

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Zoe White

Date: 02/04/2020

Panel: J Adams, T Hudson, E Suli (Cadet)

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into apprentice Jockey Zoe White failing to adhere with a direction to self-quarantine given by stewards.

It was ascertained that Apprentice White was directed by QRIC stewards to self-quarantine in the Central Zone 6 from midnight 30 March 2020 to midnight 13 April 2020 before returning to Metro South West Zone 2, the Zone of her master trainer Beau Gorman. Apprentice White failed to follow that direction and rode trackwork at Rockhampton Jockey Club on the morning of 1 April 2020.

After considering all of the evidence, Miss White was issued with a charge pursuant to AR 232(B) which states:

A person must not:

(b) fail or refuse to comply with an order, direction or requirement of the Stewards or an official;

The specifics of the charge being that Zoe White as a licensed apprentice, failed to comply with a direction to self-quarantine given by the Stewards on the 30th March 2020, by attending and participating at trackwork at the Rockhampton Jockey Club on Wednesday 1 April 2020.

Apprentice White pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions in regard to penalty.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards took into account Apprentice Whites record and guilty plea. However, stewards also took into account that her negligent actions put the health, safety and livelihoods of the entire industry at risk.

Apprentice White was subsequently disqualified for a period of six (6) months to commence 2 April 2020 and to conclude 2 October 2020.

Apprentice White was advised of the restrictions of AR263.

She was made aware of her right to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.