

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Ryan Tyrell – TICKLER

Date: 9th December 2021

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

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission stewards today inquired into the analysts findings in relation to a sample taken from TICKLER when that horse was presented to race at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 8 October, 2021. The findings indicated the presence of the prohibited substance, Altrenogest, in the sample taken.

Trainer Mr Ryan Tyrell pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 240(2), which reads:

Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.

The specifics of the charge being that:

Mr Ryan Tyrell, as the trainer of the thoroughbred, TICKLER, did present that horse to race at Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 8 October 2021 for the purpose of engaging in the Class 1 Plate 1200m, and a urine sample taken from TICKLER, upon analysis, was found to contain the prohibited substance, Altrenogest.

In finding the charge sustained, the Stewards noted that the rule in question is one of absolute and strict liability which once the prohibited substance is found, matters concerning the reasons for its presence were more relevant to penalty.

Mr Tyrell provided evidence which suggested that TICKLER may have been exposed to treatment containing Altrenogest, which had been administered to another horse in his stable at the time.

After considering this evidence, hearing submissions on penalty, including penalty precedents specific to this substance and the circumstances of the case, Stewards ruled that a fine of \$3000 to be an appropriate penalty.

Under the provisions of AR240(1), TICKLER was disqualified from its second placing at Sunshine Coast Turf Club on 8 October, 2021.

Mr Tyrell was advised of his rights to an internal review into the decision.