

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Paul Randall

Date: 20 September 2021

Panel: J Adams and C Allison.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into an alleged incident at the Tambo racecourse on 29 May 2021 prior to the running of race five involving Jockey Paul Randall.

It was alleged after being loaded into the barriers prior to the running of race five, Jockey Paul Randall counselled another rider to interfere with High Cost, which the rider declined to do so.

Stewards also noted that Jockey Randall was charged with careless riding following the running of Race five in that he dictated terms to inside runners nearing the 1300m with Burden, High Cost and Mishani Blossom all being restrained.

After considering all of the evidence, Mr Randall was issued with a charge pursuant to AR 227(b) which states:

Breaches of the rules without limiting any other powers, a PRA or the Stewards may penalise any person who:

(b) attempts to commit, aids, abets, counsels, procures, connives at, approaches or requests another person to commit, conspires with another person to commit, or is a party to another person who commits, a breach of the Rules.

The specifics of the charge being that Paul Randall as a licensed Jockey with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission at the Tambo racecourse on 29 May 2021 whilst loaded in the barriers prior to the running of race five, counselled another rider to commit a breach of the rules, namely AR129(3).

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(3) Except where the safety of any horse or rider in a race requires otherwise, every horse must be ridden in such a manner to benefit only its own best interests and not to the advantage of any other horse or rider.

Jockey Randall pleaded not guilty to the charge but made no submissions in regard to penalty.

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 and general public that these

activities cannot be condoned. Such actions show dangerous disregard to both Jockey and horse welfare and any such penalty must give rider confidence that they can compete without the fear of others intentionally causing harm. Stewards also considered previous penalties for breaches of this rule.

Jockey Randall was subsequently disqualified for a period of eighteen (18) months to commence 20 September 2021 and to conclude 20 March 2023.

Paul Randall was advised of the restrictions of AR263 and was made aware of his right to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.