

Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - C. Deakin (Chairman), J. Petzer, and S. Callanan

Thursday, 08 September 2022

Sairyn Fawke

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances relating to a report which alleged that licensed jockey Sairyn Fawke had used a mobile phone to take a video recording while riding track work at the Murray Bridge Racecourse during the month of August 2022.

After considering the evidence, which included a copy of the video taken by Sairyn Fawke while he was riding track work, Stewards charged Sairyn Fawke under **AR 232(b)**, which states;

“A person must not:

(b) fail or refuse to comply with an order, direction or requirement of the Stewards or an official;”

Charge: The particulars of the charge being that;

During the month of August 2022 he failed to comply with an Official Direction of the Stewards, that being Official Direction 03/2021 – issued on 24 February 2021, while riding track work at the Murray Bridge Racecourse training facility, by using a mobile phone for the purpose of recording a video of his track work activities.

The Official Direction states;

“The use of a mobile phone or any other portable communication and/or entertainment device while mounted, riding, leading or swimming a horse at any racecourse, recognised training track, private training establishment, or any other place, in South Australia, is prohibited at all times”. For the sake of clarity; in this direction – “use” will include “the act of holding any mobile phone or any other device”.

Plea: Sairyn Fawke pleaded guilty to the Charge.

Stewards also noted that in using his mobile phone for the purpose described above, that Sairyn Fawke held his phone in his one hand raised in the air while riding track work for a period of time, which meant that he had only one hand on the reins of the horse during that period.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Sairyn Fawke’s record in regard to breaches of rules relating to a breach of a direction, and noted one minor prior breach. Stewards also took into account the seriousness of the offence, individual and general deterrence and the need for strong penalties for breaches of this type. Stewards further considered his guilty plea, forthrightness and personal circumstances. Stewards also noted his contrition for his conduct.

In all the circumstances Stewards imposed the following penalty;

Penalty – A fine of \$1000.

Sairyn Fawke was informed of his right of appeal.



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