

STEWARDS INQUIRY DECISION

Date of Decision: 12.Feb.2022
Stewards Panel: R Brown (Chairman) S Shinn C Ellson
Name: Dean Braun
Track/Race: Launceston Pacing Club
Date: 3rd April 2021
Rule no: Australian Harness Rules of Racing (AHRR) 190(1) (2) (4)
Charge(s): Present horse when not free of prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance: Aminorex
Inquiry Decision: Fine \$2500 (\$1500 suspended for two years)

FACTS:

A post-race swab taken from JAFFA JOSH NZ at Launceston Pacing Club race meeting on 3rd April 2021 was found upon analysis to contain AMINOREX which is a prohibited substance under the Australian Harness Racing Rules.

INQUIRY:

Stewards inquired into the presence of Aminorex in the post-race urine sample obtained from JAFFA JOSH NZ

A certificate was firstly issued by Racing Analytical Services Limited and was confirmed by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory.

Stewards considered evidence tendered by Mr Dean Braun.

Stewards also considered evidence obtained in a stable inspection

Mr Braun was charged and pleaded guilty. The charges being a breach of AHRR 190(1) (2) (4) in that he as the trainer of JAFFA JOSH NZ, presented the horse to race and win Race 9 at the Launceston Pacing Club's race meeting on the 3rd April 2021 after which the Post-race urine sample taken from the gelding was found upon analysis to contain AMINOREX, which is a prohibited substance under Australian Harness Racing Rules.

DECISION:

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

- . Mr Braun's guilty plea.
- . Evidence taken throughout the inquiry.
- . The nature of the substance detected.
- . The distinct possibility of plant contamination.
- . Any penalty should act as a general and specific deterrent.
- . Mr Braun's personal circumstances.

Consideration was given to relevant precedents regarding AMINOREX both in Tasmania and other racing States in all codes of racing.

Trainer Mr Dean Braun was fined \$2500 of which \$1500 was wholly suspended for a period of two years on condition there are no further breaches of AHRR 190.

Acting under the provisions of AHRR 195 JAFFA JOSH was disqualified from its first placing in Race 9 at the Launceston Pacing Club Race meeting on 3rd April 2021 and placings will be amended accordingly.

Stewards remind Trainers of Office of Racing Integrity Media Release (link below) in relation to Aminorex dated 22.07.20 and encourage a thorough examination of their premises.

[ATTENTION TRAINERS - Industry notice regarding Aminorex - 22-07-2020.pdf](#).