

# Decision

## Tasracing Integrity Unit and Christian Salter

<b>Date of Decision:</b>	20 January 2026
<b>Decision Makers:</b>	Mr. Trevor Styles, Ms. Heidi Lester, Mr. Alex Bonde
<b>Respondent:</b>	Mr. Christian Salter
<b>Rule:</b>	Australian Harness Racing Rule (HRR) 190. (1) A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances.
<b>Plea:</b>	Guilty
<b>Penalty:</b>	\$3000 fine

**Decision:**

1. Mr Salter was at all relevant times a Tasracing licensed harness trainer and a person bound by the Australian Harness Racing Rules and was the trainer of *Likeyouforareason*.
2. On Friday 17 October 2025 *Likeyouforareason* competed in and won Race 1, the *Woodlands Stud Dandy Patch Heat One*, conducted at the Tasmanian Trotting Club race meeting.
3. On 1 November 2025 *Likeyouforareason* competed in and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the *Woodlands Stud Dandy Patch Final*.
4. On 23 December 2025 Racing Analytical Services advised that the post-race sample taken from *Likeyouforareason* following its race on 17 October 2025 was found to contain the prohibited substance Procaine.
5. At an Inquiry on 20 January 2026, Mr. Salter pleaded guilty to a charge issued pursuant to HRR 190 (1) in that on 17 October 2025 he presented *Likeyouforareason* to race when not free of a prohibited substance. Mr. Salter was fined \$3000.
6. Pursuant to HRR 195 *Likeyouforareason* is disqualified from the *Woodlands Stud Dandy Patch Heat One* conducted on 17 October 2025, and the placings for that event are to be amended accordingly.
7. It was further determined that as a consequence of the positive sample taken on 17 October 2025, *Likeyouforareason* was not eligible to compete in the *Woodlands Stud Dandy Patch Final* on 1 November 2025. Accordingly, pursuant to HRR 195A(1) & (2) *Likeyouforareason* is disqualified from the Final, and placings are to be amended accordingly.

Mr. Salter was advised of his rights of appeal.

**Dated:** 21 January 2026