



## **TRNT Stewards Report – Thursday 17 December, 2020**

Venue – Darwin Turf Club

Panel – D. Hensler & R Hamilton

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) analyst's report of the urine sample provided by track rider Crystal Drake after she rode track work on 2 November, 2020. Evidence was tendered from Ms Drake and ARFL General Manager Mr John Keledjian (via teleconference).

Subsequently Ms Drake pleaded guilty to a charge under Australian Rule of Racing 139(1)(a) with the specifics being that the urine sample taken from her at the Darwin Turf Club racecourse during track work on 2 November, 2020 was detected to have in it a banned substance under AR136(1)(e) namely the stimulant methylhexanamine.

In determining penalty Stewards took into account:

- The seriousness of the offence
- The nature of the banned substance and the low detected level
- Evidence tendered that the likely cause of the reading was from the use of a pre workout supplement
- Her guilty plea and co-operation at the inquiry
- Her personal circumstances

Crystal Drake had her licence suspended for a period of 4 weeks. Stewards ruled that as she was stood down from riding on Wednesday 15 December, 2020 the period of suspension imposed will expire after midnight 12 January, 2021.

Ms Drake was further advised that under the provisions of AR139(4) she must provide a urine sample free of any banned substance prior resuming from the period of suspension.