

MR LEIGH DAVIS- INQUIRY CONDUCTED

APRIL 21, 2023

Harness Racing New South Wales (HRNSW) Stewards resumed an Inquiry today 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.

Trainer Mr Leigh Davis appeared at the Inquiry with legal representation and provided evidence in relation to his registered training establishment and the horse RAINBOW TITAN. Dr Derek Major appeared at the Inquiry and provided evidence on behalf of Mr Davis.

HRNSW Regulatory Veterinarian Dr Martin Wainscott was also present and provided evidence to the Inquiry.

Mr 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.

HRNSW Stewards gave consideration as to whether AHRR 183 should be invoked or otherwise. Following submissions on behalf of Mr Davis, together with all available information, HRNSW Stewards invoked AHRR 183(a), (b), (c) & (d) as follows:

AHRR 183. Pending the outcome of an inquiry, investigation or objection, or where a person has been charged with an offence, the Stewards may direct one or more of the following -

- (a) that a horse shall not be nominated for or compete in a race;
- (b) that a driver shall not drive or otherwise take part in a race;
- (c) that the horses of certain connections shall not be nominated for or start in a race;
- (d) that a licence or any other type of authority or permission be suspended.

Consequently, the Trainer and Driver licences of Mr Davis were suspended, effective immediately. In addition, any horse trained or owned by Mr Davis shall not be nominated for or compete in a race, effective immediately.

For further information on this matter contact:
HRNSW Integrity Department
(02) 9722 6655

INTEGRITY NOTICE

For further information on this matter contact:
HRNSW Integrity Department
(02) 9722 6655

INTEGRITY NOTICE

For further information on this matter contact:
HRNSW Integrity Department
(02) 9722 6655

INTEGRITY NOTICE

For further information on this matter contact:
HRNSW Integrity Department
(02) 9722 6655

INTEGRITY NOTICE

For further information on this matter contact:
HRNSW Integrity Department
(02) 9722 6655

INTEGRITY NOTICE

For further information on this matter contact:
HRNSW Integrity Department
(02) 9722 6655

INTEGRITY NOTICE

For further information on this matter contact:
HRNSW Integrity Department
(02) 9722 6655

INTEGRITY NOTICE

For further information on this matter contact:
HRNSW Integrity Department
(02) 9722 6655

INTEGRITY NOTICE

For further information on this matter contact:
HRNSW Integrity Department
(02) 9722 6655

INTEGRITY NOTICE

For further information on this matter contact:
HRNSW Integrity Department
(02) 9722 6655

INTEGRITY NOTICE

For further information on this matter contact:
HRNSW Integrity Department
(02) 9722 6655