

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Jockey Nathan Day

Date: 30 October 2024

Panel: D. Griffiths (Chairman), P Warren, S Nosworthy (Cadet).

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards reconvened an inquiry previously adjourned on 2 October 2024, regarding the reason Jockey Nathan Day failed to fulfil his three riding engagements (Race 1 Dyna Power, Race 3 Red Boomshakalaka, Race 4 Cut My Grass) at the Non-TAB Ewan Race Meeting on Saturday September 21, 2024.

Evidence was taken from Jockey N Day, witnesses Apprentice J Edwards and Trainer T Rowe.

After considering the evidence in its entirety, including submissions made by Jockey N Day, Stewards issued a charge under Australian Rule of Racing AR 127(1) -:

AR 127 Failing to fulfil a riding engagement.

(1) A jockey or apprentice jockey must not fail or refuse to fulfil a race riding engagement.

Jockey N Day advised that he had been wasting in the pre-race morning to make his allocated riding weights and was unwell. After initially attending the Ewan Track just prior to the scheduled weigh out time, he stated that he then returned to his off-course accommodation due to being unwell, where he suffered a medical episode. He advised that due to limited mobile phone coverage in the area he was unable to advise Stewards of same. As such, he pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Stewards considered all the evidence and found Jockey N Day guilty of the charge and imposed a fine of \$600.

In determining penalty, the following matters were considered -:

1. After attending at the track just prior to weigh out time, Jockey N Day left the track and failed to advise Stewards that he was feeling unwell.
2. When Jockey N Day failed to weigh out for Race 1, and could not be located, the Stewards were required to leave the Ewan racecourse to check on Jockey N Days whereabouts and welfare – Jockey Day could not be found. Race 1 at Ewan was delayed 10 minutes from the advertised starting time due to a replacement rider having to be found and then consequently weigh out.

3. When given Jockey N Days whereabouts could not be established, three late jockey changes were required, including apprentice J Edwards being a late replacement in Race 1 due to no other available senior rider.
4. Trainers requiring replacement riders could not be advised the specific reason for such replacements.
5. Stewards considered that Jockey N Day had never previously been charged for a breach of this rule over a lengthy career.

Jockey Nathan Day was further charged charge under Australian Rule of Racing AR 111(2) -

Rights and obligations of riders

AR 111 Physical fitness to ride

- (2) A rider must as soon as practicable report to the Stewards any injury, sickness, abnormality, or condition that may affect (or may have affected) that rider's performance.*

The charge being that Jockey Nathan Day failed to report his condition to Stewards prior to leaving the Ewan Racecourse on 21 September 2024 at approximately 12.50 p.m.

Stewards considered all the evidence and found Jockey N Day guilty of the charge and imposed a fine of \$400.

In determining penalty, the following matters were considered -:

1. Having been on course, Jockey Day failed to notify Stewards that he was unwell and left the course when it was clearly open to him to have attended the Stewards room to advise the reason for his intended absence.
2. Two Ambulances with four trained officers were available on course and Jockey Day did not report to them before leaving the grounds for any assessment after indicating he was suffering symptoms of being "dizzy."

Jockey Nathan Day was advised of his appeal rights.