

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Adrian Coome

Date: 19/7/2022

Panel: B Cooke, C. Allison, S. Larkins, G. Meek, E. Suli

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analysts' findings of the urine samples provided by Mr Adrian Coome at the Rockhampton Jockey Club on the 18th June 2022.

After considering all the evidence tendered, stewards issued the following charge under AR 139(1)(a) which reads:

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

The particulars of the first charge being –

That whilst attending the Rockhampton Jockey Club race meeting on Saturday 18th June 2022, Mr Coome provided a urine sample that upon analysis was found to contain the substance Phentermine above the permissible threshold as defined under AR136(1).

Mr Coome pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty, stewards took into consideration Mr Coome's forthright evidence and guilty plea. However, stewards were also mindful of Mr Coome's poor prior record in that this would be his third breach of the rules for this substance. Stewards also took into consideration the need for penalties to serve as a deterrent both specific and general, previous penalty precedents and the seriousness of the breach.

Taking the above into consideration, it was the opinion of the panel that Mr Coome's licence to ride in races be suspended for a period of three (3) calendar months to commence midnight 6/7/2022 (the date on which Mr Coome was stood down by stewards) and to conclude midnight 6/10/2022.

Furthermore, under the provisions of AR.139 (4) Mr Coome must provide a urine sample free of any banned substances prior to returning to race riding.

Mr Coome was also advised of right to lodge an internal review regarding this decision.

