

Media Release

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Inquiry – Mr Shane Loone

Harness Racing South Australia Stewards today concluded an adjourned inquiry into the driving tactics adopted by driver Shane Loone on REGAL KNIGHT NZ in Race 7 Equissage Pace at Port Pirie on Sunday 10th June 2018.

At today's hearing Mr Loone admitted a breach of Rule (AHHR) 149(1) which states:

"A driver shall take all reasonable and permissible measures during the course of a race to ensure that the horse driven by that driver is given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible placing in the field."

The particulars being that Mr Loone drove REGAL KNIGHT NZ in a manner which had not given the gelding full opportunity to finish in its highest possible position, by way of him persisting with his challenge for the lead for an excessive period.

After considering submissions on penalty and after having regard to the following relevant factors:

- The sustained challenge for the lead.
- The ultimate finishing position of REGAL KNIGHT (NZ).
- This being Mr. Loone's second breach of this rule in the last 3 months.
- Mr Loone's admission of the breach.
- The need for general and specific deterrence.
- Mr Loone's personal circumstances.

Stewards determined that Mr Loone's licence to drive in races be suspended for a period of eight (8) weeks.

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