

## Stewards Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit

and

Graeme McCulloch

Date of Decision	05/03/2026
Decision Makers	T. T. Styles, B. Scott, G. Griffin, B. Hine.
Present by phone	Not applicable.
Rule	AR 240 (2).
Charge	At an inquiry on 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026, Mr. McCulloch pleaded guilty to a charge issued pursuant to AR 240 (2) In that he presented Halen to race on 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 not free of a prohibited substance.
Prohibited Substance	Arsenic.
Plea	Guilty.
Penalty	Fine \$2.500.
Summary of Facts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr. McCulloch was at all relevant times a Tasracing Licensed Thoroughbred Trainer and a person bound by the Australian Rules of Racing who was the trainer of Halen.</li><li>2. On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 Halen competed in and won Race 5, the Ladbrokes Punters Marquee Class 2 Handicap conducted at the Tasmanian Turf Club meeting at Mowbray.</li><li>3. In January 2026 Racing Analytical Services Victoria advised that the post-race sample taken from Halen following its race on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025 was found to contain prohibited substance Arsenic</li></ol>

4. At an enquiry on 5 March 2026 Mr. McCulloch pleaded guilty to a charge issued pursuant to AR 240 (2) in that on 28 November 2025 he presented Halen to race when not free of a prohibited substance.
5. Pursuant to AR 240 (1) Halen is disqualified from the Ladbrokes Punters Marquee Class 2 Handicap and the placings from that event will be amended accordingly.

### Penalty Discussion

In determining penalty, the Decision Makers carefully considered all available evidence including but not limited to:

- Mr McCulloch's plea of guilty
- His disciplinary history
- The objective seriousness of the offence
- The principles of general deterrence

Mr. McCulloch was advised of his right to appeal the decision of Stewards.