

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Scott Hillebrand

Date: 15 September 2019

Panel: D Aurisch, N Boyle & P Zimmermann

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by trackwork rider Scott Hillebrand at the Gold Coast Turf Club on 20 August 2019 contained Benzoyllecgonine which is a metabolite of Cocaine.

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

A rider breaches these Australian Rules if a banned substance under 136 (1) is detected in a sample taken from the rider.

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Hillebrand did provide a sample of urine at the Gold Coast Turf Club on 20 August 2019, which contained a substance banned under 136 (1)(g)(viii) namely Benzoyllecgonine which is a metabolite of Cocaine

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of Mr Hillebrand's guilty plea, forthright evidence, his personal circumstances, his unblemished record and penalty precedents. Stewards also considered that a penalty for this breach must serve as a specific deterrent to Mr Hillebrand and also a general deterrent to the wider industry to illustrate that using illicit drugs will not be tolerated.

When determining penalty the panel took into account that Mr Hillebrand has been stood down from riding since 20 August 2019. Subsequently, Mr Hillebrand was disqualified for four (4) months to commence immediately and to conclude at midnight 15 January 2020.

Furthermore, Mr Hillebrand was advised that under the provisions of 139 (4) at the expiration of his suspension he must deliver a sample free of any banned substances prior to resuming riding.

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