

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Matthew Milford

Date: 25th September 2020

Panel: J Adams, T Hudson and C Allison.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into Jockey Matthew Milford failing to adhere to the conditions of his disqualification by riding track work and being present at a registered stable complex.

It was ascertained that on the morning of the 18th September 2020, during a stable inspection of licensed trainer Shane Sigvart, Jockey Milford was found to be mounted on a registered thoroughbred.

After considering all the evidence, Jockey Milford was issued with two charges.

Charge 1

Pursuant to AR263(1)(b) which states:

A person must not unless otherwise authorised by the PRA which imposed a disqualification (and upon such conditions as that PRA may in its discretion impose), a person disqualified under these Australian Rules must not, during the period of that disqualification enter upon any training premises, complex or establishment of a PRA, Club or licensed person.

The specifics of the charge being that Matthew Milford as a disqualified Jockey, failed to comply with the conditions of disqualification handed down by Stewards on the 14th May 2020, by being present at the registered stable complex of Trainer Shane Sigvart.

Charge 2

Pursuant to 263(1)(j) which states:

Unless otherwise authorised by the PRA which imposed a disqualification (and upon such conditions as that PRA may in its discretion impose), a person disqualified under these Australian Rules must not, during the period of that disqualification, participate in any way in the preparation for racing or training of any horse.

The specifics of the charge being that Matthew Milford as a disqualified jockey, failed to comply with the conditions of disqualification handed down by Stewards on the 14th May 2020, by riding trackwork on a registered thoroughbred at the stable complex of Trainer Shane Sigvart.

Jockey Milford pleaded guilty to both charges and made submissions regarding penalty.

Penalty

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards considered Jockey Milford's record and guilty plea.

Acting under the provisions AR263(4) Stewards ordered the period of disqualification from 14th May 2020 to recommence to start 18th September 2020 and to conclude midnight 18th June 2020.

Furthermore, Jockey Milford was disqualified for a period of six (6) months for charge one (1) and twelve (12) months for charge (2).

Acting under ARAR283(4) Stewards ordered that the penalties are to be served concurrently with the recommencement of Mr Milford's original breach to commence 18th September 2020 and to conclude 18th September 2021.

Mr Milford was advised of the restrictions of AR263 and was made aware of his right to an internal review into the findings of the Stewards.