

Media release

QRIC rejects complaint after Gunsynd Classic

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The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) has rejected a complaint following the running of race 7, the Ascot Green Gunsynd Classic at Eagle Farm on Saturday 29 April.

The connections of Violate, the second placed horse in the race, lodged a complaint with the Commission earlier this week, calling for placings to be reversed after the winning jockey was suspended for a contravention of the whip rule.

QRIC Commissioner Ross Barnett said the connections and/or the rider of Violate did not lodge a protest prior to the signalling of correct weight.

“Head QRIC thoroughbred Steward Allan Reardon has considered the connections’ complaint, and the rules are clear that any protest must be made before correct weight as required in AR 165, therefore the placings for Saturday’s race 7 at Eagle Farm will stand,” Mr Barnett said.

“A panel of experienced stewards observed the race in question from vantage points at the Eagle Farm race track and saw nothing of concern in the running of the race.

“When it came to the Stewards’ attention the winning jockey, Tiffany Brooker may have breached the whip rule, stewards conducted an inquiry as soon as possible.

“After viewing the footage of the race, Stewards found the winning jockey guilty of breaching rule 137A(5)(a) and determined that the breach did not affect the outcome of the race.

“Ms Brooker was found guilty, suspended for seven days and fined \$2000.

“I am supportive of the actions of Stewards on Saturday, it is a routine occurrence for Stewards to review the race when they return to the Stewards’ room after correct weight and inquire into any possible breaches of the rules of racing,” Mr Barnett said.

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