

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Cameron Creevey

Date: 23 January, 2024

Panel: Clayton Warren, Kieran Dean & Emily Tickner

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards today concluded an inquiry regarding the results of a urine sample taken from Mr Cameron Creevey at Toowoomba Turf Club on 28 August 2023 on a morning he had been riding trackwork.

After hearing all submissions Mr Cameron Creevey 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 28 August, 2023 Mr Creevey did, on a morning he had been riding trackwork at Toowoomba Turf Club, provide a urine sample 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 Creevey's guilty plea and his clear record in relation to similar rules as well as his 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 Mr Creevey but to the industry cohort as a whole.

Subsequently, Stewards determined a six (6) month suspension of Mr Creevey's license in all respects was warranted in this instance, to commence from the 12 October 2023, the day on which he was stood down, up to and including 12 April 2024. 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 Mr Creevey provide evidence of successful completion of a recognised drug awareness and rehabilitation course.

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

Mr Creevey also pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of LR7(b) which reads:

A person shall not:

(b) ride a horse in any race, official trial, jump-out or trackwork;

unless that person is the holder of a current appropriate license, permit or registration issued by the Principal Racing Authority

The particulars of the charge being that on 28 August, 2023 Mr Creevey did ride trackwork, when not the holder of the appropriate License.

Stewards determined that, given the specific circumstances and nature of the breach including Mr Creevey's guilty plea, forthright evidence and his personal and financial circumstances, as well as with consideration to the principle of totality, that no additional penalty was necessary to enable the purposes of taking disciplinary action against a person for a contravention of the rules of racing as per the Racing Integrity Act 2016. Nonetheless, Mr Creevey was advised the breach would be noted against his record.

Mr Creevey was advised of his right to an appeal.