

Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro and P. Ryan

Tuesday, 13 June 2023

Steven Pateman

Stewards concluded an inquiry which commenced on 1 June 2023, but was adjourned to 13 June 2023, into the circumstances relating to material, including certain comment, posted on various social media platforms by licensed trainer/jockey Mr Steven Pateman at various times over the past 18 months. The material and comment related to;

- Licensed Trainer Mr. Richard Jolly (on Snapchat).
- The Oakbank Racing Club (ORC), the ORC Committee and/or employees (on Twitter).
- Racing SA (RSA) and/or RSA employees (on Twitter).

Evidence was taken from Steven Pateman and Richard Jolly.

After considering the evidence three charges were laid against Steven Pateman under **AR 228(d)**.

AR 228(d) states - "A person must not engage in publishing or posting on any social media platform or channel any material, content or comment that is obscene, offensive, defamatory, racist, threatening, harassing, discriminatory or abusive to or about any other person involved in the racing industry".

Charge 1 – AR 228(d): - Particulars of the Charge:

The particulars of the charge being that Mr Steven Pateman, a licensed trainer/jockey, posted content and comment on "Snapchat" a social media platform on or about Friday 12 May 2023, that is offensive about South Australian licensed trainer Mr. Richard Jolly. Noting that the offensive comment was pasted across a photo image of Mr Richard Jolly.

Charge 2 – AR 228(d): - Particulars of the Charge:

The particulars of the charge being that Mr Steven Pateman, a licensed trainer/jockey, posted on "Twitter", a social media platform, a series of comments in the period March 2022 to May 2023 in respect of the Oakbank Racing Club, it's Committee, and/or employees, that are offensive.

Charge 3 – AR 228(d): - Particulars of the Charge:

The particulars of the charge being that Mr Steven Pateman, a licensed trainer/jockey, posted on "Twitter", a social media platform, a series of comments in the period October 2021 to July 2022 in respect of Racing SA and/or it's employees, that are offensive.

Pleas to the Charges:

Steven Pateman pleaded guilty to all three charges.

Determination of Penalty:

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Steven Pateman's record in regard to breaches of rules relating to conduct, and noted one minor prior offence, which in their view did not bear any weight in this matter.

Stewards also took into account the seriousness of the offences, noting again that material and/or comment of this nature is unacceptable, and there is no place for any such comment and/or material in the industry, and further, that the posts were, objectively viewed, offensive in nature.

Stewards further noted that Steven Pateman was cautioned by Racing SA Stewards in mid-2021 about the nature of his comments on social media in respect of racing in South Australia.

Stewards also considered Steven Pateman's forthrightness, his contrition and apology for his conduct. In addition, Stewards considered his personal circumstances, and noted he is currently serving a period of disqualification for another unrelated matter.

In all the circumstances Stewards imposed the following penalties;

Penalty - Charge 1:

A fine of \$1000.00.

Penalty - Charge 2:

A disqualification of a period of six (6) weeks to be served concurrently with the period of disqualification served by Steven Pateman in an unrelated matter, and to commence at midnight 13 June 2023 and to expire at midnight 25 July 2023. In addition Steven Pateman was fined \$2000.00 of which \$1000.00 was suspended for a period of 24 months (commencing at midnight 13 June 2023 and concluding at midnight 13 June 2025) provided he is not found guilty of a conduct related matter in that period.

Penalty - Charge 3:

A disqualification of a period of six (6) weeks to be served concurrently with the period of disqualification served by Steven Pateman in an unrelated matter, and to commence at midnight 25 July 2023 and to expire at midnight 05 September 2023. In addition Steven Pateman was fined \$2000.00 of which \$1000.00 was suspended for a period of 24 months (commencing at midnight 13 June 2023 and concluding at midnight 13 June 2025) provided he is not found guilty of a conduct related matter in that period.

Steven Pateman was advised of his right of appeal.

J Petzer
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