

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Alisha Ross

Date: 12th October 2021

Panel: Chris Allison, Josh Adams, Ethan Suli

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded an inquiry into licensed Apprentice Jockey Ms Alisha Ross for providing an altered doctor's clearance and giving false and misleading evidence to Stewards at the Townsville Turf Club on 1 October and the Mackay Turf Club on 2 October 2021.

After taking into consideration all the evidence tendered by Ms Ross and the Stewards, Ms Ross was charged with the following four charges.

Charge One

AR229(1) – A person must not:

(a) Engage in any dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent, improper or dishonourable action or practice in connection with racing:

The specifics of the charge were

Ms Alisha Ross a licensed Apprentice Jockey with QRIC, did on 1 October 2021 at Townsville produce a medical certificate to the Stewards which she knew was dishonest by altering the date.

Charge Two

AR232 – A person must not:

(i) Give any evidence at an interview, investigation, inquiry, hearing and/or appeal which is false or misleading.

The specifics of the charge were

Ms Alisha Ross a licensed Apprentice Jockey with QRIC, did on 1 October 2021 at Townsville give false and misleading evidence to the Stewards by advising them she had a current medical clearance.

Charge Three

AR229(1) – A person must not:

(a) Engage in any dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent, improper or dishonourable action or practice in connection with racing:

The specifics of the charge were

Ms Alisha Ross a licensed Apprentice Jockey with QRIC, did on 2 October 2021 at Mackay produce a medical certificate to the Stewards which she knowingly knew was dishonest by altering the date.

Charge Four

AR232 – A person must not:

(i) Give any evidence at an interview, investigation, inquiry, hearing and/or appeal which is false or misleading.

The specifics of the charge were

Ms Alisha Ross a licensed Apprentice Jockey with QRIC, did on 2 October 2021 at Mackay give false and misleading evidence to the Stewards by giving several false statements to Stewards.

Ms Ross pleaded not guilty to charge one and guilty to the remaining three charges. After hearing further submissions in relation to charge one the Stewards found Ms Ross guilty.

When considering an appropriate penalty, Stewards took into account Ms Ross's penalty submissions, the pleas entered, Ms Ross's disciplinary record, the seriousness of the offending and previous

penalty precedents. Stewards deemed the offending to be serious breaches of the Rules which strike at heart of the integrity of the sport.

Charge One

Stewards order a period of disqualification of eight months.

Charge Two

Stewards order a period of disqualification of four months

Charge Three

Stewards order a period of disqualification of six months

Charge Four

Stewards order a period of disqualification of four months

Acting under AR283(4) Stewards order the period of disqualification on all charges to be served concurrently with the period of disqualification of eight months to commence from the 12 October 2021 up to and including the 11 June 2022.

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