



# Media release

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## QRIC stewards investigate serious jockey fall

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards are investigating the circumstances surrounding a serious incident at the Home Hill races at the weekend that's left a 45-year-old Townsville jockey in intensive care.

Jeffrey Felix suffered numerous broken bones when his mount Mytang fell near the 1300 metre mark in Race 5 of the Entec Class B Handicap over 1460 metres on Saturday afternoon.

He was transported to the Townsville General Hospital where he is in intensive care with injuries including a fractured skull, fractured collar bone, broken nose, facial lacerations and internal bleeding from a suspected ruptured spleen.

A second jockey, 38-year-old Katrina Aho of Mackay, was also dislodged from her mount Gondwana Bay during the same incident but she escaped serious injury.

Jeffrey Felix had only recently returned to racing after a serious fall in Innisfail earlier this year.

Senior Steward Paul Gillard says he's been informed Mr Felix is responsive and it is anticipated he'll be moved out of the ICU and into the general ward sometime today.

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