

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Ryan Plumb

**Date: 11 November 2021**

**Panel: Rion Hitchener, Lyndsey Hicks**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a report from Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) that a urine sample provided by licensed trackwork rider Mr Ryan Plumb at the Gold Coast Turf Club, on 12 October 2021 was found to contain a banned substance under Australian Rule of Racing 136(1)(a).

After taking evidence from Mr Plumb in relation to the matter, he pleaded guilty to a charge under AR139(1)(a) which reads-

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 particulars of the charge being that Mr Ryan Plumb, as a licensed track work rider with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission did provide a sample of urine at the Gold Coast Turf Club on the morning of 12 October 2021 which upon confirmatory analysis was found to contain a banned substance as defined under AR136(1), above the allowable threshold.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered Mr Plumb's guilty plea, personal circumstances, forthright evidence, and the relevant penalty precedents.

Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty be that Mr Plumb be disqualified for a period of four (4) months, however when considering that Mr Plumb had been stood down from riding since 25 October 2021, he was disqualified effective immediately and to expire midnight 25 February 2022. Stewards advised Mr Plumb that if he provides details of suitable rehabilitation and counselling course that consideration will be given to varying disqualification to a period of three (3) months.

Furthermore, Mr Plumb, subject to AR139(4) cannot resume riding until a sample free of any banned substance under AR136(1) has been delivered.

Mr Plumb was advised of his rights to an internal review.