

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Gary Doughty

Date: 11 November 2019

Panel: D Aurisch, P McLean & B Connell

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by licensed Trainer Mr Gary Doughty after he completed trackwork at the Gold Coast on 19 August 2019. The urine sample contained the substances Oxazepam and Temazepam above the permitted threshold under AR 136 (1).

Mr Doughty explained that the medication that is responsible for these substances being present has been prescribed by his General Practitioner and he only takes this medication infrequently. Mr Doughty added that his judgement when riding trackwork that morning wasn't impaired at all and that some time had passed since taking the medication.

When deciding to issue a charge under AR 139(1) (a), the Stewards were of the opinion that Mr Doughty did not make the appropriate application for an exemption to ride trackwork with this medication set out clearly in AR 142. AR 139 (1) (a) 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 Doughty did provide a sample of urine at the Gold Coast Turf Club on 19 August 2019, which contained substances banned under 136 (1) namely Oxazepam and Temazepam.

Mr Doughty pleaded not guilty to the charge and made further submissions for consideration.

After considering these submissions the panel were comfortably satisfied that on the evidence the charge could be sustained and Mr Doughty was found guilty.

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of the circumstances of this particular case, Mr Doughty's unblemished record over a long period and relevant penalty precedents.

Subsequently, Mr Doughty had his right to ride trackwork attached to his trainer's licence suspended for a period of three (3) weeks to commence immediately and to expire at midnight 2 December 2019.

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