

Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - J. Petzer (A/Chairman), M. Santoro, P. Ryan, S. Callanan & M. Zarb

Thursday, 29 February 2024

Graeme Jackman

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances relating to alleged conduct on the part of racing participant Mr. Graeme Jackman on Friday 22 December 2024 at the Penola Racecourse at approximately 8.00am. Stewards heard evidence from Mr. Graeme Jackman (attended by phone), and Racing SA Industry Track Manager - Mr. Ian Ricardo. After considering the evidence Stewards charged Mr. Jackman under the provisions of Australian Rule of Racing - **AR228(c)**, a rule which deals with improper and insulting behaviour.

Charge:

The particulars of the charge being that Mr. Graeme Jackman, a registered racing participant, and volunteer with the Penola Racing Club engaged in improper and insulting behaviour at the Penola racecourse on Friday 22 December 2024 at approximately 8.00am, the relevant conduct being;

- that he addressed Mr. Ian Ricardo the RSA Industry Track Manager who was in the process of performing his duties as a RSA employee on the racetrack, in an improper manner by directing threatening words at him, and
- that he addressed Mr. Ian Ricardo the RSA Industry Track Manager who was in the process of performing his duties as a RSA employee on the track, in an insulting manner by directing disparaging words at him".

Plea: Mr. Jackman reserved his plea and consequently Stewards entered a plea of "not guilty" on his behalf.

Finding: On a balance of the evidence Stewards found Mr. Jackman guilty of the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Mr. Jackman's record which is clean. Stewards also had regard for his forthrightness at the inquiry, his longstanding involvement in the industry, and the fact that he had apologised to Mr. Ricardo at the inquiry. However, Stewards also considered the serious nature of the behaviour, the resultant distress caused to an employee of Racing SA, and that objectively viewed, by any reasonable person, such behaviour would be considered inappropriate. Stewards also had regard for individual and general deterrence.

In all the circumstances Stewards imposed the following penalty;

Penalty: - A fine of **\$750.00** of which \$500.00 is suspended for a period of 24 months provided Mr. Jackman is not found guilty of a behaviour/conduct related matter during that period.

Mr. Jackman was informed of his right of appeal.

J Petzer
General Manager Integrity

