

MR KEITH KENNA- INQUIRY CONDUCTED

DECEMBER 17 2020

Harness Racing New South Wales (HRNSW) Stewards conducted an Inquiry yesterday into a report received from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) that triamcinolone acetonide had been detected in the blood sample taken from IMPERIALS GEM following its win in race 7, the TAB ODDS & EVENS PACE (1740 metres) conducted at Wagga on Friday 31 July 2020.

The “B” sample was confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) in Victoria.

Mr Kenna appeared with his son Mr Drew Kenna at the Inquiry and presented evidence in relation to his registered training establishment, the horse IMPERIALS GEM and a veterinary procedure performed upon IMPERIALS GEM on 13 July 2020. Evidence including the Reports of Analysis and expert evidence from HRNSW Regulatory Veterinarian Dr Martin Wainscott was also presented.

Mr Kenna pleaded guilty to a charge pursuant to Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 190 (1), (2) & (4) for presenting IMPERIALS GEM to race not free of a prohibited substance.

In consideration of an appropriate penalty, HRNSW Stewards were mindful of the HRNSW Penalty Guidelines in respect of Class 3 Prohibited Substances as follows:

In circumstances where a Trainer has committed their first presentation offence for which a penalty is to be issued by Stewards and it relates to a Class 3 Prohibited Substance, a fine might be considered where each of the following requirements have been satisfied by the Trainer:

- The prohibited substance was prescribed and/or administered by a registered veterinarian; and
- All details relating to the treatment are recorded in the Trainer’s Log Book; and
- The trainer complied with advice from a registered veterinarian regarding the withholding period for the relevant substance; and
- The trainer has complied with all relevant notices issued by HRNSW; and
- Class 3 Prohibited Substance only; and
- First Presentation Offence committed by Trainer that has resulted in a penalty being issued by Stewards.

As a result, HRNSW Stewards were satisfied that Mr Kenna had complied with each of the above requirements and a fine of \$5000 (\$2000 suspended for a period of 2 years) was imposed.

In consideration of an appropriate penalty, HRNSW Stewards were also mindful of the following;

- Mr Kenna’s guilty plea;

Mr Kenna’s offence record, training record and other personal subjective facts.

Acting under the provisions of Rule 195, IMPERIALS GEM was disqualified from the abovementioned race.

Mr Kenna was informed of his right to appeal these decisions of HRNSW Stewards.

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