

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Jockey Amanda Thomson

**Date: 22 June 2023**

**Panel: P. Gillard. S. Copelin, A. Holzhauser**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Steward's today inquired into the reason Jockey Ms Amanda Thomson presented herself to ride at Ladbrokes Cairns Jockey Club race meeting Saturday 3 June 2023, and subsequently supplied a breath test which was above the permitted limit. After considering all the evidence, Ms Thomson pleaded guilty to charge under the provisions of:

### **Division 6 – Banned substance offences for riders and horse handlers.**

**AR 138** which reads: Penalty for breach Without limiting any other rules or powers under these Australian Rules, if a person breaches any rule in this Division 6 the person may be penalised by a PRA or the Stewards.

### **AR 139 Offences where riders use banned substances.**

(1) A rider breaches these Australian Rules if:

(a) a banned substance under AR 136 (1) is detected in a sample taken from the rider;

The specifics being that on Saturday 03 June 2023 at the Ladbrokes Cairns Jockey Club race meeting prior to race 3 on the program and after weighing out, supplied a breath test which was over the permitted limit of .02.

In determining penalty, Stewards were mindful of the circumstances of this case, Ms Thomson's forthright evidence, guilty plea, remorsefulness, and relevant penalty precedents.

Subsequently, Ms Thomson was disqualified for a period of three (3) calendar months which commenced 03 June 2023, when originally stood down and to expire at midnight 03 September 2023. Following this Ms Thomson will be required to provide evidence of an alcohol rehabilitation course along with a clear sample before and after re-applying for her license. Further to that Ms Thomson was put on notice of regular breath testing on her return.

Ms Thomson was advised of her right to an RAP external review and the limitations that must be adhered to under the provisions of AR 263 and that of a disqualified person.

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