

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Brooke Mackie

Date: 22 June 2023

Panel: Clayton Warren, Tony Preston & Emily Tickner

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards today conducted an inquiry regarding the results of a urine sample taken from Licensed Track-work rider Ms Brooke Mackie at Toowoomba Turf Club on 1 May 2023 on a morning she had been riding track-work and conducting stable hand duties.

After hearing all submissions Ms Brooke Mackie 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 1 May, 2023 Ms Mackie did, on a morning she had been riding track-work and conducting stable hand duties, 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 Mackie's guilty plea and her clear record in relation to similar rules as well as her personal and financial 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 Mackie but to the industry cohort as a whole.

Subsequently, Stewards determined a six (6) month suspension of Ms Mackie's licence in all respects was warranted in this instance, to commence from the 23 May 2023, the day on which she was stood down, up to and including 23 November 2023. Stewards ordered further that, one (1) month of that suspension would be wholly suspended for a period of two (2) years under the provisions of AR283(5) on the stipulation Ms Mackie provide evidence of successful completion of a recognised drug and alcohol rehabilitation course.

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

Ms Mackie was advised of her right to an appeal.