



# Media release

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## QRIC disqualifies unlicensed rider after sample swap

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) has disqualified former track rider Emma Jane Vincent for nine months after she pleaded guilty to substituting a urine sample and riding unlicensed.

QRIC Stewards inquired into the circumstances of the Brisbane woman's attempt to substitute a clean urine sample when requested for a no-notice drug test at Eagle Farm during track work on the 30 January.

Ms Vincent pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 81A.(1) (b) *refuses or fails to deliver a sample as directed by the Stewards, or tampers with, adulterates, alters, substitutes or in any way hinders the collection of such sample or attempts to do any of those things.*

Ms Vincent admitted to failing to provide a urine sample and substituted a sample from another individual.

In determining a penalty the steward's panel consisting of chair Alan Reardon, Ian Brown and Chris Albrecht considered all the relevant facts, Ms Vincent's previous suspension for a similar breach of the Rules of Racing and her personal circumstances. Stewards said Ms Vincent's actions were extremely serious, pre-meditated and deceitful.

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said the nine month disqualification reflected the serious nature of the offence.

"We conduct no-notice drug testing at race tracks during events and at track work to identify riding breaches and this breach had the potential to endanger other riders and animals," he said.

"We set high standards to detect breaches so that racing participants affected by substances are caught to prevent danger to others. The safety of everyone on the track is paramount," he said.

Stewards disqualified Ms Vincent for nine months from 7 March until 7 December 2018.

She was also fined \$200 for unlicensed riding under Local Rule 7(b) *A person shall not ride a horse in any race trial or trackwork unless that person is the holder of a current appropriate Licence, permit or registration issued by the Principal Racing Authority.* Ms Vincent was advised of her appeal rights.

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