

## **Stewards Report: Mr Dean Smith (Track Rider)**

**Date: 14 October 2020**

**Panel: P. Gillard, A. Turner**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by licensed track-work rider Mr Dean Smith after he rode track-work at the Gold Coast on 18 August 2020. The urine sample contained banned substances under the provisions of AR136(1).

After hearing all submissions Mr Smith pleaded guilty to a charge under AR139(1) 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 Mr Smith did provide a sample of urine at the Gold Coast Turf Club on 18 August 2020, which contained substances banned under 136(1).

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of the circumstances of this particular case, Mr Smith's forthright evidence, guilty plea, remorsefulness, relevant penalty precedents and personal circumstances along with his unblemished long service in the racing industry.

Subsequently, Mr Smith's had his licence disqualified for a period of four (4) months to be commenced from 18 August 2020 and to expire at midnight 18 December 2020.

Mr Smith was further advised it is a requirement that he supply a urine sample free of any banned substances prior to his licence being reinstated.

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