

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Louise Rawlings

Date: 28 September 2020

Stewards Panel: N Boyle, P Zimmermann.

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

Stewards issued a charge under AR139(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 AR136(1) is detected in a sample taken from the rider;

The specifics of the charge being that Ms Rawlings whilst performing her duties as a trackwork rider, as directed by Stewards, did provide a sample of urine at the Deagon Racecourse 6 July 2020, which contained a substance banned under AR136 (1)(c)(i) namely 11-nor-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic acid a metabolite of Cannabis.

Ms Rawlings pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of Ms Rawling's guilty plea, her forthright evidence, personal circumstances, and penalty precedents. Stewards also considered that a penalty for this breach must serve as a specific deterrent to Ms Rawlings and also a general deterrent to the industry to illustrate that riding under the influence of a prohibited substance will not be tolerated.

After consideration, Stewards suspended Ms Rawlings' trackwork licence for a period of three (3) months to commence on midnight 19 August 2020 the day on which Ms Rawling's was re-licensed, and to conclude at midnight 19 November 2020.

Furthermore, Ms Rawlings was advised that under the provisions of AR139 (4) at the expiration of her suspension she must deliver a sample, as directed by Stewards, free of any banned substances prior to resuming riding.

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

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