

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Paul Randall

Date: 14/09/2022

Panel: C Warren & P Lane

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards today conducted an inquiry regarding the results of a urine sample taken from Licensed Jockey Paul Randall at Toowoomba Turf Club on 2nd August 2022 on a morning he had been riding track-work.

After hearing all submissions Mr Randall pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR139(1)(a) which reads:

(1) A rider breaches these Australian Rules if:

(a) a banned substance under AR136(1) is detected in a sample taken from the rider.

The particulars of the charge being that on the 2nd August, 2022 Mr Randall did provide a urine sample at Toowoomba Turf Club which upon subsequent analysis was found to contain a substance banned under AR136(1).

In determining penalty Stewards were mindful of the specific circumstances of the case, Mr Randall's forthright evidence, his guilty plea and his clear record over a significant period of time in the racing industry as well as his personal circumstances. Stewards considered relevant precedents, the negative effect breaches of this kind have on the image of the industry and also noted the serious nature of the breach and the need for any penalty to serve not only as a specific deterrent to Mr Randall but to the industry cohort as a whole.

Subsequently, Stewards determined a one (1) month suspension of Mr Randall's licence, in respect to all riding duties, was warranted to commence from the 31st August 2022, the day on which he was stood down from riding, up to and including 28th September 2022. Additionally, acting under the provisions of AR283(5) Stewards ordered one (1) week of that suspension to be wholly suspended for a period of two (2) years from the 31st August 2022, under the proviso that Mr Randall does not reoffend under this, or any similar rule again during that period.

Stewards further ordered that under the provisions of AR139(4) Mr Randall must provide a urine sample free of any banned substances prior to being permitted to return to riding duties.

Mr Randall was advised of his right to an internal review.

