



TRNT Stewards Report - Tuesday 5th March 2019

Panel: D Hensler (Chairman), D Westover, R Hamilton

Venue: Stewards' Room - Darwin Turf Club

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Australia Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) analyst's report of the urine sample provided by jockey Chavas Johnson at the Alice Springs Turf Club meeting on Sunday 3rd February 2019. The inquiry was conducted via teleconference with Mr Johnson and Steward David Westover present at the Alice Springs Turf Club.

Subsequently, jockey C Johnson pleaded guilty to a charge under AR139(1)(a) with the specifics being that the urine sample taken from him at the abovementioned race meeting was detected to have in it a banned substance under AR136(1)(c)(i) namely cannabis.

In determining penalty Stewards took into account the following:

- The seriousness of the offence
- The nature of the banned substance and the level detected
- His guilty plea and personal circumstances
- His previous breach of the banned substance rule in 2018
- Range of penalties issued for a similar breach in the NT and nationally

Jockey C Johnson had his license to ride in races suspended for a period of 3 months.

Stewards determined that as he was stood down from riding on 4 March, 2019 the term of suspension will expire after 4 June, 2019.

Mr Johnson was further advised that he must deliver a clear sample to the Stewards in accordance with AR139(4) prior to being permitted to resume riding track work or in barrier trials.

David Hensler
TRNT Chairman of Stewards