

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr Michael Costa (Trainer)

Date: 6 November 2020

Panel: P. Gillard, P. Chadwick, A. Turner

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the reason trainer Mr M. Costa allowed persons to ride trackwork at the Gold Coast Turf Club between 19 August 2019 and 2 October 2019, and again on the 6 July and 7 July 2020, when they were not the holder of the appropriate licence to do so. After considering all submissions Mr Costa pleaded guilty to two charges under;

LR.43. Unlicensed person not to be employed

Unless with the permission of the Principal Racing Authority a Trainer shall not employ an unlicensed person or allow an unlicensed person to work in or about any training establishment in any role involving the training working or custody or management of any racehorse trained, owned or leased by him.

The specifics of the two (2) charges being:

1. Between 19 August 2019 and 2 October 2019, Mr Costa allowed an unlicensed person, being Mr Dylan Dean, to work in or about a training establishment in a role involving the training and working of racehorses trained by himself, in that he allowed Mr Dean to undertake trackwork riding at the Gold Coast Turf Club; and
2. On 6 July 2020 and 7 July 2020, Mr Costa allowed an unlicensed person, being Mr Damien Boutet, to work in or about a training establishment in a role involving the training and working of racehorses trained by himself, in that he allowed Mr Boutet to undertake trackwork riding at the Gold Coast Turf Club. Mr Costa was fined the sum of \$200 on each charge.

Mr Costa was made aware of his right to an appeal against the findings of the Stewards.