



# Media release

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## Stewards scratch runners for race day treatment

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards scratched two runners from visiting New Zealand trainer, Tony Pike's camp, due to breach of race day treatment rules.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, Integrity Investigations Team (IIT) found the breach during stable inspections at the Eagle Farm on course stables, in the lead up to the Doomben 10,000 today.

The matter was immediately reported to Chief Stipendiary Steward Allan Reardon who opened an Inquiry into the matter.

Mr Pike said he thought the one clear day rule under the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing rules, in relation to prohibited substance offences, differed from those of the Australian Rules of Racing which was found to be incorrect.

Following evidence from other Pike Racing staff, IIT Stewards and QRIC Head Veterinarian, Dr Martin Lenz, the administration of an alkalisng agent in breach of the Rules of Racing was confirmed.

The top weight in race 3, Sacred Master and The Bostonian, race 6 were scratched. Trainer Tony Pike was also fined \$500.

Integrity compliance inspections and investigations, including no notice stable inspections and swabbing, will continue throughout the Winter Racing Carnival.

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