

## HEARING RESULT

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**FROM:** Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

**DATE:** 22 September 2014

**SUBJECT:** **HEARING RESULT – TRAINER: PAUL JONES**

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**Panel** Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Dr June Smith.

**Appearances** Mr Jones appeared on his own behalf.  
Mr Taylor Wilson appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

**Charge** Breach of AR 177A

*When a horse is brought to a racecourse or recognised training track to engage in either:*

- (a) an official trial, or*
- (b) a jump-out, or*
- (c) any other test*

*for the purpose of obtaining a permit to start in a race (whether after suspension or otherwise) and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following such engagement, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time may be penalised.*

The charge relates to a prohibited substance, being Phenylbutazone and Oxyphenbutazone, detected in a blood sample taken from the horse *Bustabloodvessel* following a jumpout at the Ballarat training centre on 18 July 2014.

**Plea** Guilty.

**Decision** Mr Jones convicted and fined \$1,000.

Fine wholly suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that Mr Jones does not commit a similar offence under the rules during that period.

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**TRANSCRIPT OF  
PROCEEDINGS**

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**RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman  
MR B. FORREST  
DR J. SMITH**

**TRAINER: PAUL JONES**

**MELBOURNE**

**MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 2014**

MR T. WILSON appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR P. JONES appeared on his own behalf

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CHAIRMAN: Paul Jones, you have pleaded guilty to a breach of Australian Rule of Racing 177A, in that you brought a horse for a jump-out at Ballarat Training Centre on 18 July 2014 with a prohibited substance, commonly known as "bute", in its system.

It transpires that you were ignorant of the above rule, which of course is no excuse. You have established a number of mitigating factors, namely, your plea of guilty, your absence of prior convictions and your parlous financial situation.

The principle of general deterrence is a significant consideration in this case and calls for the imposition of a monetary penalty. However, the circumstances of this case are such that the penalty should be merciful.

You are fined the sum of \$1000, which fine is wholly suspended for a period of 12 months, conditional upon you not committing a similar offence in the meantime. Should you commit a similar offence, the \$1000 fine will be revived and you will be required to pay it. The Board notes that your treatment records are inclined to be incomplete or inadequate and the Board strongly suggests that you put your house in order, so far as keeping a very accurate history of treatment of your horses.

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