

## **TRNT Stewards Report – Monday 17 June 2024**

**Panel:** D Hensler (Chairman), D Westover, M Hurley  
**Venue:** Alice Springs Stewards' Room

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analyst's findings of the blood samples collected from SQUARE CUT after competing in and winning race 4 at the Alice Springs Turf Club race meeting on 30 March, 2024. The certificates of analysis for the post race blood samples detected the presence of triamcinolone acetonide.

The Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) issued the first certificate for these findings and the confirmation analysis was performed, and the second certificate issued by Racing Analytical Services (RASL).

Evidence was considered from trainer Ray Viney, stable employee and managing part owner Jaidyn Viney, ARFL General Manager J Keledjian, RWWA Manager of Veterinary Services Dr J Medd and veterinarian Dr A Vermeulen.

Subsequently, Mr Viney pleaded guilty to a charge under AR240(2)

The specifics of the charge being:

- He is a thoroughbred trainer licensed by TRNT
- At the relevant time he was the licensed trainer of SQUARE CUT
- On 30 March, 2024 the gelding was brought to the Alice Springs Turf Club race meeting held at Pioneer park racecourse for the purpose of participating in race 4, the Ladbrokes Racing Handicap over 1000m.
- Upon analysis, a prohibited substance was detected in the post race blood samples collected from SQUARE CUT, that substance being triamcinolone acetonide.
- This is a prohibited list B substance under the Australian Rules of Racing.

Acting under the provisions of AR240(1), the Stewards disqualified SQUARE CUT from the abovementioned race and the results will be amended accordingly with commensurate implications to stake money.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into account the following:

- The seriousness of the charge
- Co-operation throughout the stable inspection and inquiry
- Guilty plea

- Accurate stable treatment records
- The low detected level
- The therapeutic nature of the prohibited List B substance and the circumstances of the intra-articular administration of treatment performed by the stable veterinarian being the likely cause of detection
- 20 year involvement in both the harness and thoroughbred industries as a licensed trainer
- Personal circumstances and previous good record
- Previous penalty precedents relating to Prohibited List B substances
- Penalties are required to reflect a deterrent factor – both general and specific

Mr Viney was fined the sum of \$3000.

He was advised of his rights of appeal and that the fine must be paid within 3 months.

Australian Rules of Racing referred to in this report:

***Division 2 – Prohibited substance in a sample taken from a horse***

***AR 240 Prohibited substance in sample taken from horse at race meeting***

*(1) Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the horse must be disqualified from any race in which it started on that day.*

*(2) Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.*