

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Luke Dillon

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Panel: J Adams, T Hudson and E Suli**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by licensed Jockey Luke Dillon at the Cairns Turf Club on 2 March 2020 contained the prohibited substances Amphetamine and Methamphetamine.

Subsequently, Mr Dillon 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 Jockey Dillon did provide a sample of urine at the Cairns Turf Club on 2 March 2020, which contained substances banned under 136 (1) namely Amphetamine and Methamphetamine.

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of Mr Dillon's guilty plea, forthright evidence, his personal circumstances and penalty precedents. Stewards also considered Mr Dillon's disciplinary history which included three previous breaches of AR 139 and that a penalty for this breach must serve as a specific deterrent to Mr Dillon and also a general deterrent to the wider industry to illustrate that using illicit drugs will not be tolerated.

Mr Dillon was subsequently disqualified for a period of two and a half years to commence immediately and to expire at midnight 4 March 2023.

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

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