

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Ricky Gudge

Date: 22 February 2022

Panel: Chris Allison and Josh Adams

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards inquired into an incident which occurred at the Mackay Turf Club on Friday 16 July 2021. Evidence of the incident was tendered by a QRIC IIT Investigator, Stewards, witnesses and licensed trainer Mr Ricky Gudge.

After considering all the evidence, Mr Gudge was issued with two charges as outlined below:

AR 254 Injections prohibited at certain times

(1) A person must not, without the permission of the Stewards:

(a) inject;

(b) cause to be injected;

(c) attempt to inject; or

(d) be a party to the injection or attempted injection of, a horse engaged to run in any race:

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(i) at any time on the day of the scheduled race and prior to the start of that race; and/or

(ii) at any time during the 1 clear day prior to 12.00am on the day of the scheduled race.

CHARGE 1: AR254(1)(a)(ii)

Mr Ricky Gudge, as the licensed trainer of Keighley Sun, did inject a medication to Keighley Sun without the permission of the Stewards on the 15 July 2021, within one clear day to the commencement of the race for which it was engaged at the Mackay Turf Club on the 16 July 2021.

AR251 Possession of a prohibited substance/equipment at race meeting

(1) A person must not, without the written permission of the Stewards, have in his or her possession:

(a) on a racecourse where a race meeting is being conducted; or

(b) in any motor vehicle, horse float or other mode of transport used for the purpose of transporting a horse/s to and/or from a race meeting,

any prohibited substance, or a syringe, needle, naso-gastric tube or other instrument that could be used:

(i) to administer a prohibited substance to a horse; or

(ii) to produce a prohibited substance in a horse.

CHARGE 2: AR251(1)(a)(i)

Mr Ricky Gudge, a licensed trainer with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission did have in his possession on the 16 July 2021 without the permission of Stewards a needle and syringe in his vehicle at the Mackay Turf Club meeting.

Mr Gudge entered a plea of guilty to both charges.

When determining penalty for all three charges the following matters were considered appropriate:

1. Mr Gudge's personal circumstances and his previously good record;
2. Penalty precedents for breaches under these rules;
3. The need for a penalty to serve as a specific deterrent to Mr Gudge and a general deterrent to the industry to illustrate that breaches of this kind have a negative impact on the image of the racing industry;
4. Mr Gudge's guilty plea;
5. The circumstances regarding the breaches.

When considering the above-mentioned matters, Mr Gudge was fined the following:

On Charge one Mr Gudge was fined \$4000.

On Charge two Mr Gudge was fined \$500.

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