

# Decision

## Tasracing Integrity Unit and Ben Said

**Date of Decision:** 19 December 2025

**Decision Makers:** Mr. Trevor Styles, Mr. Alex Bonde, Mr. Darrin Smart

**Respondent:** Mr. Ben Said

**Rules:** AHRR 250 (1)(a); AHRR 252B(e)(i); AHRR 231 (2)

**Charge One:** *AHRR 250 (1) A driver commits an offence if :-*

*(a) A sample taken from him, is found upon analysis is found to contain a substance banned by Rule 251.*

The particulars being:

On 9 November 2025 you provided a sample that upon analysis was found to contain a banned substance.

**Plea:** Guilty

**Charge Two:** *AHRR 252B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 250, the Stewards may permit a driver to receive a specified banned substance, subject to the following conditions:-*

*(e) The driver must:-*

*(i) Before driving make application to the Controlling Body or Stewards for permission to drive with a specifically prescribed banned substance in his system.*

The particulars being:

You as a licenced driving stable hand did not make an application as required under AHRR 252B(e)(i) and therefore have carried out activities in relation to your licence when not permitted to do so since season 2024/2025.

**Plea:** Guilty

**Charge Three:** *AHRR 231 (2) A person shall not misconduct himself in any way.*

The particulars being:

Following the running of Race 3 at Elwick Racecourse on Saturday, 1 November 2025, you engaged in misconduct in the race-day stalls area by remonstrating with Nathan Ford to such an extent that persons present were required to remove both of you from the area.

**Plea:** Guilty

### **Penalty Consideration:**

Stewards after considering all matters on penalty which included the personal circumstances of Mr. Said, guilty pleas on all charges, previous offence record, and overall deterrent factor in a penalty to all licenced persons, the following decisions were made on penalties:

Charge 1. Conviction recorded.

Charge 2. Two months suspension of licence.

Charge 3. Six months suspension of licence.

### **Penalty Order:**

The penalties are to be served cumulatively, backdated to 1 November 2025 (the date on which the driving component of Mr Said's licence was suspended). The period of suspension will expire on 1 July 2026.

*Trevor Styles*

**Trevor Styles**  
**Chief Steward – Harness**

**Dated:** 22 December 2025