

Stewards Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit

and

Mark Ganderton

Date of Decision	27 th October 2026
Decision Makers	T T Styles, A D Hyde, B Scott
Rule	AR 240 (2)
Charge	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.
Prohibited Substance	Ritalinic Acid
Plea	Guilty
Penalty	Fine \$6000
Summary of Facts	1. Mr. Ganderton was at all relevant times a Tasracing Licensed Thoroughbred trainer and a person bound by the Australian Rules of Racing and was the trainer of Ohshe'strouble. 2. Prior to competing in Race 3, the Goodstone Group Class 1 Handicap (1009m) conducted at the Devonport Racing Club on Sunday 1st June 2025, a swab sample was taken from Ohshe'strouble. 3. On 1st July 2025 Racing Analytical Services Limited Ltd advised that the pre-race sample taken from Ohshe'strouble prior to it racing on 1st June 2025 contained the prohibited substance Ritalinic Acid. On 1st August 2025 the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirmed the presence of Ritalinic Acid in the reserve sample and no presence in the control sample. 4. An inquiry was opened on 13th May 2026 and concluded on 17th August 2026. Mr. Ganderton pleaded guilty to a charge issued pursuant to AR 240 (2) in that on 1st June 2025 he presented Ohshe'strouble to race when not free of a prohibited substance. 5. Mr. Ganderton was fined \$6000 for the breach of AR 240(2)

6. Pursuant AR 240 (1) Ohshe'strouble is disqualified from the Goodstone Group Class 1 Handicap (1009m) conducted 1st June 2025 and the placings for that event are to be amended accordingly with all stake money to be returned to Tasracing.

Penalty Discussion

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

- Mr. Ganderton's guilty plea.
- His disciplinary history, including previous breaches of the prohibited substances rule.
- Penalty precedents.
- The objective seriousness of the offence.
- The need to maintain public confidence in the integrity standards of the industry.
- That any penalty should be a deterrent, both general and specific.

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