

Stewards' Report

Stewards' Report – Tasha Chambers

Date – 21 October 2021

Panel – Lyndsey Hicks, Chris Allison

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into Ms Tasha Chambers', the holder of both a Trainer and Jockey licence with the QRIC, failure to provide a urine sample as directed by Stewards on 25 September 2021, at the Longreach race meeting.

After considering all evidence Ms Chambers was found guilty of a charge under AR139(1)(b) which states:

(1) A rider breaches these Australian Rules if:

(b) the rider refuses or fails to deliver a sample as directed by the stewards, tampers with, adulterates, alters, substitutes, or in any way hinders the collection of, a sample or attempts to do any of those things.

The specifics of the charge being that Ms Chambers when directed to provide a sample of urine on 25 September 2021 at the Longreach race meeting, did fail to supply a sample as directed by Senior Investigative Stipendiary Steward Alison Finlay.

In assessing penalty Stewards considered Ms Chambers personal circumstances and prior record of offences under AR 139, previous penalty precedents, the serious nature of the breach and the need for a penalty to serve as a deterrent to both Ms Chambers and other racing participants.

Ms Chambers was disqualified for a period of twelve (12) months to commence immediately and to expire 21 October 2022.

Ms Chambers was advised under the provisions of AR283(7) that she was not permitted to enter or start any horse in any race. Ms Chambers was also advised that she had a period of 7 days to transfer horses out of her care however in the interim was permitted to continue to tend to these horses and their welfare.

Furthermore, Ms Chambers was advised that under the provisions of 139(4) at the expiration of her disqualification she must deliver a sample free of any banned substances prior to being relicensed.

Ms Chambers was advised of her rights to an internal review.