

## STEWARDS INQUIRY DECISION

**Date of Decision:** 7 August 2019

**Stewards Panel:** Racing Integrity Stewards - D Tyson, B Plunkett, T North

**Name:** Ms Ruby-Rose Stubbs

**Date:** 19 June 2019

**Rule no:** AR 140(1)(a)

**Charge(s):** Ms Stubbs whilst licensed as a stable-hand and undertaking horse handling duties at Seven Mile Beach on 19 June 2019 was found to have the presence of banned substances in a urine sample provided

**Prohibited Substance:** 11-nor-delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol-9-carboxylic-acid

**Inquiry Decision:** Ms Stubbs stable-hands licence was suspended for a period of three months.

### FACTS:

Ms Stubbs whilst licensed as a stable-hand and undertaking horse handling duties at Seven Mile Beach on 19 June 2019 was found to have the presence of banned substances in a urine sample provided

### INQUIRY:

On 19 June 2019, Office of racing Integrity (ORI) Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analyst's results.

Submissions were made by Ms Stubbs. After considering all the evidence presented, Stewards issued a charge under Australian Rule of Racing 140(1) (a) which reads:

### **AR140 Offences where horse handlers use banned substances**

(1) A horse handler breaches these Australian Rules if:

(a) A banned substance under AR 137(1) is detected in a sample taken from the horse handler.

### DECISION:

In taking this disciplinary action, the Stewards considered all evidence, including:

- Ms Stubbs has been a registered stablehand for approximately six years
- Ms Stubbs has no prior history
- Ms Stubbs admission at the earliest opportunity
- Ms Stubbs personal circumstances

Stewards also took into account that the penalty must act as a specific deterrent to Ms Stubbs and a general deterrent to the racing industry.

Ms Stubbs stablehand licence was suspended for a period of three months backdated to commence on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2019.

Ms Stubbs was advised of her right to appeal.

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