



MANITOBA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

Assiniboia Downs Meeting

Date: October 1st, 2018

(THOROUGHBRED)

COMMISSION R U L I N G: #4

Pursuant: Rule 7 (10):

A signed written report of the official chemist or analyst stating that he has made an analysis of an official sample or blood sample and stating the result of that analysis is prima facie evidence of the facts contained in the written report without proof of the signature or the official capacity of the person appearing to have signed the written report.

On October 1st, 2018 the MHRC held a hearing for Mr. Jerry Gourneau (MHRC lic #816) regarding the horse (Witt Eight) testing positive in the first race held on September 8th, 2018 for the banned substance, Cobalt.

Sitting for the Commission were Brett Arnason, Chair; Peter Fuchs, Vice Chair, Bob King, Member. Jerry Gourneau was also present and participated in the hearing.

On September 21, 2018 the MHRC received a certificate of positive analysis of an official sample of the horse 'Witt Eight' from the 1st race held on September 8th, 2018, testing positive for COBALT.

After hearing evidence WITT EIGHT is hereby disqualified from the 1st race held on September 8th, 2018 and it is hereby ordered that prize money awarded (paid out) to Witt Eight be returned to the Association within 5 calendar days from the date of this ruling.

Further the MHRC imposes the following penalty to Jerry Gourneau:

1. Suspended 15 calendar days from the date of this ruling 15 (October 1st, 2018 thru to and including October 15th, 2018).
2. Fine of \$1,000.00 payable by October 10th, 2018.

This penalty would have been much higher were it not for the mitigating factors that Mr. Gourneau presented.

As per Rule 7 (11): Where a positive analysis is obtained from a horse after a race;
a) said horse shall be disqualified;
b) the order of finish shall be altered accordingly;

The revised order of finish for the 1st race held on September 8th, 2018 is as follows:

- 1st - Angel Tears
- 2nd - Expect the Man
- 3rd - Spectacular Strike
- 4th - Little Marco

By Order of the Chair


Commission Chair