

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Rebecca Goldsbury

Date: 14/09/2020

Panel: R Hitchener, J Childs & B McErlean

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards today resumed and concluded the inquiry into Jockey Rebecca Goldsbury's riding of ABITOFACARD in Race 1 at the Toowoomba Turf Club meeting on 1 August 2020.

On 1 August 2020, Jockey Goldsbury was issued with a charge under AR 129(2) which reads-

A rider must take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that the rider's horse is given full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible place in the field

The particulars of the charge were-

1. Upon straightening, after Jockey Goldsbury elected to shift to the inside of Calculated Risk, where there always remained clear running, for a number of strides she failed to ride with sufficient purpose and vigour, when reasonable and permissible to do so, to improve to the inside of that runner, before electing to shift outwards behind Calculated Risk near the 150m, which resulted in her mount becoming held up;
2. Further after leaving the 100m, after briefly shifting to the inside of Calculated Risk, she immediately shifted away from a clear run to the inside of that runner when it was reasonable and permissible for her to continue to improve to the inside of Calculated Risk.

Prior to entering a plea to the charge Stewards acceded to a request from Jockey Goldsbury to have the matter adjourned so she could consider the charge issued against her.

At the resumed inquiry on 8 August 2020, Jockey Goldsbury sought legal representation at the inquiry. After considering the submissions given regarding this matter the panel ruled under AR 281(1) that Jockey Goldsbury would not be entitled to legal representation and therefore her request was denied.

Subsequently, Jockey Goldsbury sought a further adjournment to allow her to provide submissions with respect to the charge. Stewards acceded to this request.

At today's inquiry, Jockey Goldsbury entered a plea of not guilty in relation to the charge issued against her.

Stewards today considered evidence tendered by Jockey Goldsbury and Abitofacard's Trainer Mr Charlie Henry.

After considering the evidence in its totality the Stewards found Jockey Goldsbury guilty of the charge.

When considering the matter of penalty, Stewards were mindful of Jockey Goldsbury's disciplinary record in relation to matters such as these with this being her 2nd breach of this nature. Stewards also considered Jockey Goldsbury's personal circumstances. The Stewards panel recognised a need for a penalty to reflect that her riding fell well short of a reasonable standard. Stewards were also mindful of the penalty precedents and the negative impact such actions have on the perception of the industry and the serious connotations that flow from a breach of this rule.

After considering all the above-mentioned matters Jockey Goldsbury's licence to ride in races suspended for a period of two months to commence on midnight 23 September 2020 and expire on midnight 23 November 2020.

Jockey Goldsbury was advised of her rights regarding an Internal Review