



Media release

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Toowoomba track workers stood down after positive drug tests

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) stewards have today stood down three track workers after testing positive to illicit drugs during no notice testing at Toowoomba.

The track riders tested positive to methyl amphetamine, cocaine and cannabis and have been stood down pending the return of secondary testing.

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said the Commission had adopted an anywhere anytime approach to drug testing of racing participants.

“This approach is necessary to maintain the integrity of the Queensland racing industry and to ensure the safety of all racing participants and animals,” he said.

“Anyone using drugs in association with their role in the racing industry is an unacceptable risk to other riders and to animals.

“QRIC randomly tests racing participants on race days and non-race days to give the industry confidence that it is being run in a safe and drug free environment.

“This is a significant risk to the industry and participants using drugs must modify their behaviour or face the consequences.”

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