



Media release

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Currie horses transferred to Toowoomba Trainers

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards have today approved the transfer of some of the 'Ben Currie Racing' horses due to race this weekend to two Toowoomba Trainers.

Stewards have declined an application from Toowoomba Trainer Ben Currie to transfer horses into his father Mark Currie's name in the best interests of the racing industry.

Ben Currie was yesterday denied an interim stay of proceedings at the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) relating to a Stewards order preventing him from nominating or accepting to race following being charged with 31 alleged breaches of the Australian Rules of Racing. Following an adjournment the stay application will resume at QCAT tomorrow.

In a separate hearing at QCAT yesterday his father, Mark Currie had his stay of proceedings application granted by consent until his Internal Review is released. This follows a two year disqualification handed out on May 21 on 21 charges relating to race day treatment. Mark Currie is not the registered trainer of the 'Ben Currie Racing' stable of horses.

Racing Integrity Commissioner Ross Barnett said trainers were responsible for notifying their connections if there were impacts on their licence, this provided owners with the opportunity to transfer their horses to another licensed Trainer with the approval of the Stewards.

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