

Stewards' Report

Date: Thursday, 20 March 2025
Panel: CAT Stewards - Mr S Heidke & Mr C Taylor
Person: Mr Matthew Park
Rule: AR123(1)(a)

On 20 March 2025, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, Compliance Assurance Team (CAT) Stewards concluded an inquiry into observations made by CAT stewards while attending trackwork at Oakey Racecourse on 5 March 2025.

Licensed trainer Mr Matthew Park whilst mounted conducting trackwork was observed not wearing an approved safety vest.

After considering all of the available evidence, submissions made by Mr Park, Stewards issued a charge pursuant to the Australian Rules of Racing, as follows;

Charge 1:

In accordance AR123(1)(a) AR 123 Safety vests [rule amended 1.2.21] (1) When mounted on a horse, including but not limited to in a race, official trial, jump-out or trackwork, a rider must wear a properly fastened safety vest which: (a) complies with a standard prescribed by Racing Australia;

Particulars of the charge being:

On 5 March at Oakey Racecourse, Mr Park, a licensed trainer/rider did not wear an approved safety vest whilst mounted.

Mr Park entered a plea of guilty to the charges and made brief submissions to the Stewards regarding penalty.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered the following:

- Mr Park's plea of guilty to the charge at the earliest available opportunity.
- Mr Park's disciplinary history.
- Relevant penalty precedents.

Accordingly, the Stewards issued the following penalty:

Charge 1 – \$200.00 fine

Mr Park was advised of his right to appeal.

