

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Jockey Nathan Fazackerley- REDZOUST

**Date: 7 February 2025**

**Panel: Mr T Preston, Mr J Childs, Mr K Daly, Ms S Coulthard**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry into Jockey Nathan Fazackerley's riding tactics of REDZOUST during the running of Race 4 the TURBO RUN BENCHMARK 70 HANDICAP 1200m at the Dalby and Northern Jockey Race Club meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.

After taking initial evidence from Jockey N Fazackerley and other involved parties on race day, the matter was adjourned to allow Trainer Mr R Lipp to be present and to obtain betting records on the event for examination.

The inquiry was reconvened today with Jockey Nathan Fazackerley and Trainer Mr R Lipp providing evidence, which canvassed riding instructions, post-race health of REDZOUST, previous starts and comments about the riding of the gelding including the viewing of all race day footage available on the day.

Stewards then considered all the evidence available to them and issued a charge against Jockey Nathan Fazackerley pursuant to AR129(2) - Running and Handling which states:

*AR129(2)- A rider must take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that the rider's horse is given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the field.*

The particulars of the charge are as follows:

At Dalby and Northern Jockey Club race meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 Jockey Nathan Fazackerley being the rider of REDZOUST in Race 4, The TURBO RUN BENCHMARK 70 HANDICAP 1200m, that when approaching the 100m point in the event when the rider of MILL ROSA (Apprentice Jockey O O'Donnell) shifted in, this presented a gap between Ms O'Donnell and the rider of UPSTART LEGEND, (Jockey M Wishart). Stewards believed that you failed to ride the gelding with sufficient vigour from that point in the race when it was reasonable and permissible to do so until the conclusion of the race.

Jockey N Fazackerley pleaded guilty to the charge. Stewards accepted Jockey Fazackerley's guilty plea. Stewards were of the view that the actions as stated above, had led to REDZOUST not having the full opportunity to obtain the best possible place in the field. When considering 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. Jockey Fazackerley's Disciplinary record.
- f. Guilty plea.
- g. Experience within the industry.
- h. Personal circumstances.

Jockey Nathan Fazackerley's licence to ride in races was suspended for a period of three (3) weeks to commence on midnight the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2025 up to and including midnight on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2025, allowing him to return to race riding on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2025. Jockey N Fazackerley was advised of his appeal rights.