

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Trinity Bannon

Date: 16 July 2021

Panel: J Adams and C Allison.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analyst findings of the urine sample provided by Ms Trinity Bannon at the Rockhampton Jockey Club on Thursday 29 April 2021.

After considering all the evidence tendered, stewards issued a charge under AR 139(1)(a) which reads:

(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 Bannon did provide a sample of urine at the Rockhampton Jockeys Room on 29 April 2021, which contained banned substances under AR136(1).

Ms Bannon pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions in regard to penalty.

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of Ms Bannon's guilty plea, forthright evidence, her personal circumstances and penalty precedents. Stewards also considered Ms Bannon's disciplinary history which included previous breaches of AR 139 and that a penalty for this breach must serve as a specific deterrent to Ms Bannon and also a general deterrent to the wider industry to illustrate that the use of banned substances, especially when engaged to ride in races, will not be tolerated.

Mr Bannon was subsequently disqualified for a period of nine (9) months.

Acting under the provision of AR283(7) stewards deferred the commencement of the disqualification for a period of 7 days to commence 23 July 2021 and to conclude 23 April 2022.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR.139 (4), stewards advised Ms Bannon that she must provide a urine sample free of any banned substances prior to being relicensed.

Ms Bannon was advised of her rights to an appeal and internal review.