

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Tahleigh McLean

Date: 7 September 2020

Panel: L Hicks, E Barron, Paul Zimmermann.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by Trackwork rider Tahleigh McLean at Deagon Racecourse on 6 July 2020 contained 11-nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid (Cannabis).

Ms McLean 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 McLean did provide a sample of urine at the Deagon Racecourse 6 July 2020, which contained a substance banned under 136 (1)(c)(i) namely Cannabis.

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of Ms McLean's 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 McLean 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 McLean was suspended for three (3) months to commence on 19 August 2020 the day on which she was re-licensed with the QRIC, and to conclude at midnight 19 November 2020.

Furthermore, Ms McLean 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 McLean was advised of her rights to an internal review.