

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr Jaden Lloyd and Mr Jeff Lloyd

Date: 11 January 2024

Panel: P Zimmermann and J Adams.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an Inquiry regarding the circumstances as to why Mr Jaden Lloyd was found to have in his possession in the jockey's room a mobile phone at Eagle Farm Racecourse on 28 December 2022. After initial evidence the Inquiry was adjourned to allow Mr Jaden Lloyd's phone to be analysed. Upon resumption and when considering the evidence in its entirety the following charges were issued. Stewards issued Jaden Lloyd with the following 2 charges.

Charge 1 – AR 218(4) Without the permission of the Stewards, a person (including but not limited to a jockey) must not:

(b) have in that person's possession in the jockey's room;

any mobile telephone, tablet, radio transmitter, radio transceiver or any other appliance, apparatus, instrument, or equipment capable of receiving or transmitting information.

The particulars of the charge being that between 22 October 2022 and 28 December 2022, Jaden Lloyd did have in his possession a mobile phone on 18 occasions whilst in the jockey's room. This fact cannot be disputed as the evidence relied upon was extracted from his phone.

Mr Jaden Lloyd pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions on penalty.

Stewards when considering the grouse breach of the rule and after giving thought to the totality of the offence issued Mr Jaden Lloyd with a \$2000 fine.

Charge 2 - AR 218 No transmission of certain information in certain areas at racecourses

(4) Without the permission of the Stewards, a person (including but not limited to a jockey) must not:

(c) use in the jockey's room, any mobile telephone, tablet, radio transmitter, radio transceiver or any other appliance, apparatus, instrument, or equipment capable of receiving or transmitting information.

The particulars of the charge being that at Eagle Farm Racecourse on Wednesday 28 December 2022 and following Race 7, Apprentice Jaden Lloyd was found to have in his possession a mobile phone whilst in the jockey's room. Stewards acting under AR22(1)(d) and after taking possession of the mobile phone for further examination adjourned the inquiry. Stewards later concluded that between 22 October 2022 and 28 December 2022, Mr

Jaden Lloyd a licensed apprentice jockey with the QRIC did use a mobile phone on 76 occasions whilst in the jockey's room.

Mr Jaden Lloyd pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions on penalty.

Stewards when considering the evidence in its entirety, which also include a review of wagering accounts and financial documents provided by Jaden Lloyd were satisfied that whilst a breach of the rules had occurred the retrievable evidence primarily relates to text messages between Mr Jeff Lloyd and his son regarding matters of a generic nature. Stewards however note that some service information was unable to be extracted and tested during this Inquiry.

When considering penalty Stewards considered Mr Jaden Lloyd's disciplinary history which included a previous breach for having a mobile phone in the jockey's room, his personal circumstances, forthright evidence, similar cases, the fact that he was an apprentice at the time and his guilty plea. However, Stewards need to be mindful that Mr Jaden Lloyd breached an important rule which regulates the conduct of jockeys whilst undertaking their duties and one which serves to neutralise any negative perception that might arise due to riders having access to a mobile telephone whilst in the jockey's room, penalties also need to be seen as a deterrent to others.

Mr Jaden Lloyd's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period of 3 weeks to commence midnight 13/1/2024 and expire midnight 3/2/2024.

Stewards after considering the evidence issued Mr Jeff Lloyd with the following charge.

AR227 Without limiting any other powers, a PRA or the Stewards may penalise any other 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 particulars of the charge being that Mr Jeff Lloyd was a party to another person who commits a breach of the rules, namely AR218(4)(c) in that he communicated with Apprentice Jaden Lloyd via telecommunication totalling 34 occasions whilst Mr Jaden Lloyd was present in the jockey's room between 22 October 2022 and 28 December 2022.

Mr Jeff Lloyd pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions on penalty.

Stewards when considering penalty noted the circumstances of the offence, Mr Jeff Lloyd's degree of culpability, his guilty plea, disciplinary history, and his long participation within the racing industry primarily as a jockey and the content of the exchanges between his son Jaden Lloyd. Stewards also need to be mindful that such breaches potentially undermine the integrity of the industry and penalties need to be seen as a deterrent to others.

Mr Jeff Lloyd was fined \$500

Both Mr Jaden Lloyd and Mr Jeff Lloyd were advised of their appeal rights.

P Zimmermann.