



Media release

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Ben Currie guilty and fined \$5000 on substance charge

Toowoomba Trainer Ben Currie has lost an appeal against a 2016 prohibited substance (Methamphetamine) conviction at the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT).

On 21 December 2016 a QRIC Stewards Inquiry found Mr Currie guilty after a post-race urine sample collected from Party Till Dawn after it won at Toowoomba on 16 July 2016 was found to contain the prohibited substance.

Stewards charged him with a breach of AR 178 relating to presenting a horse to race with a prohibited substance in its system and subsequently fined him \$9000.

Specifically; subject to AR.178G, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.

The Internal Review confirmed the original decision and penalty, but Mr Currie subsequently appealed both at QCAT.

On 29 May 2018, QCAT's decision confirmed the Stewards guilty verdict and fined the Toowoomba Trainer \$5000.

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