

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Fiona Jervis

Date: 14 November 2019

Panel: L Hicks, J Hackett & J Williamson

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by Jockey Fiona Jervis at Beaudesert Race Club on 23 September 2019 contained 11-nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9carboxylic acid (Cannabis).

Ms Jervis pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 139(1) (a), which reads:

AR 139 Offences where riders use banned substances

(1) A rider breaches these Australian Rules if:

(a) a banned substance under AR 136(1) is detected in a sample taken from the rider;

The specifics of the charge being that Ms Jervis did provide a sample of urine at the Beaudesert Race Club on 23 September 2019, which contained a substance banned under 136 (1)(c)(i) namely Cannabis.

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

Subsequently, Ms Jervis was suspended for three (3) months to commence on 7 October 2019 the day which she was stood down from riding, and to conclude at midnight 7 January 2020.

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

Ms Jervis was advised of her rights to an internal review.