



TRNT Stewards Report - Saturday 17th February 2018

Panel: D Westover (Chairman), R Hamilton, B Lysaght

Venue: Stewards' Room - Alice Springs Turf Club

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

Chavas Johnson appeared in person and Stewards permitted trainer Russell Bell to attend in a support role. A written statement was also tendered by ARFL Science Manager Dr A Cawley.

Subsequently, jockey C Johnson 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 20 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 low level detected
- His guilty plea and personal circumstances
- His previous good record with no breaches of this rule

Jockey C Johnson had his license to ride in races suspended for a period of 4 weeks.

Stewards determined that as he was stood down from riding on 9 February, 2018 the term of suspension will expire after 9 March, 2018.

Mr Johnson 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.

David Hensler
TRNT Chairman of Stewards