

Stewards Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit

and

Yassy Nishitani

Date of Decision	13 th October 2026
Decision Makers	Mr. T.T Styles, Mr. A.D. Hyde, Mr. G. Griffin
Respondent	Mr. Yassy Nishitani
Rule	AR240(2): Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.
Plea	Guilty
Finding	Guilty
Penalty	\$5,000 Fine
Summary of Facts	1. Mr Yishitani was at all relevant times a licenced trainer and a person bound by the Australian Rules of Racing. 2. On Sunday 5th July 2026, Mr Yishitani, presented LYCO RECO to race at the Tasmanian Racing Club. The horse contested Race 1, the Mingari + Co Maiden/Class 1 and won the race. 3. On September 22nd 2026, Racing Analytical Services Limited Victoria advised that the post-race sample taken from LYCO RECO following the race on Sunday 5th July 2026 was found to contain the prohibited substance, Ritalinic Acid. 4. At an inquiry on 13th October 2026, Mr Nishitani pleaded Guilty to a charge issued pursuant to AR 240(2) in that on Sunday 5th July 2026 he presented LYCO RECO to race when not free of prohibited substances.

5. Stewards fined Mr Nishitani \$5,000

6. Pursuant to AR240(1) LYCO RECO is disqualified from Race 1, the Mingari + Co Maiden/Class 1 conducted on Sunday 5th July 2026 at the Tasmanian Racing Club meeting at Hobart and the results shall be amended accordingly. All stake-money shall be returned to Tasracing.

Penalty Discussion

In arriving at a penalty, the Decision Makers considered all available evidence, including but not limited to:

- Mr Nishitani's Guilty plea.
- His disciplinary history.
- The seriousness of the offence.
- Evidence that the prohibited substance has no legitimate use in horse racing
- That matters such as this call into question the integrity of racing and impact upon the confidence of those who participate and support it.
- Previous decisions made under this rule.
- That any penalty should be a deterrent both general and specific.

Mr Nishitani was advised of his rights to appeal the Stewards' decision.