

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr Bradley Stewart

Date: 11 July 2024

Panel: Mr G. Goold, Mr P. Zimmermann, Mr B. Wright

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards conducted an inquiry into betting reports provided by Wagering Service Providers “Ladbrokes”, “Bet365” and “TAB” regarding the betting activity of licensed jockey Bradley Stewart.

After considering the evidence in its entirety, including submissions made by Mr Stewart, Stewards issued a charge under Australian Rule of Racing AR 115(1)(c), which reads:

AR 115 Jockey and apprentice jockey misconduct

(1) A jockey or apprentice jockey must not:

(c) bet, or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet, on any thoroughbred race or contingency relating to thoroughbred racing in any jurisdiction anywhere in the world.

The specifics of the charge were as follows:

Mr Bradley Stewart, as a licensed jockey with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, between 20 March 2024 and 6 June 2024 placed a total of 22 bets with wagering service providers “Ladbrokes”, “Bet365” and “TAB”, amounting to \$247.09, all 22 bets involved Australian Thoroughbred races, 20 of these being “multi” bets incorporating Australian Thoroughbred races.

Mr Stewart pled guilty to the charge and made submissions in respect of penalty.

In determining the matter of penalty, Stewards considered the following.

- Mr Stewart’s plea of guilty to the charge and his full admissions.
- The bets placed by Mr Stewart were not on races that he participated in as a jockey.
- Mr Stewart’s disciplinary history, noting one (1) prior breach of this rule.

- Mr Stewart's current personal circumstance.
- The need to maintain the integrity of thoroughbred racing and to ensure that all jockeys are compliant with the betting restrictions placed upon them.
- Relevant penalty precedents.
- The need for both specific deterrence to Mr Stewart and general deterrence to other members of industry.
- The Human Rights Act 2019.

Accordingly, Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty to be a suspension of Mr Stewart's licence to ride in races and barrier trials for a period of two (2) months.

Stewards ordered that the suspension commence as of midnight 11 July 2024 and expire midnight 11 September 2024.

Whilst noting that Mr Stewart also currently holds a Thoroughbred Trainers licence, Steward elected not to take any restrictive action against his training privileges.

Mr Stewart was advised of his appeal rights.