



**THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED**  
**STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT – Jockey Caitlin Jones**

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**TRSA OFFICES – THURSDAY 21 JANUARY 2021**

On Thursday 21 January 2021 Stewards concluded an inquiry into the running and handling of **Midnight Brawler**, which ran in Race 7 at Port Lincoln on Thursday 31 December 2020.

Stewards heard evidence from jockey Caitlin Jones, the rider of **Midnight Brawler**. Stewards also considered betting records relating to the race, and noted no irregularities in this regard. Stewards further noted the instructions provided by Trainer Julie Branford.

After considering the evidence Stewards charged Caitlin Jones under Australian Rule of Racing – AR129(2), the particulars of the charge being;

That whilst riding **Midnight Brawler** in Race 7 at Port Lincoln on Thursday 31 December 2020 she failed to take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that **Midnight Brawler** was given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the field;

Particularly;

- (i) that from in the vicinity of the 600 metres to near the 400 metres she failed to make a sufficient attempt to hold her position and lost ground with the body of the field when, in the opinion of Stewards it was reasonable and permissible for her to maintain closer contact,
- (ii) that from in the vicinity of the 400 metres until near the 200 metres, in the opinion of Stewards, she rode her mount with insufficient purpose and vigour when it was reasonable and permissible for her to do so.

Caitlin Jones was found guilty of the charge and in determining penalty Stewards had regard for the fact that she had a clean record. Stewards also noted the seriousness of a charge under AR129(2) and further considered individual and general deterrence. In the circumstances Caitlin Jones's license to ride in races was suspended for a period of three (3) weeks, reduced from four (4) weeks after allowing for mitigating factors, to commence at midnight Sunday, 31 January 2021 and to conclude midnight Sunday, 21 February 2021.

Caitlin Jones was informed of her right of appeal.

**M Santoro**  
**DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS**  
**21 January 2021**