

# Stewards' Report

## Stewards Report: Ms Lacey Morrison (Jockey)

**Date: 30 May 2025**

**Panel: P. Gillard, P. Lane**

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into Jockey Lacey Morrison's riding of INJADA in the benchmark 60 Handicap 950 metres at Cairns on 10 April 2025. Evidence was taken soon after the race from Jockey Lacey Morrison and from the trainer of the gelding Mr Bodene Bailey. The inquiry was then adjourned to enable Stewards to examine the betting on the race and to further review the footage.

Further evidence was taken today from Jockey Lacey Morrison, and trainer Mr Bodene Bailey. Subsequent analysis of the betting on the race proved inconclusive, revealing no significant findings.

After considering all the evidence, Jockey Lacey Morrison was issued with a charge under the provisions of AR 129(2) which states: 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 specifics of the charge being that as the rider of INJADA in the Benchmark 60 Handicap 950m at Cairns on 10 April 2025 she failed to take reasonable and permissible measures to position INJADA in clear running to the outside of GUAPO from the 200 metres when reasonable and permissible to do so resulting in INJADA not being fully tested at any point in the home straight. Ms Morrison pleaded not guilty. When offered the opportunity to defend the charge Ms Morrison declined to present any further submissions. Stewards then considered the matter and believed charge could be sustained finding Ms Morrison guilty.

Stewards believed Ms Morrison's riding of INJADA fell below the requisite standard expected of a rider, particularly one of her experience and seniority. When considering an appropriate penalty, the Stewards considered Jockey Morrison's blemish free record in relation to the rule, the circumstances of the case and her conduct during the inquiry as well as previous penalties in relation to breaches of this rule. Stewards also considered the seriousness of the breach and the need for a penalty to serve as a necessary deterrent. Subsequently, Jockey Morrison's licence to ride in races was suspended for one calendar (1) month to commence at immediately and to conclude at midnight 30 June 2025. Jockey Morrison was advised of her appeal rights.

