



TRNT Stewards' Report – Friday 8 April, 2016

Venue – Darwin Turf Club

Panel – D. Hensler & A. Napier

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) analyst's report of the urine sample provided by jockey Scott WESTOVER after he rode at the Alice Springs Turf Club meeting at Pioneer Park on 27 February, 2016.

Evidence was taken from jockey S Westover via teleconference (as he resides in Alice Springs). Subsequently jockey S Westover pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 81A(1)(a), the specifics being that during the abovementioned racemeeting he did provide a sample of his urine which upon analysis detected the banned substance phentermine.

In determining penalty Stewards took into account:

- The seriousness of the offence
- The nature of the banned substance (anorectic) and the high detected level
- The explanation provided for the consumption of the banned substance which is a prescription only medication and was not prescribed by a medical practitioner for jockey S Westover's use
- Previous suspension issued in September 2014 for a breach of the same rule
- Plea of guilty and remorse for his actions
- His personal circumstances

Jockey S Westover had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period of 6 weeks.

Stewards ruled that as he was stood down from riding on Thursday 7 April, 2016, the period of suspension imposed will expire after midnight 19 May, 2016.

Jockey S Westover was further advised that under the provisions of AR 81A(1)(4) he must provide a urine sample free of any banned substance prior to being permitted to ride trackwork or in trials.