

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Sarah Gilbert

**Date: 25 January 2021**

**Panel: R. Hitchener, L. Hicks & B. McErlean**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into an incident which occurred at Clifford Park Racecourse, Toowoomba, on the morning of 31 October 2020, involving track work rider Ms. S Gilbert and another trackwork rider.

After considering the evidence tendered, Ms. Gilbert pleaded guilty to a charge under Australian Rule of Racing 228(b) which reads:

***AR.228 Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing***

*A Person must not engage in:*

*(b) misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour*

The specifics of the charge being that Ms Sarah Gilbert, licensed track work rider with QRIC, on the morning of 31 October 2020, in the vicinity of the tie up stalls at the Toowoomba Turf Club, did act improperly by making forceful physical conduct with another trackwork rider by way of pushing him in the chest.

When considering an appropriate penalty, Stewards considered Ms. Gilbert's guilty plea, prior good record and personal circumstances. Stewards also considered penalty precedents and that breaches of this rule have a negative impact on the image of the industry. Ms Gilbert was subsequently fined \$1000 with \$750 of said fine suspended for a period of 2 years on the proviso that Ms Gilbert does not breach this rule or any similar rule during the period or suspension.

Ms. Gilbert was advised of her right to an internal review.