

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Joshua Morrow

Date: 25 January 2021

Panel: L Hicks, R Hitchener, B McErlean

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry regarding alleged betting activities by Mr Joshua Morrow whilst licensed as an apprentice Jockey with the QRIC.

After considering all the evidence Mr Joshua Morrow was issued with a charge under the provisions of AR 115 (1)(c) which reads:

***A jockey or apprentice jockey must not: –***

***(c) bet, or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet, on any race.***

The specifics of the charge being that whilst licensed as an Apprentice jockey with the QRIC did place 65 bets totaling \$8,807 on Thoroughbred races between the dates of 26 April 2020 – 24 June 2020, via betting accounts held in his name.

Stewards confirmed that each of the bets were at various venues, at infrequent intervals, and were not placed on any race in which Mr Joshua Morrow had ridden.

When considering an appropriate penalty, Stewards also considered Mr Morrow's forthright evidence and guilty plea. Notwithstanding that Stewards also considered volume of bets placed, previous penalties for breaches of this rule.

Stewards view breaches of this kind very seriously as it can have a detrimental effect of the image of racing. Penalties must serve as a general deterrent to illustrate to the entire racing industry that these activities cannot be condoned.

The Stewards imposed a (4) month suspension of his current licence in full commencing midnight 25 January 2021 and to expire 25 April 2021.

Mr Morrow was advised of his rights to an internal review.