

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Zion Leef

Date: 6 December 2019

Panel: P Chadwick & B Connell

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by Trackwork Rider Zion Leef at the Deagon Training Complex on 14 October 2019 contained the prohibited substances MDA, MDMA and 11 nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid.

Today evidence was taken from Miss Leef.

Subsequently, Miss Leef was found guilty of 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 Zion Leef did provide a sample of urine at the Deagon Training Complex on 14 October 2019, which contained substances banned under 136 (1) namely MDA, MDMA and 11 nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid.

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of Miss Leef's forthright evidence, her personal circumstances and penalty precedents. Stewards also considered that a penalty for this breach must serve as a specific deterrent to Miss Leef and also a general deterrent to the wider industry to illustrate that using illicit drugs will not be tolerated.

Miss Leef was subsequently disqualified for a period of four (4) months to commence immediately and to expire at midnight 6 April 2020.

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

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