

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Lauren Abbott – One Stryke

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

### **Panel: Tate Hudson, Daniel Aurisch and Timothy North**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance Frusemide was detected in a blood sample taken from One Stryke at the Doomben Official Trials on 13 April 2021.

Documentary evidence was tabled from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) along with evidence from licensed trainer Ms Lauren Abbott.

After considering all evidence, Ms Abbott pleaded guilty to a charge pursuant to LR. 118. which reads:

*Where a horse is brought to a racecourse or recognised training track to engage in an official trial and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it either prior to or following the official trial, the trainer or any other person who was in charge of the horse at the relevant time may be penalised.*

The specifics of the charge being that Ms Abbott, as the trainer of One Stryke brought that horse to Doomben on 13 April 2021 for the purpose of engaging in an official trial and a sample taken following the trial was found to contain the prohibited substance Frusemide.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards acknowledged Ms Abbotts' forthright evidence and guilty plea. Stewards were also mindful of similar penalty precedents and the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing.

Ms Abbott was subsequently fined \$1000.

Ms Abbott was also made aware of her right to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.