

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr Joshua Jones

Date: 7 February 2022

Panel: Daniel Aurisch & Peter Chadwick

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a report from the analyst that a urine sample provided by licensed track rider Mr Joshua Jones after he rode track-work at Eagle Farm on 7 December 2021. The urine sample contained a banned substance under the provisions of AR136(1).

After hearing all submissions, Mr Jones pleaded guilty to a charge under AR139(1)(a) which provides:

A rider breaches these Australian Rules if a banned substance under 136(1) is detected in a sample taken from the rider.

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Jones did provide a sample of urine at Eagle Farm on 7 December 2021, which contained substances banned under 136(1).

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of the circumstances of this case, Mr Jones's forthright evidence, guilty plea, written submissions submitted and relevant penalty precedents.

Subsequently, Mr Jones had his trackwork riding licence suspended in full for a period of 6 months to commence on 7 December 2021, the day in which he was stood down from riding, and to expire on 7 June 2022.

Stewards further ordered under the provisions of AR283(5) Mr Jones was further advised it is a requirement that he supply a urine sample free of any banned substances prior to his licence being reinstated allowing him to ride.

Mr Jones was made aware of his rights to an internal review.