

RACING NSW – STEWARDS REPORT



INQUIRY INTO SOCIAL MEDIA POST POSTED BY LICENSED TRAINER MR SHANE EDMONDS
ON 7 JUNE 2021.

Racing NSW Offices
Druitt Street, Sydney
By Video Conference

Thursday 10 June 2021

STEWARDS: M F Van Gestel (Chairman)
T P Moxon
S C Knight

The Stewards today conducted an inquiry into a social media post that was posted on the social media platform Facebook, by licensed trainer Mr Shane Edmonds, which made reference to the ride of a claiming apprentice on a horse trained by Mr Edmonds, at Muswellbrook on Sunday 6 June 2021. In addition, the post made threatening remarks towards jockeys in general which was also the subject of the complaint from the NSW Jockeys Association.

Evidence was taken from Mr Edmonds and a brief of evidence prepared by Racing NSW Stewards was also considered.

Charge – AR228(d) Conduct detrimental to the interest of racing.

Mr Edmonds pleaded guilty to a charge under AR228(d) in that he did post on social media platform Facebook on 7 June 2021, a video which contained offensive and/or threatening material in respect to.

1. an apprentice jockey.
2. Racing NSW staff responsible for the training of apprentice jockeys in this state
3. Licensed jockeys.

Plea: Guilty

Penalty: \$2,000 fine

Relevant Rule

AR 228 Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing

A person must not engage in;

(d) 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.

**M F Van Gestel
Chairman of Stewards
General Manager-Integrity**