

# Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - M. Santoro (Chairman), P. Ryan, E. Scott & H. Matthews

**Tuesday, 19 December 2023**

## Ryan Balfour

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances relating to a breath sample provided by licensed trainer, Ryan Balfour, at the Morphettville Racecourse on Saturday, 9 December 2023 after he handled a horse, that detected the presence of a Banned Substance. Evidence was taken from Ryan Balfour.

After considering the evidence Stewards charged Ryan Balfour under the rules of racing with the following:

**Charge:** Under Australian Rule of Racing – AR140(1)(a), the particulars of the charge being:

That a breath sample taken from him on Saturday, 9 December 2023 at the Morphettville Racecourse after he handled a horse, by means of a breath analysing instrument, detected the presence of a banned substance, namely Alcohol at a blood alcohol concentration in excess of 0.05% as stipulated by AR137(1)(d).

**Plea:** Ryan Balfour pleaded guilty to the Charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Ryan Balfour's clean record in regard to breaches of this rule. Stewards also considered his guilty plea, his forthrightness and his personal circumstances. Stewards further took into account the seriousness of the offence, the need for individual and general deterrence and strong penalties for breaches of this type.

In all the circumstances Stewards imposed the following penalty:

**Penalty:** A suspension of Ryan Balfour's license for a period of 1 month and a fine of \$1000. Stewards ordered, acting under AR283(5), that the 1 month suspension imposed be wholly suspended for a period of 2 years (to apply to the period in which Ryan Balfour holds a license) provided he is not found guilty of a breach of any of the rules relating to Banned Substances during this period. In addition, Ryan Balfour was advised that he would be required to successfully complete a drug and alcohol program and would be subjected to increased sampling during the 2 year period.

Ryan Balfour was informed of his right of appeal.

M Santoro  
Chairman of Stewards