

STEWARDS INQUIRY DECISION

Date of Decision:	29 May 2020
Stewards Panel:	S Quill (Chairman), T North, G Griffin, S Barr (Cadet)
Name:	Matthew Brown
Track/Race:	Tasmanian Turf Club / Race 4 Class 1 HCP 1400 metres
Date:	7 March 2020
Rule no:	AR240(2)
Charge(s):	Present horse with prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance:	Arsenic
Inquiry Decision:	Fine \$2500

FACTS:

A pre-race sample taken from Chase On The Case prior to it competing in Race 4 Class 1 Hcp 1400 metres at the Tasmanian Turf Club meeting on 7 March 2020 upon analysis was found to contain Arsenic at a level above the permitted threshold.

INQUIRY:

Stewards inquired into the presence of Arsenic in a pre-race urine sample taken from Chase On The Case.

Trainer Matthew Brown is a visiting trainer who was granted permission to train and stable his horses at the licensed property of Mr G Stevenson.

A certificate was firstly issued by Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) and was subsequently confirmed by The Racing Chemistry Laboratory. Stewards considered evidence tendered by trainer Matthew Brown, RASL representative Paul Zahra, Glen Stevenson (owner of property where Chase On The Case had been stabled and the Office of Racing Integrity regulatory veterinarian Dr Adam Richardson.

Stewards also considered evidence obtained in a stable inspection conducted at Mr Stevenson's stable on the 20th of April, 2020.

Subsequently trainer Matthew Brown pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR240(2), in that he presented Chase On The Case to the Tasmanian Turf Club meeting on the 7th of the March 2020 for the purposes of participating in Race 4, Class 1 Hcp over 1400m, where a pre-race urine sample taken from the gelding upon analysis was found to contain Arsenic above the permitted threshold.

DECISION:

In determination of penalty, stewards took into account the following considerations:

- His guilty plea
- His record
- His co-operation throughout the inquiry
- The need to ensure racing is conducted free of prohibited substances
- Any penalty must act as a deterrent
- That the most likely cause of the prohibited substance was the ingestion of CCA treated timber
- Relevant precedence regarding Arsenic

Trainer Matthew Brown was fined \$2500

Acting under the provisions of AR240(1), Chase On The Case was disqualified from its third placing in Race 4 at the Tasmanian Turf Club meeting on 7 March 2020. The places will be amended accordingly.