



INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF COBALT IN THE URINE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM ABB ROY FOLLOWING THE MARE WINNING RACE 2 – DELTA AG NARRABRI 1200M AT NARRABRI ON SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2019.

Tamworth Stewards Room

Friday 21 June 2019

Tamworth Racecourse

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman), J Penfold & L Martin (Trainee).

An inquiry was conducted today into the detection by the National Measurement Institute and Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) of the prohibited substance Cobalt in a pre -race urine sample taken from the Paul Grills trained Abb Roy, prior to the mare winning Race 2 – Delta AG Narrabri Class 1 Handicap 1200m at Narrabri on Saturday 23 March 2019.

Evidence today was taken from the trainer of Abb Roy, Mr P Grills, registered Stable hand Mrs A Grills, part owner Mr R Grills, Racing NSW Senior Official Veterinarian Dr T Keonig and Dr A Cawley, Science Manager ARFL. Mr R Grills represented the interests of the remaining owner Mr Patrick Grills.

Mr Grills pleaded guilty to the charge under AR 240 (2) in that, he as the trainer of Abb Roy, at all relevant times leading up to and including 23/3/19 did present that mare to race at Narrabri in Race 2 – Delta Ag Narrabri 1200m on 23 March 2019, and a urine sample taken from Abb Roy prior to it winning this event was found to contain the prohibited substance Cobalt above the allowable threshold in prohibited list B.

After considering Mr Grill's submissions on penalty, he was disqualified for 12 months to commence immediately and expire 21/6/2020. Mr Grills was advised that a period of 7 days would be allowed to make the appropriate arrangements in relation to horses in his care, for him to comply with the provisions placed upon a disqualified person., however he could not race horses in that time.

Acting under AR 240 (1), Abb Roy was disqualified from its 1st placing in the race and the placings were amended to read:

1st) Malzoom

2nd) Just A Dame

3rd) Wish I Was Elvis

4th) Goodjamak Baby

Mr Grills was advised of his rights of appeal.

Relevant Rules:

AR 240 (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.

AR240(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 any 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.

S A Cullen

Chairman of Stewards (H&NWRA)