

INTEGRITY UPDATE

Newtown Jody, Tir Prince Races, 18th September 2021

On 18th September 2021, the horse Newtown Jody trained by Mr John Gill was the subject of an anti-doping control conducted by the BHRC. The sample of blood taken from Newtown Jody was subsequently sent for analysis and returned positive for DARBEPOETIN ALPHA (human erythropoietin) which is a Class 1 Category A prohibited substance identified in the Uniform Classification Guidelines.

PENALTIES

Mr John Gill was found in breach of Rules 1, 4 and 14 but not Rules 3, 5 and 10.3 and as such:

- The horse Newtown Jody will be disqualified from the Crock of Gold race on 18th September 2021 at Tir Prince with ALL prize money forfeited and ALL handicap penalties incurred on the day be retained on the handicap allocated to the horse.
- **In respect of the Rule 1 breach** – immediate suspension of all Mr John Gill’s licences (Category A) for a period of two years (from 6th June 2022- 5 June 2024) and a fine of £3,500.
- Mr John Gill will not be entitled to any form of BHRC licence during his period of suspension, he has also agreed that any licence held by himself, but issued by any other governing body of harness racing will not be recognised by the BHRC in respect of harness racing that takes place within the BHRC’s jurisdiction during the period of his suspension.
- **In respect of the Rule 4 breach** – a suspension of licence of 6 months to run consecutively from 6 June 2024-5 December 2024.
- **In respect of the Rule 14 breach** – a fine of £1,000.
- The horse Newtown Jody will be suspended from running in any race for a period of one year from (6 June 2022) and will be subject to integrity testing by the BHRC at the cost of Mr John Gill (whether or not he is then the Responsible Person for the horse) prior to it being permitted to return to racing at the end of the period of the horse’s suspension.
- Mr John Gill to pay the sum of £2300 towards BHRC costs involved in relation to this matter.
- In addition Mr John Gill has agreed to a good behaviour bond which will run for a period of two years and six months by which Mr Gill has specifically agreed and undertaken that he will be bound by and will comply with all the obligations imposed on a licence holder under the Rules and Regulations of the BHRC as to conduct and that he agrees

that he will be subject to disciplinary proceedings as if he were a licensed person in the event of any alleged breach of the Rules and Regulations of the BHRC for a period of two years and six months.

All findings are for this case only