

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Brad Witt

Date: 18 September 2019

Panel: P Chadwick, D Aurisch & P Mclean

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a urine sample provided by Trainer Brad Witt at the Gold Coast Turf Club on Saturday 14 September 2019.

Mr Witt pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 139(1)(b), which reads:

AR 139 (1) "A rider breaches these Australian Rules if: (b) the rider refuses or fails to deliver a sample as directed by the Stewards, tampers with, adulterates, alters, substitutes, or in any way hinders the collection of, a sample or attempts to do any of those things."

The particulars being

"That on Saturday 14 September 2019 at the Gold Coast Turf Club, whilst riding trackwork and being directed to provide a sample, he substituted a urine sample purported to be his own, which in fact was a urine sample from another person"

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of Mr Witt's guilty plea, forthright evidence, his personal circumstances, disciplinary history and penalty precedents. Furthermore, the deterrent effect of penalties must be sufficient to prevent likeminded individuals from considering such a course of action when faced with similar circumstances.

Stewards disqualified Mr Witt for twelve months for the breach of AR 139(1)(b).

Acting under the provision of AR 283 (7)(8) Stewards deferred the commencement of the disqualification for a period of 7 days during which, in respect of the horses currently under his care that he must ensure he provide adequate care to these horses pending other suitable arrangements for their care and transfer. In addition he would not be permitted to start this horses in any race or use any training track.

The disqualification will take effect from 25 September 2019 to 24 September 2020.

Mr Witt was advised of his rights to an internal review.