

## Stewards' Report

**Stewards Report: Tim Hurley** 

Date: 14 February 2020

Panel: P Chadwick, D Aurisch & P Zimmermann

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into complaints received concerning Mr Hurley's conduct towards licensed persons.

After considering evidence from Mr Hurley and other licensed participants, Mr Hurley was issued with two charges under AR 228 (b) which reads

## AR 228

A person must not engage in:

(b) misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour;

The particulars of the charges are as follows:

## Charge 1

On an unspecified date between May and June 2019 at the Deagon Training Complex he engaged in unseemly behaviour when you made an inappropriate action and inappropriate comment towards a licensed person

Mr Hurley pleaded guilty to Charge 1.

In determining penalty in regard to charge 1, Stewards took into account Mr Hurley's disciplinary record, his guilty plea, the nature and seriousness of the charges and that any penalty should be a deterrent to the industry so as to not engage in this type of behaviour.

Subsequently in relation to Charge 1, Mr Hurley was disqualified for a period of 6 months.

## Charge 2

In that between July 2019 and August 2019, you sent inappropriate text messages to a licensed person

After considering all the evidence, Mr Hurley was found guilty to Charge 2

In determining penalty in regard to charge 2, Stewards took into account Mr Hurley's disciplinary record, the nature and seriousness of the charges and that any penalty should be a deterrent to the industry so as to not engage in this type of behaviour.

Subsequently in relation to Charge 2, Mr Hurley was disqualified for a period of 6 months.

Stewards ordered that both penalties be served concurrently.

Furthermore, acting under AR 283 (7) Stewards deferred the commencement of the penalties for a period of 7 days to allow for Mr Hurley to provide adequate care to his horses and make arrangements for the horses to be transferred to new Trainers, subject to the approval of the Stewards.

As such, the period of disqualification will commence on midnight 21 February 2020 until midnight 21 August 2020.

Mr Hurley was advised of his rights to an Internal Review.