

Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro, C. Deakin & K. Rayson

Tuesday, 08 November 2022

Sara Holland

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances relating to alleged conduct on the part of licensed stable employee Ms. Sara Holland on Saturday, 23 July 2022 at the Morphettville Racecourse and the Morphettville training precinct.

Stewards heard evidence from Ms. Holland, Trainer Mr. Ashley McKnight and stable employee Ms. Jasmine Hall, and also had regard for photographic evidence relating to a vehicle involved in the matter. After considering the evidence Stewards charged Ms. Holland under the provisions of AR228(b) in the following terms;

Charge: Under Australian Rule of Racing - AR228(b) - a rule which deals with misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour. The particulars of the charge being that;

On Saturday, 23 July 2022 Ms. Holland engaged in improper conduct;

1. While present at a stabling area in the Morphettville training precinct, she used white chalk to write an abusive message on one of the windows of Mr. McKnight's vehicle, and
2. While present in the race day stalls area at Morphettville Racecourse she directed foul and abusive language at Mr. McKnight.

Plea: Ms. Holland pleaded guilty to the Charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Ms. Holland's clean record in the industry, her guilty plea, her forthrightness at the inquiry, her contrition for her conduct and her longstanding involvement in the industry. 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.

In all the circumstances Stewards imposed the following penalty;

Penalty - A fine of \$1,000 after applying a discount for mitigating circumstances. Stewards further ordered that \$500 of the fine be suspended for a period of 2 years provided she is not found guilty of a conduct related matter during that period.

Ms. Holland was informed of her right of appeal.

J Petzer
General Manager Integrity