

DECISION

Of

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards

Regarding

Mr Joshua Morrow

Delivered on: 8 October 2025

Panel: Mr B Tamer (Chairperson), Mr W Wain, Mr Y Walburgh Schmidt

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Compliance Assurance Stewards have concluded an inquiry into the events leading up to and circumstances surrounding disqualified thoroughbred trainer Mr Joshua Morrow attending the registered property of a licensed thoroughbred trainer, being employed by a licensed thoroughbred trainer and participating in the preparation for racing of any horse between 2 May 2025 and 16 June 2025.

After considering all relevant evidence and submissions, stewards issued the following charges:

Charge 1: Australian Rule of Racing ("AR") 263(1)(b) states:

(1) Unless otherwise authorised by the PRA which imposed a disqualification (and upon such conditions as that PRA may in its discretion impose), a person disqualified under these Australian Rules must not, during the period of that disqualification:

(b) enter upon any training premises, complex or establishment of a PRA, Club or licensed.

The particulars of the charge being Mr Joshua Morrow, while disqualified under the Australian Rules of Racing, entered the registered training premises of a licensed thoroughbred trainer between 2 May 2025 and 16 June 2025, in contravention of AR 263(1)(b).

Plea: Not guilty

Charge 2: Australian Rule of Racing ("AR") 263(1)(d) states:

- (1) Unless otherwise authorised by the PRA which imposed a disqualification (and upon such conditions as that PRA may in its discretion impose), a person disqualified under these Australian Rules must not, during the period of that disqualification:

(d) be employed by or otherwise engaged to provide any service in any capacity to any thoroughbred racing stable.

The particular of the charge being Mr. Joshua Morrow, while disqualified under the Australian Rules of Racing, was engaged by a licensed thoroughbred trainer to provide services at his registered training premises between 2 May 2025 and 16 June 2025, in contravention of AR 263(1)(d).

Plea: Not guilty

Charge 3: Australian Rule of Racing ("AR") 263(1)(j) states:

- (1) Unless otherwise authorised by the PRA which imposed a disqualification (and upon such conditions as that PRA may in its discretion impose), a person disqualified under these Australian Rules must not, during the period of that disqualification:

(j) participate in any way in the preparation for racing or training of any horse.

The particulars of the charge being Mr. Joshua Morrow, while disqualified under the Australian Rules of Racing, engaged in the preparation of horses for racing by assisting a licensed thoroughbred trainer at his registered training premises between 2 May 2025 and 16 June 2025, in contravention of AR 263(1)(j).

Plea: Not guilty

Stewards Finding on Penalty:

Penalty was determined in accordance with the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld). The Stewards acknowledge that any penalty imposed upon Mr. Morrow may limit or prevent him person from earning a living in the racing industry and may also limit his human rights to property (namely a licence) and to privacy and reputation.

Stewards further acknowledge that a limitation upon a person's ability to participate in the racing industry, and earn income from that participation, may only be imposed where reasonably necessary to achieve the purpose of disciplinary action, and where no less restrictive or reasonably available alternative exists other than suspension, disqualification, or warning off. In the circumstances of this case, Stewards are satisfied that there is no lesser penalty that could be imposed that enables the purposes of taking disciplinary action against a licensee for a contravention of the rules of racing, which are to:

- Maintain public confidence in the racing of animals in Queensland for which betting is lawful;
- Ensure the integrity of all persons involved with racing or betting under the Racing Integrity Act 2016 or the Racing Act 2002; and
- Safeguard the welfare of all animals that are or have been involved in racing under the Racing Integrity Act 2016 or the Racing Act 2002.

Penalty:

Charges 1 – 3: Stewards deem that pursuant to AR 263(4) the period of disqualification of twenty-seven months imposed on Mr. Morrow on 31 July 2023 will restart from the most recent date of the breach, namely, 16 June 2025 and conclude on 16 September 2027.

Stewards further drew to Mr. Morrow's attention the prohibitions set out in AR 263 concerning the conduct of disqualified persons.

Against this Steward's decision Mr Morrow was advised of his right to appeal to the Queensland Racing Appeals Panel.

