

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Sheriden Tomlinson

**Date: 7 November 2019**

**Panel: D Aurisch, N Boyle & G Goold**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by licensed Apprentice Jockey Sheriden Tomlinson at Eagle Farm on 9 September 2019 contained the prohibited substances Ketamine, Norketamine and Dehydroketamine.

Today evidence was taken from Apprentice Tomlinson and his Master Mr Les Ross.

Subsequently, Apprentice Tomlinson 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 Apprentice Tomlinson did provide a sample of urine at Eagle Farm on 9 September 2019, which contained substances banned under 136 (1) namely Ketamine, Norketamine and Dehydroketamine.

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of Apprentice Tomlinson's guilty plea, forthright evidence, his personal circumstances and penalty precedents. Stewards also took into account that Apprentice Tomlinson has been stood down from riding since 30 September 2019. Furthermore, the Stewards took into account the serious nature of the substance and reiterated that any use of illicit substances by industry participants will not be tolerated.

Apprentice Tomlinson was subsequently disqualified for a period of three (3) months to commence immediately and to expire at midnight 7 February 2020.

Under the provisions of 139 (4) at the expiration of his disqualification Apprentice Tomlinson must deliver a sample free of any banned substances prior to resuming riding.

Apprentice Tomlinson was advised of his rights to an internal review.