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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Harness Stewards Inquiry – Trainers K. Davies and C. King-Davies

Racing and Wagering Western Australia's (RWAA) stewards have concluded an inquiry into the bona fides of the training of CTHEBALLERINA. Prior to 1 September 2019 CTHEBALLERINA was trained by C. King-Davies, however upon the lapsing of her Trainer's licence, a stable return and nomination was submitted by K. Davies advising he was the trainer of CTHEBALLERINA. A subsequent stable inspection by RWAA stewards revealed CTHEBALLERINA to be in the care of C. King-Davies and being trained by her, whilst unlicensed.

Harness Trainer Ken Davies and Cheyenne King-Davies pleaded guilty to three charges:

- **Charge 1. Assisting in improper practices**  
**245.** A person shall not direct, persuade, encourage or assist anyone to breach these rules or otherwise engage in an improper practice.
- **Charge 2. False Information**  
**209.** A person employed, engaged or participating in the harness racing industry shall not knowingly or recklessly furnish false information to the controlling body, the Stewards or anyone else.
- **Charge 3. Fraudulent nomination**  
**216.** A person whether alone or in association with others shall not fraudulently or improperly nominate or start a horse in a race.

In considering penalty stewards took into account:

- Previous penalties issued for similar offences.
- That it was a deliberate act designed to circumvent the RWAA Rules in relation to licencing.
- Ms King-Davies' and Mr Davies' remorse and guilty pleas.
- The need to send a clear message to Ms King-Davies and Mr Davies and the wider racing industry that deliberate acts of deceit negatively impact on the image of harness racing and the standing of the sport in the community.

The following penalties were issued:

**Charge 1 – 3 month disqualification for K. Davies and C. King-Davies**

**Charge 2 – 3 month disqualification for K. Davies and C. King-Davies**

**Charge 3 – 3 month disqualification for K. Davies and C. King-Davies**

Stewards order that these penalties be served concurrently and as such K. Davies and C. King-Davies are disqualified for a period of 3 months to commence on 24 September 2019 and expire on 24 December 2019.

**ENDS**

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