

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Les Tilley

Date: 1st November 2021

Panel: Daniel Aurisch & Tate Hudson

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by licensed jockey Mr Les Tilley when riding at the Rockhampton meeting on 5th October 2021 contained a banned substance under AR136(1).

Jockey Tilley made submissions as to the reasons for the banned substance being present in his system.

Subsequently, Jockey Tilley pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 139(1)(a) which reads:

AR 139 Offences where riders use banned substances

(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 Tilley did provide a sample of urine at the Rockhampton Jockeys Room on 5th October 2021, which contained banned substances under AR136(1).

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of the circumstances of this particular case, jockey Tilley's record in regard to this rule, penalty precedents and his forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry.

Jockey Tilley had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period of four (4) weeks to commence on 22nd October 2021, on which day he was notified of the discrepancy, and to expire on 19th November 2021.

Furthermore, Jockey Tilley was advised that subject to AR 139(4) he must provide a urine sample free of any banned substances prior to be cleared to resume riding.

Jockey Tilley was advised of his rights to an internal review.