

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Peter Hamilton

Date: 18/6/2021

Panel: B Cooke, R Hitchener, P Jenkins

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analyst findings of the urine sample provided by Mr Peter Hamilton at the Toowoomba Racecourse on Tuesday 27th April 2021.

After considering all the evidence tendered, stewards issued 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 the charge being –

That whilst conducting trackwork duties at the Toowoomba Racecourse on Tuesday 27th April 2021, Mr Hamilton did provide a urine sample that upon analysis, was found to contain a prohibited substance AR.136(1).

Mr Hamilton pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty, stewards took into consideration Mr Hamilton's forthright evidence and guilty plea and that this would be Mr Hamilton's first offence under this rule. However, were mindful of the need for penalties to serve as a deterrent, previous penalty precedents and the seriousness of the breach.

Taking the above into consideration, Stewards deemed the appropriate penalty be that Mr Hamilton's license be disqualified for a period of three months. However, taking into account that Mr Hamilton had been stood down since Friday 7th May 2021, his licence was disqualified with immediate effect up to and including Saturday 7th August 2021.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR.139 (4), stewards advised Mr Hamilton that he must provide a urine sample free of any banned substances prior to being re-licensed.

Mr Hamilton was also advised of right to lodge an internal review regarding this decision.