RACING NSW – STEWARDS REPORT

INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF FLUNIXIN IN A PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM POUNIDNG AT GRAFTON ON 16 JULY 2026

Grafton Racecourse (via teleconference) **2 October 2026**

Stewards: **M. A. Holloway (Chair)**
T. L. Vanderstok

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into two analysts finding of Flunixin in a blood sample taken from *Pounding* prior to it competing in the Grafton Cup at Grafton racecourse on Thursday 16 July 2026.

Evidence was taken from licensed trainer Mr P. Moody, who represented the training partnership of P. Moody & K. Coleman which is the trainer of *Pounding*, licensed trainer Ms D. Forster and Racing NSW veterinary officer Dr R. Bensley. Veterinarian Dr E. Bishop provided written evidence to the proceedings.

After considering all evidence, Stewards issued the training partnership of P. Moody & K. Coleman the following charges –

Charge 1

AR240(2) – Prohibited substance in sample taken from horse at race meeting

The details of the charge being that the training partnership of P. Moody & K. Coleman did present *Pounding* to race in the Grafton Cup 2350m at Grafton racecourse on 16 July 2026 and a pre-race blood sample taken from the gelding was found to contain the prohibited substance Flunixin.

Plea: Guilty
Finding: Guilty

Charge 2

AR104(1) – Trainers must keep treatment records

The details of the charge being that the training partnership of P. Moody & K. Coleman did fail to record treatments administered to *Pounding* between 2 July 2026 and 9 July 2026.

Plea: Guilty
Finding: Guilty

Penalty

Stewards considered the following matters in respect to penalty.

1. The nature of the substance detected and the circumstances surrounding the offence.
2. Guilty pleas, forthright evidence and co-operation throughout the Stewards investigation.
3. Precedent penalties.
4. Training history and disciplinary record regarding prohibited substance offences.
5. Personal and professional circumstances.
6. Principles of specific and general deterrence and what message is sent to the industry in respect to such conduct.
7. Purpose of issuing penalties as a protective measure for the image and interests of the thoroughbred racing industry.

Charge 1 - Stewards determined the starting point for the offence be a fine of $10,000. Appreciating Mr Moody's guilty plea & mitigating factors, a fine of $7,000 was issued.

Charge 2 - Stewards determined the starting point for the offence be a fine of $750. Appreciating Mr Moody's guilty plea & mitigating factors, a fine of $500 was issued.

The training partnership of P. Moody & K. Coleman was made aware of its right of appeal.

Pounding

Stewards, acting under the powers of AR240(1), disqualified *Pounding* from its 8th placing in Race 7 Grafton Cup at Grafton racecourse on Thursday 16 July 2026 and amended the placings accordingly.

Relevant Rules

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*.

AR104 Trainers must keep treatment records

(1) *A trainer must record any medication or treatment administered to any horse in the trainer's care by midnight on the day on which the administration was given.*

M Holloway
Chief Steward (NRRA)