

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Bobby El-Issa

**Date: 5 June 2021**

**Panel: T Hudson, P Zimmermann and A Turner.**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by licensed jockey Mr Bobby El-Issa when riding at the Eagle Farm meeting on 14th April 2021 contained a banned substance under AR136(1).

Jockey El-Issa made submissions as to the reasons for the banned substance being present in his system.

Subsequently, Jockey El-Issa 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 jockey El-Issa did provide a sample of urine at the Eagle Farm Jockeys Room on 14 April 2021, which contained banned substances under AR136(1).

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of the circumstances of this particular case, jockey El-Issa's record in regard to this rule, penalty precedents and his forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry.

Jockey El-Issa had his licence suspended for a period of three (3) weeks to commence 29 April 2021, on which day he was notified of the discrepancy, and to expire on 20 May 2021.

Furthermore, Jockey El-Issa was advised that subject to AR 139(4) he must provide a urine sample free of any banned substances prior to be cleared to resume riding, which has been provided.

Jockey El-Issa was advised of his rights to an internal review.