

STEWARDS INQUIRY DECISION

- Date of Decision:** 23rd January 2020
- Stewards Panel:** T North (Chairman), S Quill, D Tyson
- Name:** Mr Kyle Maskiell
- Track/Race:** Longford Race Course
- Rule no:** **AR 139 Offences where riders use banned substances**
(1) A rider breaches these Australian Rules if:
(a) a banned substance under AR 136(1) is detected in a sample taken from the rider;
- Charge(s):** The particulars of the charge being that on 18 December 2019 he provided a urine sample after riding track-work at the Longford Race Course which upon analysis was found to contain banned substances under the rules of racing.
- Prohibited Substance:** Cannabinol and Benzoyllecgonine
- Inquiry Decision:** Mr Maskiell's licence to ride track-work was suspended for a period of 3 months back dated to the date he was stood down 4 January 2020 and expire 4 April 2020. Mr Maskiell was advised that he is not permitted to commence any horse handling duties until he provides a urine sample free of any prohibited substance. Mr Maskiell was further advised that he must provide a urine sample free of any prohibited substance prior to resuming riding track-work.

INQUIRY:

Stewards questioned licensed track work rider Mr Kyle Maskiell regarding the notification from Racing and Analytical Services that a urine sample taken from Mr Maskiell after riding trackwork at the Longford Race Course on the 18th of December 2019 returned positive to Cannabinol and Benzoyllecgonine, these being banned substances under the provisions of AR136(1). On that day Mr Maskiell was observed by Stewards riding a registered thoroughbred.

DECISION:

In making a decision in regards to penalty, Stewards considered the following factors: Mr Maskiell's guilty plea, his cooperation and forthright evidence during the inquiry as well as his personal circumstances and for the penalty to act as a general deterrence to other industry participants.

Mr Maskiell's licence to ride track-work was suspended for a period of 3 months. Mr Maskiell was advised that he is not permitted to commence any horse handling duties until he provides a urine sample free of any prohibited substance. Mr Maskiell was further advised that he must provide a urine sample free of any prohibited substance prior to resuming riding track-work.

Having taken into account the period Mr Maskiell was stood down pending this inquiry Stewards ordered the suspensions be backdated to the date that he was stood down, the 4th of January 2020 and expire midnight the 4th of April 2020.