

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Jockey Dylan Turner- BOWRIDER

Date: 29 November 2024

Panel: Mr T Preston, Mr B Wright

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry into Jockey Dylan Turner's riding of BOWRIDER in the **Scott Ellis Memorial/ Ranbuild Warwick Newmarket Benchmark 70 Handicap 1200m** at the Warwick Turf Club meeting on Saturday 12th October 2024.

After taking initial evidence from jockey Turner following the race on the day, the matter was adjourned to allow Trainer Mr J Belamy to be present and to obtain betting records on the event for examination.

The inquiry reconvened at the Ipswich Turf Club on 14th November 2024 with Jockey D Turner and Mr J Belamy providing evidence, which canvassed riding instructions, post-race health of BOWRIDER, previous starts and comments about the riding of the gelding on the day. The matter was then adjourned for Stewards to consider the evidence, however; due to parties being unavailable over the following 3 weeks, the matter was further adjourned until 29th November 2024 to be heard at Aquis Park, Gold Coast.

Stewards issued with a charge pursuant to Australian Rule of Racing AR 129(2) - Running and Handling, which states:

A rider must take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that the rider's horse is given a full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the field.

The particulars of the charge being as follows;

That as the rider of BOWRIDER in Race 6, the Scott Ellis Memorial/Ranbuild Warwick Newmarket Benchmark 70 Handicap 1200m run at the Warwick Turf Club on the 12th of October 2024:

1. Passing the 900m, when racing in a position between Jimmy's Dream & Bad Education, the favourite in the race and eventual winner; you restrained Bowrider, allowing Bad Education, which was racing about a neck ahead of your mount at this point and to your outside, to shift in and take up the position your mount had been racing in, which resulted Bowrider settling behind that runner, when it was reasonable and permissible for you to allow your mount to stride and maintain the position outside of Jimmy's Dream, which would have obliged Bad Education to race to your outside and wider.

2. From approaching the 350m until near the 300m, you elect to remain racing behind Jimmy's Dream, which results in Bowrider being held up, when it was reasonable and permissible for you to shift out into clear running between Jimmy's Dream and Bad Education.
3. After obtaining clear running between Fun Sponge and Bad Education, the eventual winner, near the 250m, you did fail to ride the gelding with sufficient vigour and purpose for 2-3 strides, when it was reasonable and permissible to do so.
4. With clear running to the inside of Sir Carter near the 150m, you initially shift Bowrider out towards the heels of that gelding to obtain an outside run between Sir Carter and the eventual winner, Bad Education, before turning your mount back in, to again take up the position to the inside of Sir Carter, where clear running remained; when it was reasonable and permissible for you to have remained racing to the inside of Sir Carter.

Jockey D Turner pleaded not guilty to the charge and submitted further evidence.

After considering these submissions, Stewards were of the view that these actions as stated above, had led to BOWRIDER not having full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible place in the field and formally found Jockey Turner guilty of the charge.

When assessing penalty Stewards considered the following factors:

- a. The seriousness of the charge.
- b. The specifics and the elements of the charge.
- c. The precedents for AR129(2).
- d. The need for a deterrent to ensure that all horses are afforded a fair opportunity.
- e. Disciplinary record both in New Zealand and Australia.
- f. Not guilty plea.
- g. Time spent within the industry and the considerable experience of Jockey Turner.
- h. Personal circumstances.

Jockey Dylan Turner's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period of 21 days to commence at midnight on the 1st of December 2024 and to conclude at midnight the of 22nd of December 2024, allowing Jockey Turner to return to race riding on the 23rd of December 2024. Jockey Turner was advised of his rights to a review.

