

MS LISA MCDONALD - INQUIRY CONDUCTED

12 DECEMBER 2022

On Wednesday 7 December 2022, Harness Racing New South Wales (HRNSW) Stewards conducted an Inquiry in relation to a treatment provided on Saturday 1 January 2022 to the registered standardbreds STEALTH BOMBA NZ and CHRISTIAN BROTHER NZ, horses trained by Ms Lisa McDonald that were engaged to race at Maitland on Sunday 2 January 2022. STEALTH BOMBA NZ and CHRISTIAN BROTHER NZ were subsequently withdrawn from their respective races by order of the Stewards.

Ms McDonald attended the Inquiry and provided evidence in relation to the horses and her husbandry practices. Evidence including a transcript of interview was presented, together with evidence from HRNSW Regulatory Veterinarian Dr Martin Wainscott. Evidence in relation to Carbalene was also presented to the Inquiry.

Ms McDonald pleaded guilty to two (2) charges issued by HRNSW Stewards pursuant to Australian Harness Racing Rule AHRR 196C (1)(b) & (2)(c) as follows:

AHRR 196C. (1) A person must not administer an alkalinising agent in any manner to a horse which is engaged to run in a race:

- (a) at any time on the day of the scheduled race and prior to the start of the race;
- (b) at any time within one (1) clear day of the commencement of the race.

(2) Any person who:-

- (a) administers an alkalinising agent;
- (b) attempts to administer an alkalinising agent;
- (c) causes an alkalinising agent to be administered; and/or
- (d) is a party to the administration of, or an attempt to administer, an alkalinising agent

contrary to sub-rule (1) is guilty of an offence.

Ms McDonald was issued with a \$1000 fine in relation to each offence.

In considering penalty Stewards were mindful of the following;

- The serious nature of this offence;
- The nature of the product;
- The evidence of Dr Wainscott;
- The fact that these offences did not relate to a prohibited substance offence;
- Ms McDonald's guilty pleas;
- Ms McDonald's 1st offence under this Rule;
- Ms McDonald's licence history and other personal subjective facts.

Ms McDonald was advised of her right to appeal these decisions of the HRNSW Stewards.

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