

## Stewards' Report

### Stewards Report: Jockey Nathan Fazackerley

**Date: 29 April 2022**

**Panel: Clayton Warren**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into circumstances that led to Jockey Nathan Fazackerley riding at the Dalby race meeting on the 23 April 2022, whilst serving a suspension for careless riding.

After taking submissions from Jockey Fazackerley, and considering the circumstances by which he came to ride at the meeting, the QRIC Stewards charged Jockey Fazackerley under the provisions of AR266(1) which reads:

*Unless otherwise ordered, during the period of a rider's suspension the rider cannot ride in any race, official trial, jump-out or trackwork, except if the terms of the rider's suspension are that the rider is suspended from riding in races only.*

The particulars being that Jockey Nathan Fazackerley, did breach the conditions of a ten (10) day suspension incurred at Ipswich on the 6 April 2022 for careless riding, by riding the following runners at Dalby on 23 April 2022:

Race 1- Maiden Plate 1400m- *THE GROUSE*

Race 6- QTIS 3yo Maiden Handicap 800m- *SPIRIT OF QUIN*

Race 7- Maiden Plate 1788m- *VENOMOUS*

In determining penalty, Stewards considered the circumstances of the incident, Jockey Fazackerley's guilty plea, and also that he had applied for a stay of proceedings with the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) on 20 April 2022. It was established, however, that the application had not been processed and/or forwarded to the QRIC for review prior to his riding at Dalby.

Stewards were also mindful of the serious nature of Jockey Fazackerley's breach and the necessity for any penalty to act as not only a specific deterrent but to the

industry cohort as a whole to ensure the conditions of suspensions are respected and adhered to.

Jockey Fazackerley was subsequently fined \$2000.

Stewards did consider the matter as pertains to AR270, however elected not to issue any charge under that rule in this instance.

He was advised of his right to an internal review.

Additionally, Stewards intend to review the matter further and implement any necessary measures to mitigate the opportunity for such an occurrence to eventuate again in the future.