on Wednesday 12 February 2025, been administered an injectable veterinary product which contained cobalt salts.

From 1 May 2021, the Australian Rules of Racing prohibited:

- The possession of injectable products containing cobalt salts; and
- The administration of cobalt salts by injection.

Stewards ordered the withdrawal of *Apparently, Winged, Takanakuy, Haiku Star and Super Souix* in accordance with their powers under AR254A(2).

Ms Dennett was advised that an inquiry into this matter will be conducted at a time to be scheduled.

***Relevant Rules***

***AR 252A Possession of injectable products containing cobalt salts***

*(1) A person must not have in his or her possession, or on his or her premises, any injectable product which contains cobalt salts.*

*(2) The Stewards may confiscate any product referred to in subrule (1) and use it as evidence in any inquiry, hearing or other proceeding under the Rules.*

***AR 254A Administration of cobalt salts by injection***

*(1) A person must not:*

*(a) administer;*

*(b) cause to be administered;*

*(c) attempt to administer; or*

*(d) be a party to the administration or attempted administration of, a product containing cobalt salts to a horse by injection.*

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*(2) If the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has been, or is likely to have been, administered a product containing cobalt salts by injection, the Stewards may prevent the horse from starting in any race, official trial or jump-out.*

*(3) If a horse has been administered a product containing cobalt salts by injection, but the horse competes in a race, official trial or jump-out, the horse may be disqualified from that race, official trial or jump-out.*

**Friday 14 February 2025**