

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Kevin Sims

Date: 19/11/2020

Panel: B Cooke & R Hitchener

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Analysts findings of the urine sample provided by Mr Kevin Sims at the Toowoomba Turf Club on Monday 14 September 2020.

After considering all the evidence tendered, Mr Sims pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 139(1)(a) which reads:

“A rider breaches these Australian Rules if a banned substance under AR 136(1) is detected in a sample taken from the rider”

The particulars of that charge being –

After concluding riding track work at the Toowoomba Turf Club on Monday 14 September 2020, Mr Sims provided a urine sample that upon confirmatory analysis was found to contain a prohibited substance above the permissible threshold as defined under AR 136(1).

When considering the matter of penalty, stewards were mindful that Mr Sims had not had a breach of this nature during his career, his personal circumstances and that he pleaded guilty to the charge. The Stewards panel recognised a need for a penalty to reflect the serious nature of the charge, penalty precedents and the negative impact such matters have on the perception of the industry.

After considering all the above-mentioned matters Mr Sims' licence was suspended for a period of three calendar months, to commence midnight 14/9/2020 (the date of which he was stood down) and to conclude midnight 14/12/2020. Further, stewards ordered that as of midnight 19/11/2020, Mr Sims's licence be suspended in full for the remaining balance of the penalty.

Mr Sims was advised of his right to an internal review.