

MR ANTON GOLINO - INQUIRY CONDUCTED

30 September 2026

Harness Racing New South Wales (HRNSW) Stewards conducted an Inquiry today into a report received from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) that Xylazine was detected in the pre-race blood sample taken from KRISTAL JOSSELYN FRA prior to it finishing 5th in Race 10, the PRON8URE PROBIOTIC TOUGH MONARCH TROTTERS FFA (2300 metres) conducted at Tabcorp Park Menangle on Saturday 7 March 2026.

The reserve portion and control solution were confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) in Victoria.

Mr Golino appeared at the Inquiry and presented evidence in relation to his registered training establishment, the horse KRISTAL JOSSELYN FRA and dental work carried out on the stallion by Dr Maria Diaz Manzanares. Dr Sarah Gray, the partner of Mr Golino, who is a licensed stablehand and registered veterinarian also attended the inquiry and provided evidence. Mr Golino was represented during the inquiry by solicitor Mr Tony O'Reilly.

Written evidence was also tendered by Dr Lisa Brown and Dr Maria Diaz Manzanares.

HRNSW Assistant Regulatory Veterinarian Dr Edwina Lawson attended and provided evidence to the Inquiry and advised that the explanation provided by Mr Golino, whereby KRISTAL JOSSELYN was administered Xylazine five days prior to the race as part of a routine dental procedure was the most likely cause of the detection. The certificates of analysis issued by ARFL and RASL were also entered into evidence.

Mr Golino entered a guilty plea to a charge issued by HRNSW Stewards pursuant to Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 190 (1), (2) & (4) as follows:

AHRR 190. (1) *A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances.*

(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.*

(3) *If a person is left in charge of a horse and the horse is presented for a race otherwise than in accordance with sub rule (1), the trainer of the horse and the person left in charge is each guilty of an offence.*

(4) *An offence under sub rule (2) or sub rule (3) is committed regardless of the circumstances in which the prohibited substance came to be present in or on the horse.*

HRNSW Stewards imposed a fine of \$5,000 upon Mr Golino.

Mr Golino, entered a guilty plea to a further charge issued by HRNSW Stewards pursuant to Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 190B (1)(b) as follows:

190B. (1) *A trainer shall at all times keep and maintain a log book:-*

- (b) recording all details of treatment administered to any horse in his or her care and including as a minimum requirement:*
 - (i) the name of the horse*
 - (ii) the date and time of administration of the treatment*
 - (iii) the name of the treatment (brand name of active constituent)*
 - (iv) the route of administration*
 - (v) the amount given*
 - (vi) the name and signature of the person or persons administering and/or authorising treatment.*

HRNSW Stewards imposed a fine of \$500.

In considering penalty Stewards were mindful of the following;

- Mr Golino's 2nd Prohibited Substance offence;
- Class 3 Prohibited Substance
- Mr Golino's involvement in the harness racing industry as a licensed person, his training and driving performance records, together with his harness racing offence record;
- Mr Golino's personal and financial subjective matters;
- The particular circumstances involved in this matter, in particular the administration was conducted by a Veterinarian;
- Published guidelines of the IFHA and AVA that indicate a withholding periods for Xylazine which are less than what was applied in these circumstances;
- Mr Golino's personal and financial subjective matters;
- References provided on behalf of Mr Golino;

Acting under the provisions of Rule 195, the horse KRYSTALK JOSSELYN FRA was disqualified from the abovementioned race.

Mr Golino was informed of his right to appeal these decisions of HRNSW Stewards.

Harness Racing NSW (HRNSW) is the controlling body for harness racing in New South Wales with responsibility for commercial and regulatory management of the industry including 27 racing clubs across the State. HRNSW is headed by an industry-appointed Board of Directors and is independent of Government.

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