

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Charlie Manfield

Date: 4 November 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 Charlie Manfield at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 8 October 2019 contained Benzoyllecgonine which is a metabolite of Cocaine.

Miss Manfield 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 Miss Manfield did provide a sample of urine at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 8 October 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 Miss Manfield's guilty plea, forthright evidence, her personal circumstances, her unblemished record and penalty precedents. Stewards also considered that a penalty for this breach must serve as a specific deterrent to Miss Manfield 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 Miss Manfield has been stood down from riding since 8 October 2019. Subsequently, Miss Manfield was disqualified for three (3) months to commence immediately and to conclude at midnight 4 February 2020.

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

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