

TRNT Stewards Report – Darwin Turf Club

Friday 6th July 2018

Panel: D Hensler (Chairman), R Hamilton

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Australia Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) analyst's report of the urine sample provided by jockey Brendan Sweeney after riding at track work at the Darwin Turf on Monday 18th June, 2018.

Brendan Sweeney appeared in person and evidence was taken over the phone from ARFL General Manager Mr John Keledjian.

Subsequently, jockey B Sweeney was found guilty of a charge under AR81A(1)(a) with the specifics being that as a licensed jockey, the urine sample taken from him at the Darwin Turf Club after riding track work on 18th June, 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 level detected
- His personal circumstances
- His previous unblemished record in relation to this rule

<u>Jockey B Sweeney had his license to ride in races suspended for a period of 4 weeks to expire after 3 August, 2018.</u>

Mr Sweeney 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