



TRNT Stewards Report - Monday 5th February 2018

Panel: D Hensler (Chairman), D Westover

Venue: Stewards' Room, Darwin Turf Club & Alice Springs Turf Club (via teleconference)

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Australia Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) analyst's report of the urine sample provided by jockey Luke Miller after riding at the Alice Springs Turf Club meeting on Saturday 20th January 2018.

Luke Miller appeared in person and Stewards permitted trainer Paul Gardner to attend in a support role.

Subsequently, jockey L Miller pleaded guilty to a charge under AR81A(1)(a) with the specifics being that as a licensed jockey, the urine sample taken from him at the Alice Springs Turf Club on 20th January 2018 was found upon analysis to contain a substance banned by AR81B, namely furosemide.

In determining penalty stewards took into account the following:

- The seriousness of the offence
- The nature of the banned substance (diuretic) and the high level detected
- His honest explanation that was substantiated by evidence he presented
- His guilty plea
- Jockey Miller's personal circumstances
- That this was his second offence under this rule, with the same banned substance being detected in a sample he provided in August 2017
- The (4) week suspension handed down for the previous offence

Jockey L Miller had his license to ride in races suspended for a period of 10 weeks.

Stewards determined that as he was stood down from riding on 2 February 2018, the term of suspension will expire after 13 April 2018.

Mr Miller was further advised that he must deliver a clear sample to the Stewards in accordance with AR81A (4) prior to being permitted to resume riding track work or in barrier trials. He was also directed that he must consult with an AMO (Approved Medical Officer) to discuss alternative methods for maintaining his riding weight and provide this medical report to the Stewards prior to be given approval to resume riding.

David Hensler
TRNT Chairman of Stewards