

**BEFORE THE INTERNAL ADJUDICATION PANEL**

**HIWU**

**Case Number:** #ECM 2024-251  
**IAP Member** Lori Dinoto

**v.**

Jesse Compton

**[Insert Name of Covered Person]**

**FINAL RULING OF INTERNAL ADJUDICATION PANEL**

**Section One – Parties**

Date of Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_ (hearing waived, check here) ☒

Date of Decision: 11/10/24

HIWU Counsel: Christy Heath

Covered Person: Jesse Compton

Counsel/Representative of Covered Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Third Parties: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section Two - Charges**

The Covered Person is charged with violating the following Series 3000 Equine Anti-Doping and Medication Control (ADMC) Program Rules ("Protocol"):

Presence of a Controlled Medication Substance and/or its Metabolites or Markers (ADMC Program Rule 3312) in a Post-Race Sample: 7-Nor-7-Carboxycannabidiol, a metabolite of Cannabidiol, collected from the Covered Horse "Sisaway Now"

### Section Three – Burdens of Proof and Evidence

A. Pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3121 (Protocol), HIWU has established the following evidence, set forth in detail below, to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel:

On July 14, 2024, Sample Collection Personnel collected a blood Sample, designated as Sample #B100758903, from Sisaway Now Post-Race of Race 8 at Prairie Meadows Racetrack in Altoona, Iowa. Sisaway Now's A Sample was submitted to Industrial Laboratories ("Industrial") in Denver, Colorado. Industrial analyzed the A Sample in accordance with the Equine Standards for Laboratories and Accreditation and reported an AAF because it detected 7-Nor-7-Carboxycannabidiol. 7-Nor-7-Carboxycannabidiol is a category S7, Class B Controlled Medication on the Prohibited List and Technical Document.

B. Pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3121 (Protocol), the Covered Person has established the following evidence, set forth in detail below, by a balance of probability:

Mr. Compton only offered "the only explanation I can think of [] is this particular horse got loose at the farm and ran [into] a field containing wild ditch weed of the neighbors. He ran loose for [about] 45 minutes before we caught him and I did observe him eating near a patch of wild cannabis" when he was notified of the finding.

#### Section Four – Violations Determined

Based on the applicable ADMC Program Rules (Protocol) listed above in Section Two, and based upon the established evidence as set forth in Section Three above, the hearing panel has determined that the Covered Person has violated the following ADMC Program Rules (Protocol):

The evidence demonstrates that Trainer Compton is responsible for a violation of ADMC Program Rule 3312 for the presence of 7-Carboxycannabidiol, a metabolite of Cannabidiol, a Class B, S7 Controlled Medication Substance, in Sisaway Now's Post-Race Sample.

#### Section Five – Finding of No Fault/Negligence or No Significant Fault/Negligence

Pursuant to ADMC Program Rules 3324 and 3325 (Protocol), a Covered Person is entitled to elimination or reduction of any period of Ineligibility if the hearing panel determines that the Covered Person has established that he or she bears No Fault or Negligence, or No Significant Fault or Negligence for the Violation(s). Based on the foregoing evidence, the IAP Member finds that the Covered Person ☐ has ☒ has not (check one) established that he or she bears **No Fault or Negligence**; or the Covered Person ☐ has ☒ has not (check one) established that he or she bears **No Significant Fault or Negligence** for the Violation(s). Where the Covered Person has established that he or she bears No Fault or Negligence or No Significant Fault or Negligence for the Violation(s), the following evidence supports this conclusion:

N/A

**Section Six – Elimination, reduction, or suspension of period of Ineligibility and/or other Consequences for reasons unrelated to degree of Fault**

Pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3326(b) – (d) (Protocol), the Covered Person is entitled to elimination, reduction, or suspension of a period of Ineligibility and/or other Consequences if he or she has satisfied any of the following (*check all that apply*):

- ☐ Rule 3326(b): Voluntary Admission of a Controlled Medication Rule Violation in the absence of other evidence.
- ☐ Rule 3326(c): Application of multiple grounds for reduction of a sanction; where the Covered Person has established entitlement to a reduction or suspension of period of Ineligibility under two or more of Rules 3324, 3325, or 3326.
- ☐ Rule 3326(d): Reductions for certain Controlled Medication Rule Violations based on early admission and acceptance of sanction; where the Covered Person admits Violation(s) and accepts Consequence(s) within seven (7) days of receiving Charge Letter.

Based on the application of these Rules, the Covered Person is entitled to the following elimination, reduction, or suspension of a period of Ineligibility and/or other Consequences:

N/A

#### **Section Seven – Aggravating Circumstances**

HIWU has established the following aggravating circumstances to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel (*write N/A if none*):

N/A

Based upon the Aggravating Circumstances, the Covered Person's period of Ineligibility is increased by \_\_\_\_ months (up to 6 months), and an additional fine in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is imposed (up to \$5,000.00 USD or 5% of the purse, whichever is greater).

## Section Eight - Consequences

The following Consequences are imposed upon the Covered Person for each violation that has been established in this case:

- a. A period of Ineligibility of 15 days for Trainer Compton as the Responsible Person pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3323;
- b. A fine of \$1,000 USD pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3323(b);
- c. The automatic assignment of 2 Penalty Points pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3328;
- d. The automatic Public Disclosure of the violation pursuant to ADMC Program Rules 3620 and 3331; and
- e. The automatic disqualification of Sisaway Now's Race Results obtained in Race 8 at Prairie Meadows Racetrack in Altoona, Iowa, on July 14, 2024, and forfeiture of all purses and other compensation, prizes, trophies, points, and rankings, and repayment or surrender (as applicable) to the Race Organizer pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3321.

## Section Nine – Penalty Points

The total penalty points issued against Covered Person as a result of this final decision are: <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_.

The Covered Person has <sup>0</sup> \_\_\_\_ prior penalty points, bringing his or her current total penalty points to <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_.

Subject to ADMC Program Rule 3364 (Protocol), this decision is final and binding pursuant to ADMC Program Rule 3363 (Protocol).



Signature of IAP Member