

Thoroughbred trainer's licence suspended

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The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) has today suspended the licence of Brisbane thoroughbred trainer Bradley Smith.

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said Mr Smith failed to inform the Commission he was facing three criminal charges, an act that is in contravention of his licence conditions.

“Taking this into consideration the failure of Mr Smith to discharge his responsibilities of declaring his criminal charges to the QRIC as the condition of his licence and the nature of the charges, which, if found guilty are exclusionary items to holding a licence with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission,” he said.

“The charges relate to the alleged fraudulent sale of shares in a racehorse and the alleged forgery of transfer of ownership forms.

“In accordance with the Commission’s Thoroughbred Standard, the Commission may immediately suspend any licence where allegations or criminal charges which require the Commission to exercise a duty of care to participants or animals or to safeguard the integrity of the Queensland racing industry,” Mr Barnett said.

“The Commissioner said he has acted today in response to complaints from other industry participants.

“We carried out an investigation into these complaints and made the decision to suspend Mr Smith’s licence to train horses.

“The public can be sure that if they make complaints the Commission will investigate and take the necessary action to ensure the integrity of the racing industry in Queensland.

“It must also be made clear that Mr Smith retains the presumption of innocence and this action by the Commission in no way infers guilt in relation to the charges he faces.”

The Commission has identified six horses listed as being in Mr Smith’s stables, which must be relocated within seven days so they can continue to participate in racing.

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