

Media Release

Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

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HRV RAD Board Hearing – Daryl Weightman

The Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) Racing Appeals and Disciplinary (RAD) Board today considered charges issued by HRV Stewards under Australian Harness Racing Rules (AHRR) 190(1) and 190B(1) against licensed trainer Daryl Weightman.

AHRR 190(1) reads as follows:

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

The charge under AHRR 190(1) related to a post-race urine sample taken from the horse 'Shooter Alto' after it won Race 1, the 'DNR Logistics Pace', at Ballarat on 9 September 2017. Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) reported that analysis of the urine sample revealed it to contain the prohibited substance dexamethasone. The Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) in Sydney confirmed these findings in the reserve portion of the relevant urine sample.

Mr Weightman was also charged with a breach of AHRR 190B(1) being that he failed to keep and maintain a log book in accordance with the rules.

Mr Weightman pleaded guilty to both charges before submissions on penalty were heard from HRV Stewards and Lance Justice on behalf of Mr Weightman.

In deciding an appropriate penalty, the HRV RAD Board considered Mr Weightman's guilty plea and cooperation throughout the investigation; Mr Weightman's excellent record in regard to prohibited substance matters over 35 years in the industry; both general and specific deterrence; the nature of the substance; and the significance of prohibited substance matters.

It was the decision of the HRV RAD Board that Mr Weightman be suspended for a period of 3 months, deemed to commence immediately.

In relation to the log book charge, Mr Weightman was fined the sum of \$250.

The HRV RAD Board also ordered that, under AHRR 195, 'Shooter Alto' be disqualified from Race 1 at Ballarat on 9 September 2017 and that the placings be amended accordingly.

HRV RAD Board Panel: John Doherty (Deputy Chair), John Kearney, Kerry Willcock