

Stewards Report
Thursday 19 February, 2015



Panel: D Hensler, L Twomey

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) analyst's report of the urine sample provided on Friday 23 January, 2015 by TNRT licensed track rider Ms Jacqueline Henderson. The analyst reported the presence of methyl amphetamine at a level in excess of the threshold permitted under AR81B.

Evidence was taken from Ms Henderson, her employer trainer Mr D Leech and Mr J Keledjian, General Manager of ARFL.

Ms Henderson subsequently pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 81A(1)(a), the specifics being that during trackwork at the Darwin Turf Club on Friday 23 January, 2015 she did provide a sample of her urine which upon analysis detected the banned substance methyl amphetamine. In determining penalty Stewards took into account:

- The seriousness of the offence
- Ms Henderson's plea of guilty and co-operation at the inquiry
- Her personal circumstances and the circumstances of the offence

Ms Henderson had her licence (in full) suspended for a period of 5 months.

Pursuant to AR 81D Ms Henderson was advised that if she undertakes drug counselling with an approved health professional and provides a written report as to her attendance and compliance with any recommendations arising from the counselling, the Stewards will consider reducing the period of suspension by 2 months. Ms Henderson was further advised that she must deliver a clear sample in accordance with AR 81A (4).

David Hensler
Chairman of Stewards