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Inquiry into the nomination of THE THIRD BASEMAN by Mr M Carson for the Special Conditions Handicap (2) 1200 metres at Pioneer Park on the 25th November 2012.

STEWARDS PRESENT: D Westover (Chairman)
M Hurley
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Stewards today opened an inquiry into the late nomination and subsequent acceptance of THE THIRD BASEMAN for the Special Conditions Handicap (2) 1200 metres held at Pioneer Park on the above date.

The specifics of the inquiry being that after close of nominations on 19th November, only four had nominated for said race with THE THIRD BASEMAN being a late nomination on the 20th November taking the nominations to five which is the required amount to maintain a race. Stewards carried out an inspection of Mr Carson's stable on Friday the 23rd November, where it was established that THE THIRD BASEMAN was not in work and absent from the stables when nominated and accepting for the race meeting on the 25th November.

Evidence was taken from licenced trainer Malcolm Carson, licensed stable-hand/track rider Ms Carly Cook and Deputy Steward Mr Julian Ash.

Mr Carson was found guilty of a charge under AR.68A(2) in that he declared his horse an acceptor for a race for the primary purpose of affecting the total number of horses accepted for a race.

Mr Carson pleaded guilty to the charge under AR.68A(2) and was subsequently fined the sum of \$1,000. Mr Carson was notified of his right of appeal.

Further to the inquiry, Ms Cook was found guilty of a charge under AR.175(gg) for making a false and misleading statement to a steward in connection with the gelding. The specifics of the charge being that on the morning of the 23rd November when stewards requested to see THE THIRD BASEMAN at the stables of Mr Carson, she made a false and misleading statement as to why the gelding is not in the stable and where it may be located.

Ms Cook entered no plea to the charge under AR.175(gg) and was fined the sum of \$100.

Stewards when considering penalty took into account that she was under instructions by Mr Carson to tell the stewards that the gelding went to the paddock with colic.

Ms Cook was notified of her right of appeal.

D Westover