

Stewards Report

Stewards Report: Shannon Apthorpe

Date: 8 May 2025

Panel: Emily Tickner & Clayton Warren

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded an inquiry into licensed Jockey Shannon Apthorpe and his failure to provide a urine sample on Tuesday, 4 March 2025, as directed by the QRIC Stewards.

After considering all of the evidence Stewards issued Mr Apthorpe with a charge pursuant to AR139(1)(b) which read:

The specifics of the charge being that as a licensed Jockey Shannon Apthorpe, on Tuesday, 4 March 2025, a morning he had been riding trackwork and participating in trials at Toowoomba Turf Club, he did refuse to provide a urine sample as directed on that same day as directed by the QRIC Officials.

Mr Apthorpe pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions in relation to penalty.

In determining penalty Stewards gave consideration to the following:

- Seriousness of a breach of AR139(1)(b)
- Negative impact on image of industry
- Relevant Precedent
- Guilty plea
- Disciplinary history
- Mr Apthorpe's forthright evidence and remorse
- Penalty submissions
- Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)
- Racing Integrity Act 2016 (Qld)
- Level of culpability & blameworthiness
- General & Specific deterrence

Mr Apthorpe was subsequently disqualified for a period of (twelve) 12 months, commencing Tuesday, 4 March 2025, the day of which he was stood down from all duties, and to conclude Thursday, 4 March 2026. Stewards further ruled that the final three (3) months of that period 4 December 2025 – 4 March 2026 should be served as a suspension to allow Mr Apthorpe to ride in trackwork on the condition that a urine sample free of any prohibited substances be provided prior to that date. Mr

Apthorpe was also advised regarding the prohibitions on disqualified persons under the provisions of AR263.

Mr Apthorpe was advised of his right to an appeal.