

Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit and Maxwell Wadley and Bartula Marqued

Date of Decision:	23 June 2026
Decision Makers:	Ms Barbara Scott, Mr Arnold Hyde, Mr Gavin Griffin, Mr Thomas Barnes
Respondents:	Mr. Maxwell Wadley and Ms Bartula Marqued.
Rule:	<p>AHRR 190. (1) A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances.</p> <p>AHRR 190 (2) If a horse is presented for a race otherwise than in accordance with sub-rule (1) the trainer of the horse is guilty of an offence.</p> <p>AHRR 190 (4) An offence under sub-rule (2) or sub-rule (4) is committed regardless of the circumstances in which the prohibited substance came to be present in or on the horse.</p> <p>AHRR 195. A horse which has been presented for a race shall be disqualified from it if blood, urine, saliva or other matter or sample or specimen taken from the horse is found to contain a prohibited substance.</p> <p>AHRR 231(2) A person shall not misconduct himself in any way.</p>
Charge:	<p>Max Wadley, you were at all relevant times a harness trainer licensed by Tasracing and a person bound by the Australian Harness Rules of Racing.</p> <p>On 29 March 2026 you presented GRIZZLY MONTANA to race in Race 4, Ladbrokes Popular Srm Pace at the Launceston harness meeting, when a post-race urine sample taken from GRIZZLY MONTANA, upon analysis, was found to contain the prohibited substance Metformin.</p> <p>On 23 June 2026 Max Wadley, licenced trainer, you did misconduct yourself by raising your voice in a loud and aggressive manner towards the stewards during an inquiry and disobeyed a direction to remain calm</p> <p>On 23 June 2026 Bartula Marqued, licenced stablehand, you did misconduct yourself by raising your voice in a loud and aggressive manner towards the stewards during an inquiry and disobeyed a direction to remain calm.</p>
Plea:	<p>To charges AHRR 190(1), (2) and (4) - Not Guilty</p> <p>To charges AHRR 231(2) both pleaded guilty</p>

Penalties: AHRR 190 – \$1500

AHRR 231(2) - \$500 each

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1. Mr. Wadley was at all relevant times a licenced harness trainer.
2. On 29 March 2026 Mr Wadley presented GRIZZLY MONTANA to race at the Launceston harness meeting.
3. After the race, a urine swab sample was obtained from GRIZZLY MONTANA, which was sent to Racing Analytical Services (RASL) for testing.
4. On 11 May 2026, the TIU were advised by RASL that urine sample contained Metformin.
5. On 25 May 2026, the TIU were advised by RASL that Australian Racing Analytical Services had confirmed the presence of Metformin in the reserve urine sample.
6. In relation to AHRR 190(1) Mr Wadley was fined \$1500
7. Following submissions from Mr Wadley and the owners of GRIZZLY MONTANA, stewards disqualified the horse from Race 4 at Launceston on 29 March 2026 and amended the placings accordingly.
8. During the stewards inquiry, Mr Wadley and Ms Marquet misconducted themselves.
9. In arriving at Penalty, the Decision Makers considered all available evidence including:
 - the Not guilty plea for the presentation offence
 - the guilty pleas for the misconduct offences
 - Mr Wadley's prior disciplinary history;
 - his verbal submissions;
 - his personal circumstances;
10. Mr Wadley and Ms Marquet were advised of their rights of appeal.
11. At the conclusion of the inquiry, Mr Wadley and Ms Marquet relinquished their licences with Tasracing.

Dated: 23 June 2026.