

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Tiffani Brooker

Date: 19 September 2019

Panel: D Aurisch, J Williamson & C Albrecht

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by licensed Jockey Tiffani Brooker at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 11 August 2019 contained the prohibited substances Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, Oxazepam, Nordiapazem, Temazepam, Ketamine, Norketamine and Dehydroketamine.

Today evidence was taken from Miss Brooker and Mr Glen Prentice the President of the Queensland Jockey's Association.

Subsequently, Miss Brooker 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 Jockey Brooker did provide a sample of urine at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 11 August 2019, which contained substances banned under 136 (1) namely Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, Oxazepam, Nordiapazem, Temazepam, Ketamine, Norketamine and Dehydroketamine.

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

Miss Brooker was subsequently disqualified for a period of nine (9) months to commence immediately and to expire at midnight 19 June 2020. Stewards advised Miss Brooker that if she provides details of suitable rehabilitation and counselling that consideration will be given to varying the final three (3) months of her disqualification to a suspension of her licence to ride in races.

Furthermore, Miss Brooker under the provisions of 139 (4) at the expiration of her disqualification must deliver a sample free of any banned substances prior to resuming riding.

Miss Brooker was advised of her rights to an internal review.