

Stewards Report: Garry Smith & Bradley Smith

Date: 8 December 2022

Panel: Clayton Warren & Tony Preston

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the events which occurred on the morning of 7 December 2022 where it was alleged Mr Garry Smith had engaged in stable-hand duties for Trainer Bradley Smith when not the holder of an appropriate license.

After considering all the evidence, the following charges were issued to Mr Bradley & Garry Smith:

Mr Bradley Smith

Charge One (1) Under the provisions of LR43 which reads:

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 charge being that Mr Bradley Smith did engage an unlicensed person, Mr Garry Smith, to perform the stable-hand duties of assisting in the swimming of a horse trained by him at the Ipswich Turf Club on the morning of 7 December 2022.

Mr Smith was found guilty of the charge and fined the sum of \$200.

Charge Two (2) Under the provisions of AR232(b) which reads:

A person must not fail or refuse to comply with an order, direction, or requirement of the Stewards or an official.

The specifics of the charge being that Mr Bradley Smith did engage an unlicensed person, Mr Garry Smith, to perform the stable-hand duties of assisting in the swimming of a horse trained by him at the Ipswich Turf Club on the morning of 7 December 2022 and in doing so did fail to comply with a Stewards direction issued on the 25 July, 2022 and again on the 8 November 2022 to cease and desist permitting or engaging unlicensed persons to perform stable-hand duties.

Mr Smith was found guilty of the charge and fined the sum of \$2000, \$1500 of which was wholly suspended for a period of two (2) years.

Mr Garry Smith was charged under the provisions of AR227(a) which reads:

Without limiting any other powers, a PRA or the Stewards may penalise any person who commits any breach of the Rules or engages in conduct or negligence which has led or could have led to a breach of the Rules.

The specifics of the charge being that on the morning of 7 December 2022, at the Ipswich Turf Club, Mr Smith did engage in conduct, namely performing stable-hand duties by assisting in the swimming of a horse trained by Mr Bradley Smith, whilst not the holder of an appropriate license to do so resulting in a breach of **LR43** occurring.

Mr Smith pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined the sum of \$200, wholly suspended for a period of two (2) years.

In determining the penalties Stewards were mindful of the need to ensure that all persons engaging in the duties of licensees are the holders of the appropriate licenses to do so for the purposes of ensuring the integrity of the industry and welfare of the animals involved as well as the need for Stewards directions to be adhered to ensure the integrity of the industry is preserved.

Both parties were advised of their right to an internal review into the decisions.