

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Todd Allen

**Date: 8 October 2019**

**Panel: D Aurisch, L Hicks & R McCrae**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by trackwork rider Todd Allen at the Gold Coast Turf Club on 19 August 2019 contained 11-nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid (Cannabis).

Mr Allen 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 Allen did provide a sample of urine at the Gold Coast Turf Club on 19 August 2019, which contained a substance banned under 136 (1)(c)(i) namely Cannabis.

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of Mr Allen'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 Allen and also a general deterrent to the industry to illustrate that riding under the influence of a prohibited substance will not be tolerated.

Subsequently, Mr Allen was suspended for three (3) months to commence on 19 August 2019, the day which he was stood down from riding, and to conclude at midnight 19 November 2019.

Furthermore, Mr Allen 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 Allen was advised of his rights to an internal review.