

Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro, E. Scott and L. Murch

Tuesday, 23 January 2024

WILMOT PASS – Ms. J. Gleeson

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the result of the analysis of a pre-race blood sample taken on Saturday, 30 September 2023 from the racehorse **Wilmot Pass**, which was presented to race in and competed in Race 5 – The Twilight Racing at Morphettville October 6th Handicap run over – 1550m at the Morphettville Racecourse. Analysis of the sample disclosed the presence of **Phenylbutazone**, a substance prohibited under the Rules of Racing. Evidence was taken from Ms. Jess Gleeson, the Trainer of **Wilmot Pass** who attended via video link, Racing SA Chief Veterinarian, Dr. T. Koenig, and Racing Analytical Services Limited Laboratory Science Manager, Dr. A. Cawley.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Ms. Gleeson under AR240(2) – the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the racehorse **Wilmot Pass** at all relevant times leading up to and including Saturday, 30 September 2023, she did bring the said racehorse to the Morphettville Racecourse where it competed in Race 5 – The Twilight Racing at Morphettville October 6th Handicap run over – 1550m, when a pre-race blood sample taken from the horse, disclosed upon analysis the substance **Phenylbutazone**, which substance is a prohibited substance under the rules of racing. Ms. Gleeson pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for a number of factors including the seriousness of the rule with which she was charged, individual and general deterrence, and the fact that Racing SA Stewards had provided notice on a number of occasions in recent years that offences in relation to prohibited substance matters may in future attract more severe penalties. Stewards also noted her record. In the circumstances Stewards imposed a fine of \$6,000 however having regard for mitigating factors, which included Ms. Gleeson's guilty plea and personal circumstances, reduced the penalty to a fine of \$4,000.

Further, acting under AR240(1), **Wilmot Pass**, which placed 4th in the race, was disqualified from this event, and the result of the race was amended as follows:

- 1st Imbibe
- 2nd Angaston
- 3rd Soames
- 4th Ocean Raider (NZ)
- 5th Red Sequoia

Ms. Gleeson was informed of her right of appeal.

J Petzer
General Manager Integrity