



## STEWARDS REPORT

*INQUIRY INTO THE CONDUCT OF APPRENTICE MS CHELSEA HILLIER AND APPRENTICE MS SHANNEN LLEWELLYN DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE RACE MEETING AT TAMWORTH RACECOURSE ON FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2025*

**Stewards' Room - Tamworth Racecourse**

**Friday 28 February 2025**

**Stewards: J P W Prior (Chairman), S G Railton & M W Cleaver**

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry in relation to the conduct of apprentice jockeys Ms Chelsea Hillier and Ms Shannen Llewellyn at Tamworth Racecourse on Friday 14 February 2025. At today's hearing, evidence was taken from Ms Hillier, Ms Llewellyn and Ms Llewellyn's master, licensed trainer Mrs Jane Clement. A brief of evidence, provided by Racing NSW Investigators was also considered.

The following charges were issued.

### **Charges against Ms Llewellyn**

#### **Charge 1**

**AR228(b)** - The details of the charge being that following the running of race 3 at Tamworth on Friday 14 February 2025, Ms Llewellyn did engage in improper conduct in that after returning to the female jockey's room after weighing in she did direct a threatening comment towards Ms Hillier

***Plea: Guilty***

#### **Charge 2**

**AR228(b)** - The details of the charge being that following the running of race 4 at Tamworth on Friday 14 February 2025 when riding Bill Peyto, Ms Llewellyn did engage in improper conduct in that shortly after passing the winning post after the completion of that event she did turn to her left and direct foul language towards apprentice Chelsea Hillier (Hammoon Thunder)

***Plea: Guilty***

### **Charge against Ms Hillier**

#### **Charge 1**

**AR228(b)** - The details of the charge being that following the running of race 3 at Tamworth on Friday 14 February 2025, Ms Hillier did engage in improper conduct in that after the running of that event, whilst present in the mounting enclosure, she made inappropriate comments within earshot of Ms Llewellyn who was at that time engaged in a conversation with another jockey who rode in that race, Clayton Gallagher, with respect to her riding in that event.

## ***Plea: Guilty***

### **Penalty Ms Llewellyn:**

Stewards gave consideration to the following matters when determining penalty for Ms Llewellyn:

- 1) Guilty plea to each charge
- 2) Previous conduct related breaches
- 3) Relevant circumstances related to these breaches
- 4) The principles of individual and general deterrence
- 5) Precedent penalties

**Penalty Charge 1 – AR228(b)** – Stewards determined the starting point for charge 1 be a suspension of Ms Llewellyn’s permit to ride in races for a period of three weeks. Having regard to her guilty plea and other relevant considerations, the penalty was reduced to two weeks.

**Penalty Charge 2 – AR228(b)** – Stewards determined the starting point for charge 2 be a suspension of Ms Llewellyn’s permit to ride in races for a period of ten days, reduced to seven days having regard to her guilty plea and other relevant considerations.

Stewards determined that it was appropriate that four days of the penalty for Charge 2 be served concurrently with the penalty for charge 1 with Ms Llewellyn’s permit to ride in races being suspended for a total period of 17 days. Stewards further determined that the penalty commence on Tuesday 11 March 2025, at the conclusion of a careless riding suspension incurred at Quirindi on 21 February 2025 and to expire on Friday 28 March 2025 on which day she may resume riding in races.

Further, Ms Llewellyn was advised that \$250 of a suspended penalty under AR283(5) from a prior breach of AR228(b) applied on 27 November 2024 will now also be imposed.

### **Penalty Ms Hillier:**

Stewards gave consideration to the following matters when determining penalty for Ms Hillier:

- 1) Guilty plea
- 2) This was her first breach of a conduct related rule
- 3) Relevant circumstances related to this breach
- 4) The principles of individual and general deterrence
- 5) Cooperation during today’s inquiry
- 6) Precedent penalties

Stewards determined the appropriate penalty be a fine of \$1000. However, having regard to all relevant considerations, the penalty was reduced to a fine of \$750. Ms Hillier was also advised that the operation of \$250 of this penalty would be suspended for a period of 2 years under AR283(5), on the basis that she is not found to be in breach of the conduct rules during that time period.

Ms Llewellyn and Ms Hillier were advised of their rights of appeal against the penalties imposed under AR228(b)

**J P W Prior**

**Chief Steward**

**Hunter & North West Racing Association**

**Relevant Rules:**

**AR 228 Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing**

*A person must not engage in:*

*(b) misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour*

**AR 283 Penalties**

*(5) Any person or body authorised by the Rules to penalise a person may in respect of any penalty imposed in relation to the conduct of a person and other than in relation to a period of disqualification or a warning off, suspend the operation of that penalty either wholly or in part for a period not exceeding 2 years, on terms they think fit.*