

Additional Stewards Report



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Friday, 3rd September, 2021

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT- Race 2 - 14 August 2021 - Morphettville.

Stewards: G. Rudolph (A/Chairman), M. Santoro & M. Zarb (Stewards) T. Vanderstok & E. Scott (Cadet Stewards)

Stewards today concluded an inquiry opened on Saturday 14th August, 2021 into licensed jockey Ms Jessica Eaton's handling of Old Time Rock in Race 2, the Adelaide Galvanizing Handicap BM72, (1050 metres) at Morphettville. Further evidence today was taken from Ms Eaton, who also tendered a written statement from an interstate journalist, relative to the gelding's racing pattern. The Stewards analysis of wagering records on the race, found them to be within normal parameters, with no concerns.

Miss Eaton was found guilty of a charge under AR129 (2), which states:

"A rider must take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure the rider's horse is given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the field."

The particulars of the charge being that, as the rider of Old Time Rock in Race 2, The Adelaide Galvanizing Handicap at Morphettville on Saturday 14th August, 2021, Ms Eaton did fail to take all reasonable and permissible measures to ensure that gelding was given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the field in that:

- (1) Near the 150m, she shifted Old Time Rock to remain racing towards the heels of Viduka until approaching the 100 metres, when there was a run developing between that gelding and Alleboom, which was reasonable to take, when riding with full vigour.
- (2) Near the 50 metres, she shifted Old Time Rock to the outside of the heels of Viduka and away from a clear run between Viduka and Alleboom, which was reasonable to take, and in so doing failed to improve into that run directly in front of her.
- (3) Between the 150m and the finish, she failed to ride Old Time Rock with sufficient vigour to allow it to improve into a more competitive position, when it was reasonable and permissible to do so.
- (4) Old Time Rock was not given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the race as a result of the three particulars.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Miss Eaton's good record, however, also noted the seriousness of the charge of which she has been found guilty. Stewards also considered individual and general deterrence and in the circumstances determined that Miss Eaton's license to ride in races be suspended for a period of 6 weeks, after allowing for mitigating factors. Miss Eaton's license to ride in races was therefore suspended for a period to commence at midnight Sunday, 12th September, 2021 and will expire at midnight Sunday, 24th October, 2021. Miss Eaton was advised of her right of appeal.

G. Rudolph

Senior Steward

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