

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Brad Stewart & Justin Huxtable

Date: 9 December 2021

Panel: Daniel Aurisch, James Williamson, Paul Zimmermann & Russell Hanson

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a report provided by the QRIC Integrity Investigations Team Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) that breath samples provided by licensed Jockey's Brad Stewart and Justin Huxtable at Eagle Farm trackwork on 7 December 2021 was found to contain a banned substance under Australian Rule of Racing 136(1)(a).

After taking evidence from Mr Stewart and Mr Huxtable in relation to the matter, both riders 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 Brad Stewart and Mr Justin Huxtable, licensed Jockey's with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission did provide a breath sample at Eagle Farm trackwork that upon analysis was found to contain a banned substance as defined under AR136(1), above the allowable threshold.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered both riders guilty plea, personal circumstances, forthright evidence, and the relevant penalty precedents.

Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty for both riders be that their licence to ride in races be suspended for a period of three (3) weeks which will commence at midnight 7 December 2021 and will expire at midnight 28 December 2021.

Mr Stewart and Mr Huxtable were advised of their rights to an internal review.