



*INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF 2-(HYDROXYETHYL) PROMAZINE SULPHOXIDE IN A POST-RACE URINE
SAMPLE TAKEN FROM MAJELLA FOLLOWING THE MARE PARTICIPATING IN RACE 1 – MAIDEN PLATE 1400M
CONDUCTED AT NEWCASTLE ON 6 JULY 2019.*

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Stewards: **T P Moxon (Chairman)**
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Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Analysts' findings of 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) promazine sulphoxide, a metabolite of Acepromazine, in a post-race urine sample taken from Majella following the mare starting in Race 1 – Maiden Plate 1400m conducted at Newcastle racecourse on Saturday 6 July 2019.

Evidence was today taken from trainer of Majella, Mr Matthew Smith, Racing NSW Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Toby Koenig, ARFL Science Manager Dr Adam Cawley and managing owner Mr M Hadley. The evidence provided at the inquiry determined that the likely cause of 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) promazine sulphoxide being detected in the sample was due to a stable error which resulted in Majella inadvertently receiving the incorrect treatment.

Mr Smith pleaded guilty to a charge under AR240(2) of having presented Majella to race at Newcastle racecourse on 6 July 2019 and a post-race urine sample taken from Majella was found to contain a prohibited substance namely 2-(1-hydroxyethyl) promazine sulphoxide. Having considered relevant matters in respect to penalty, including this was Mr Smith's first offence under this rule and his guilty plea, he was fined the sum of \$4000.

In accordance with the provisions of AR240(1), Majella was disqualified from it's second placing in Race 1 – Maiden Plate conducted at Newcastle racecourse on 6 July 2019 and the placing's amended as follows.

Tricky Gal	1st
Oakfield Tickets	2nd
Skillet	3rd
Mid Air	4th
Sundane	5th
Super Pins	6th

Relevant Rules

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.*

T P Moxon
Racing NSW Steward