

MR LEIGH DAVIS- INQUIRY CONCLUDED

JUNE 8, 2023

Harness Racing New South Wales (HRNSW) Stewards have concluded an Inquiry that commenced on 20 July 2022 into reports received from the National Measurement Institute (NMI) and Chemcentre that Cobalt above the threshold of 100 micrograms per litre in urine was detected in the urine sample taken from;

- RAINBOW TITAN following its win in race 6, the CHRISTY PARK PACE (1720 metres) conducted at Young on Tuesday 22 June 2021.

On 21 April 2023, trainer Mr Leigh Davis pleaded guilty to a charge issued by HRNSW Stewards pursuant to Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 190 (1), (2) & (4) as follows:

AHRR 190. (1) A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances.

(2) If a horse is presented for a race otherwise than in accordance with sub rule (1) the trainer of the horse is guilty of an offence.

(3) If a person is left in charge of a horse and the horse is presented for a race otherwise than in accordance with sub rule (1), the trainer of the horse and the person left in charge is each guilty of an offence.

(4) An offence under sub rule (2) or sub rule (3) is committed regardless of the circumstances in which the prohibited substance came to be present in or on the horse.

Following an application on behalf of Mr Davis, HRNSW Stewards adjourned the Inquiry for penalty submissions to be provided prior to 4pm on Friday 12 May 2023.

In addition, HRNSW Stewards invoked AHRR 183 in relation to Mr Davis' trainer and driver's licences.

Following receipt of penalty submissions from Mr Davis' legal representative, HRNSW Stewards have determined that Mr Davis be disqualified for a period of 3 years to commence from 21 April 2023, the date upon which Mr Davis was stood down pursuant to AHRR 183.

Acting under the provisions of AHRR 195, Stewards disqualified RAINBOW TITAN from the abovementioned race.

Mr Davis has appealed the decision of HRNSW Stewards.

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