

## **Stewards' Report**

## **Stewards Report: Ms Faith Elliott**

## Date: 31 October 2024

## Panel: Scott Heidke, Brad Tamer & William Wain

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Compliance Assurance Team (CAT) Stewards today inquired into a report provided by the CAT that breath samples provided by licensed rider Ms Faith Elliott at Deagon trackwork on 29 October 2024 were found to contain a banned substance under Australian Rule of Racing 136(1)(a).

After taking evidence from Ms Elliott in relation to the matter, Ms Elliott pleaded guilty to a charge under AR139(1)(a) which reads-

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 particulars of the charge being that Ms Elliott, licensed rider with the QRIC did provide a breath sample at Deagon trackwork that upon analysis was found to contain a banned substance as defined under AR136(1), above the allowable threshold.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered the rider's guilty plea, personal circumstances, forthright evidence, and the relevant penalty precedents.

Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty for the rider be that their licence to ride trackwork be suspended for a period of three (3) weeks commencing at midnight 29 October 2024 and expiring at midnight 20 November 2024.

Ms Elliott was advised of her rights to appeal.