

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Tamara Noble

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 Apprentice Jockey Tamara Noble at Toowoomba Turf Club on 2nd August 2022 on a morning she had been riding track-work.

After hearing all submissions Ms Noble 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 Ms Noble 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, Ms Noble's forthright evidence, her guilty plea, her previously clear record and her relative inexperience as an Apprentice as well as her 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 Ms Noble but to the industry cohort as a whole.

Subsequently, Stewards determined a one (1) month suspension of Ms Noble's license, in respect to all riding duties, was warranted to commence from the 31st August 2022, the day on which she 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 Ms Noble does not reoffend under this, or a similar rule again during that period.

Furthermore, Ms Noble was advised Stewards would be referring the matter to the Racing Queensland Apprentice Education Team for additional guidance and assistance.

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

MS Noble was advised of her right to an internal review.