

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Gemma Steele

**Date: 10 August 2020**

**Panel: E. Barron and D. Aurisch**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a report from Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) that a urine sample provided by licensed Jockey Gemma Steele at Roma Turf Club, 18 July 2020 was found to contain banned substances under Australian Rule (AR)136(1).

Jockey Gemma Steele pleaded guilty to a charge under AR139(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 Steele having provided a sample of her urine at Roma Turf Club, 18 July 2020 which upon confirmatory analysis was found to contain banned substances under AR136(1) namely Nordiazepam, Oxazepam and Temazepam at a concentration above the respective threshold level.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered Ms Steele's guilty plea, her personal circumstances, forthright evidence, good record, and the relevant penalty precedents.

Ms Steele's licence was suspended for a period of three (3) weeks to commence 08 August 2020, on which day she was stood down from riding, and to expire at midnight 25 August 2020.

Furthermore, Ms Steele was advised that subject to AR139(4) she cannot resume riding until a sample free of any banned substance under AR136(1) has been delivered.

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