

Stewards' Report

Date: Thursday, 20 March 2025
Panel: CAT Stewards - Mr S Heidke & Mr C Taylor
Person: Mr Paul Randall
Rule: AR123(1)(a) & AR121(2)

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/jockey Mr Paul Randall whilst mounted conducting trackwork was observed not wearing an approved safety vest and wearing unapproved footwear.

After considering all of the available evidence, submissions made by Mr Randall, Stewards issued charges 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 2025 at Oakey Racecourse, Mr Randall, a licensed trainer/jockey did not wear an approved safety vest whilst mounted.

Charge 2:

In accordance with AR 121 Clothes, footwear and equipment (2) Only clothes, footwear, apparel and equipment approved by Racing Australia, a PRA, or the Stewards may be worn or used by a rider in a race, official trial, jump-out or trackwork.

Particulars of the charge being:

On 5 March 2025 at Oakey Racecourse, Mr Randall, a licensed trackwork rider did not wear approved footwear whilst mounted.

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

Accordingly, the Stewards issued the following penalties:

Charge 1 – \$200.00 fine

Charge 2 - Reprimand.

Mr Randall was advised of his right to appeal.