

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Jeffrey McKay

Date: 18/08/2025

Panel: J Adams, B Tamer, O Legg.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded their Inquiry into the authenticity of Health Assessment Results Forms provided by licensed track work rider Mr Jeffrey McKay for the racing seasons 2022/2023, 2023/2024 & 2025/2026. Health Assessments are to be completed and authorised by a general practitioner and must be provided to QRIC on an annual basis for the issuing or renewal of any Trackwork licence.

The evidence established that Mr McKay altered the date of the Health Assessment Results Form provided by his General Practitioner in 2021 for the 2022 and 2023 racing seasons. It also established that Mr McKay altered the date of the Health Assessment Results Form provided by his General Practitioner in 2024 for the 2025 racing season.

After consideration, Stewards issued the following charges.

Charge 1.

AR 229 Corruption, dishonesty and misleading behaviour

(1) A person must not:

(a) engage in any dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent, improper or dishonourable action or practice in connection with racing;

Mr Jeffery McKay a licensed track work rider with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, in contravention of Australian Rule of Racing AR229(1)(a) engaged in fraudulent and improper behaviour in connection with racing.

The particulars of the charge were as follows:

1. Mr McKay was at all relevant times was a licensed track work rider with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission
2. As a requirement of Mr McKay's track work rider license with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, he submitted fraudulent Health Assessment Results Forms for the years 2022 and 2023 by altering the date on the Health Assessment Form completed by his general practitioner from 2021.
3. As a requirement for Mr McKay's track work rider license with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, he submitted a fraudulent Health Assessment Results Form for the year 2025 by altering the date on the form completed by his general practitioner from 2024.
4. Mr McKay's conduct in submitting altered Health Assessment Results Forms was dishonest/ fraudulent and improper; and accordingly in breach of AR229(1)(a).

Charge 2

AR 232 Failure to observe processes and directions of PRAs or Stewards

A person must not:

- (i) give any evidence at an interview, investigation, inquiry, hearing and/or appeal which is false or misleading

On 24 July 2025 during a stewards inquiry, Mr Jeffery McKay a licensed track work rider with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, in contravention of Australian Rule of Racing 232(i) gave evidence at an interview, investigation, inquiry or hearing with Stewards that was false or misleading.

Particulars of the evidence that was false or misleading

1. When asked by Stewards to comment on the allegations that he submitted fraudulent Health Assessment Results Forms to the QRIC licensing department he stated, "I do admit that I did alter the one for this year, but I didn't alter any previous ones"
2. In written correspondence to stewards on 7 August 2025 he wrote "I agree that I changed the dates for the medicals 2022, 2023 and 2025."
3. The evidence of Mr McKay provided to stewards on the 24 July 2025 in that he did not alter the Health Assessment Results Forms for the years 2022 and 2023 submitted to the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission licensing department was false.

Mr McKay plead guilty to both charges.

Stewards considered the evidence and submissions made by Mr McKay, including but not limited to;

1. Mr McKay's record
2. Mitigating factors
3. Personal circumstances.
4. Admission of guilt.
5. Penalty Precedents

When considering an appropriate penalty, stewards view breaches of this kind very seriously, as it can have a detrimental effect on the image of racing, and penalties must serve as a general deterrent to illustrate to the entire racing industry that these activities cannot be condoned.

Charge 1: 12-month disqualification, reduced to 9 months with regards to Mr McKay's guilty plea.

Charge 2: 3-month disqualification, reduced to 2 months with regards to Mr McKay's guilty plea.

Stewards ruled the disqualification periods under AR 283(4) are to be served concurrently, that being Mr McKay be disqualified for a period of nine months, effective midnight 18 August 2025, up to and including 19 May 2026.

Mr McKay was advised of the prohibitions of a disqualified person under Australian Rule of Racing 263 and also advised of his rights to an appeal.