

Sunday 7th February, 2016



Stewards Report

Panel: D Westover, M Hurley, B Lysaght, B Watling

Stewards today opened an inquiry into the analytical results from a urine sample provided by Jockey Craig Moon on Tuesday 19th February 2016 at Pioneer Park Race-course, and his failure to provide a medical certificate as directed by the Stewards confirming an injury he had supposedly sustained on the morning of the 16th January resulting in him having to forfeit his riding engagements for that day. Stewards had directed this course of action as Mr Moon had forfeited rides at a number of Alice Springs race meetings over recent months.

Evidence was taken from C Moon and certificates of analysis tendered by ARFL Sydney.

In relation to the analysis of his urine sample, C Moon pleaded guilty to a charge under AR81A(1)(a). The specifics of the charge being that the urine sample provided by him on the 19th January 2016, upon analysis from the AUSTRALIAN RACING FORENSIC LABORATORY detected the presence of CANNABIS METABOLITES, a substance banned under AR81B when at a concentration above the applicable cut off level.

C Moon had his licence to ride in races suspended from 28TH January 2016 (backdated from the day Stewards stood him down) up until and including the 28TH July (6 months). In considering penalty Stewards took into account his honesty through the proceedings but also that this was his third breach of this rule during his career.

Pursuant to AR 81D Mr Moon was advised that if he undertakes drug counselling with an approved health professional and provides a written report as to his attendance and compliance with any recommendations arising from the counselling, the Stewards will consider reducing the period of suspension by up to 6 weeks. He was further advised that he must provide a urine sample free of any banned substance prior to being permitted to ride track work in accordance with AR81A(4).

In relation to C Moon not providing a medical certificate for an injury supposedly sustained on the morning of the 16th January, C Moon pleaded guilty to a charge under AR.175(p) for failing to obey a direction of the Stewards.

C Moon had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period of 1 month. Stewards ruled that this penalty be served concurrently with the suspension imposed for the breach of AR81A(1)(a).

He was further advised of his rights of appeal on both decisions.

D Westover