

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Nick Trimble

Date: 10 February 2020

Panel: C Allison, J Adams, E Suli.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) stewards inquired into an incident which occurred following the running of race two, the Thank You Leon Roberts Benchmark 55 Handicap at the Emerald Jockey Club on the 6th of February 2021. Evidence of the incident was tendered by witnesses and evidence was taken from stable-hand Mr Nick Trimble.

After considering all the evidence, Mr Trimble was issued with a charge under the provisions of AR228(b), which reads: "A person must not engage in misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour."

The specifics of the charge being that Nick Trimble, a licensed stable-hand with the Queensland Racing and Integrity Commission, did on the 6th of February 2021 following the running of Race two at the Emerald Jockey Club, the Thank You Leon Roberts Benchmark 55 Handicap, conduct himself in an improper manner; while unsaddling DIRT RICH in that he forcibly struck DIRT RICH once in the region of the girth.

Mr Trimble pleaded guilty to the charge.

When considering an appropriate penalty, stewards view breaches of this kind very seriously, as it can have a detrimental effect on the image of racing, and penalties must serve as a general deterrent to illustrate to the entire racing industry that this type of activity will not be condoned. Stewards also took into account previous penalty precedents for breaches of this rule.

Stewards imposed a three (3) month disqualification of Mr Trimble's stable-hand licence to commence on the 10 February 2021, and to conclude on the 10 May 2021.

Mr Trimble was advised of his rights of appeal.