

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Apprentice Zac Lloyd

**Date: 9 November 2021**

**Panel: Rion Hitchener, Micayla King**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a report from Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) that a urine sample provided by apprentice jockey Mr Zac Lloyd, 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), namely Zopiclone.

Upon questioning App. Lloyd advised that on the evening two days prior to being sampled, he had ingested a sleeping tablet. Upon review, subsequent to returning an abnormality in his urine sample, he identified that this product contained Zopiclone.

After considering the evidence tendered from App. Lloyd 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 Zac Lloyd, apprentice jockey 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), namely Zopiclone.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered App. Lloyd's guilty plea, forthright evidence, personal circumstances, relevant inexperience as an Apprentice rider and the relevant penalty precedents.

Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty be that App. Lloyd's licence to ride in races be suspended for a period of 2 weeks, backdated to 27 October 2021, the day on which he was stood down, and to expire midnight 10 November 2021.

Following notification of the positive finding in the urine sample provided by App. Lloyd, he has since provided a urine sample as required under to AR139(4) free of any prohibited substance.

App. Lloyd was advised of his rights to an internal review.