

Media Release

Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

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HRV RAD Board – Neville Pangrazio

The Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) Racing Appeals and Disciplinary (RAD) Board today heard the matter regards to a charge against licensed trainer Mr. Neville Pangrazio under Australian Rule of Harness Racing (ARHR) 190 (1) which provides:

A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances

The charges issued by HRV Stewards against Mr. Pangrazio related to a pre-race blood sample collected from the horse Miranda Maid before it competed in Trial 6, at Bendigo on 23 May 2016. Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) reported that analysis of the blood sample found the sample contained the prohibited substance Phenylbutazone and its metabolite Oxyphenbutazone. The Racing Science Centre in Queensland reported confirmation of these findings in the reserved portion of the sample.

Mr. Pangrazio pleaded guilty to the charge under AHRR 190(1) before submissions on penalty were heard from HRV Stewards and Mr. Pangrazio. In deciding an appropriate penalty, the HRV RAD Board considered the nature of the substance involved, other previous cases involving the substance in Victoria, Mr. Pangrazio's guilty plea and cooperation with HRV Stewards and the good record of Mr. Pangrazio during his years in the harness racing industry.

In considering all of these matters the HRV RAD Board imposed a fine of \$3000 with \$1500 of the fine being fully suspended for a period of 24 months.

Under AHRR 195 Miranda Maid was disqualified from the relevant trial at Bendigo.

The Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board (RADB) is established under section 50B of the Racing Act (1958). The RADB is an independent Board established to hear and determine appeals in relation to decisions made under the rules to impose penalties on persons and to hear and determine charges made against persons for serious offences.