

# **Stewards' Report**

## **Stewards Report: Jaimee-Lee Devine**

### Date: 6 June 2025

### Panel: Hayden Gillett, Shane Larkins, Ethan Suli, Shikira Stehbens

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the circumstances of apprentice Erin Molloy becoming dislodged during the running of Race 7 at the Mackay Turf Club meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.

It was established that near the 1100m, BOOMING LAD (Apprentice Jaimee-Lee Devine) was directed inwards when insufficiently clear of DIVINE OKAY (Apprentice Erin Molloy), resulting in that runner clipping heels, blundering and dislodging its rider. BOOMING LAD then continued its shift inwards when insufficiently clear of ENABLER (Jockey Jason Missen), resulting in that runner having to check for a number of strides. Consequently, runners BRAD and FROM THIS MOMENT were also checked noticeably.

Apprentice Devine was charged under the provisions of AR131(a) for reckless riding.

#### AR 131 Riding offences

A rider must not, in the opinion of the Stewards:

(a) engage in careless, reckless, improper, incompetent, or foul riding.

With the specifics as follows:

As the rider of BOOMING LAD in Race 7 at Mackay on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025, apprentice Jaimee-Lee Devine recklessly directed and permitted her mount to shift inwards at a point near the 1100m, resulting in DIVINE OKAY clipping heels, blundering and dislodging Apprentice Erin Molloy. Apprentice Devine then continued to shift inwards, resulting in ENABLER, ridden by Jockey Jason Missen, being checked for a number of strides and losing its rightful running, and as a consequence of apprentice Molloy being dislodged, both BRAD and FROM THIS MOMENT had to be checked noticeably.

Apprentice Devine pleaded guilty to the charge.

When assessing penalty stewards considered the following factors.

- Apprentice Devine's immediate plea of guilty to the charge
- Apprentice Devine's recent record being charged with one charge under AR131(a) for causing a fall with a limited number of race rides being three per week on average.
- Apprentice Devine's culpability in the incident being high, due to her acceptance that there was no attempt to prevent her mount from shifting

inwards and her admission that she had failed look to ensure her mount is clear of other runners when shifting, despite her knowledge of multiple runners to her inside.

- The consequences of Apprentice Devine's actions being significant, with four horses checked, one of those clipping heels and dislodging its rider.
- Human Rights Act 2019
- QRIC's minimum penalty guidelines

Apprentice Devine's license to ride in races was subsequently suspended for a period of seven (7) weeks, with the suspension to commence midnight 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and to conclude midnight 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025.

Apprentice Devine was advised that the incident would be referred to the Racing Queensland Riding Skills Advisory Panel and QRIC Chief Steward, Mr Joshua Adams for review.

Ms Devine was advised of her right of appeal.