

STEWARDS INQUIRY DECISION

Date of Decision:	Monday 23 September 2019
Stewards Panel:	Racing Integrity Stewards D.Tyson, L. Lord, H. Edgecombe
Name:	Mr John Hall
Date:	19 June 2019
Rule no:	AR 140(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr John Hall 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, d-amphetamine methamphetamine
Inquiry Decision:	Mr Hall's stable-hands licence was suspended for a period of three months.

FACTS:

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INQUIRY:

On 23 September 2019, Office of racing Integrity (ORI) Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analyst's results.

Submissions were made by Mr John Hall. 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.

Mr John Hall pleaded guilty to the charge at the earliest opportunity.

DECISION:

The following submissions were taken into consideration when assessing penalty

- Personal circumstances
- 28 years employment in the industry
- Clean record
- Forthright evidence

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

After consideration of those factors Mr Hall's stable-hands licence was suspended for a period of three months, backdated to commence on the 10th of July 2019 at which time he was stood down from horse handling duties. Mr Hall was further notified that he must provide a clear sample of his urine prior to being re-licensed to undertake horse handling duties.

Mr Hall was advised of his right to appeal.

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