

DECISION

Of

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards

Regarding

Paul Randall

Delivered on: 11 May 2026

Panel: Mr S Heidke (Chairperson), Mr B Tamer, Mr R Jackson

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded inquiries into bets placed on thoroughbred races via a betting account registered to Paul Randall, being a licensed jockey, between 18 January 2024 – 22 June 2024 and 2 July 2025 – 6 August 2025.

After considering the evidence, the Stewards' Panel, comprising Mr Scott Heidke, Mr Brad Tamer, and Mr Ryan Jackson, issued two (2) charges pursuant to the Australian Rules of Racing. Mr Randall entered a plea of "guilty" to Charge 1 and a plea of "no contest" to Charge 2, with the Panel making the following findings in respect of each charge:

CHARGE 1:

Issued pursuant to Rule 115(1)(c) of the Australian Rules of Racing, which provides:

A jockey or apprentice jockey must not bet, or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet, on any thoroughbred race or contingency relating to thoroughbred racing in any jurisdiction anywhere in the world.

The particulars of Charge 1 were as follows:

"Between 18 January 2024 and 22 June 2024, a total of 42 bets amounting to \$816.00 were placed on Thoroughbred races using a betting account number 134586450 registered in your name with Sportsbet while you were a licensed jockey."

Plea

Guilty

Findings

The Stewards accepted Mr Randall's guilty plea, and formally found the charge proven.

CHARGE 2:

Issued pursuant to Rule 115(1)(c) of the Australian Rules of Racing, which relevantly provides:

A jockey or apprentice jockey must not bet, or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet, on any thoroughbred race or contingency relating to thoroughbred racing in any jurisdiction anywhere in the world.

The particulars of Charge 2 were as follows:

“Between 2 July 2025 and 30 August 2025, a total of 15 bets amounting to \$190.00 were placed on Thoroughbred races using a betting account number 132413842 registered in your name with Sportsbet while you were a licensed jockey.”

Plea

No contest

Findings

Stewards approached the determination on the basis that the charge was not contested. Upon consideration of the evidence, Stewards make the following findings in relation to Charge 2:

- The wagering records reveal that 15 bets amounting to \$190.00 were placed on Thoroughbred races using a betting account in Mr Randall’s name with Sportsbet.
- Licensing record reveals that at the relevant time Mr Randall was a jockey licensed by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission.

Stewards were reasonably satisfied that on the balance of probabilities, as per the requisite Briginshaw standard, that between 2 July 2025 and 30 August 2025, Mr. Randall, a licensed jockey bound by the Australian Rules of Racing, did bet, or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet, on any thoroughbred race or contingency relating to thoroughbred racing in any jurisdiction anywhere in the world, as evidenced by the 15 bets amounting to \$190.00 placed on thoroughbred races using a betting account registered in the name Paul Randall name with Sportsbet, and as such, formally find the charge proven.

Charge Defence Submissions:

Stewards considered submissions from Mr Randall in relation to the charges.

Penalty Submissions:

Stewards found Mr Randall guilty of the charges and considered written submissions from Mr Randall in relation to penalty.

Stewards Finding on Penalty:

Stewards considered Mr Randall's personal circumstances and the impact that a penalty may have upon himself and his business.

The bets placed by Mr Randall were not on races that he participated in as a jockey

The penalty issued by Stewards must act as both a general deterrent to the wider industry and as a specific deterrent to Mr Randall.

Mr Randall's plea of guilty and no contest.

Conduct during the inquiries was considered, along with his personal circumstances and disciplinary history.

Relevant precedents were also considered, particularly matters that were similar in nature, being:

QRIC Decision Brad Stewart 11 July 2024, suspension of Mr Stewart's licence to ride in races and barrier trials for a period of two (2) months. As a dual license holder, Stewards elected not to take any restrictive action against his training privileges.

QRIC Decision Corey Bayliss 9 December 2024 suspension of Mr Bayliss' licence to ride in races for a period of five (5) months.

The Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld) was also considered, particularly the human right of privacy and reputation, and the impact that any penalty may have on Mr Randall.

Accordingly, Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty to be a suspension of Mr Randall's licence to ride in races, barrier trials and trackwork for a period of six (6) months.

Acting under the provisions of AR283(5), three (3) months of the penalty is wholly suspended under the proviso that a breach of AR 115(1)(c) does not occur whilst Mr Randall is the holder of a jockey license. .

Stewards ordered that the suspension commence as of midnight 15 May 2026 and expire midnight 15 August 2026.

Whilst noting that Mr Randall also currently holds a thoroughbred trainer's licence, Stewards elected not to take any restrictive action against his training privileges.

Against this Stewards decision Mr Randall was advised of his rights to appeal this decision to the Racing Appeal Panel within three (3) business days pursuant to section 252AB(2) of the Racing Integrity Act 2016.