

RACINSW NSW – STEWARDS REPORT



INQUIRY INTO LICENSED RIDER AGENT MR MARK VAN TRIET HAVING AN INTEREST IN BETS PLACED ON NSW THOROUGHBRED RACES IN BREACH OF NSWLR71A.

**Racing NSW Offices
(By Video Conference)**

19 July 2022

**Stewards: M F Van Gestel (Chairman)
S G Railton
T P Moxon**

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into licensed rider agent Mr Mark Van Triet placing bets and/or having an interest in bets on NSW thoroughbred races in which riders he was a rider agent for were riding in.

Evidence today was taken from Mr Van Triet via video conference. Racing NSW Stewards also consider a brief of evidence which identified numerous bets being placed by Mr Van Triet through multiple Wagering Operators in breach of NSW LR71A.

Charge

NSWLR71A(a) - The details of the charge being that Mr Van Triet did bet and/or have an interest in bets on NSW races, being bets on races upon which a rider he represented, on the day such bets were made, held an engagement to ride in.

Plea: Guilty

Penalty

Stewards issued the following penalty having considered the relevant matters below.

1. Guilty plea and early assistance provided by Mr Van Triet.
2. Personal and professional circumstances.
3. Clean record.
4. On 20 June 2019 Mr Van Triet applied for and was denied exemption by Racing NSW from the provisions of NSWLR71A.
5. Nature of the betting offences.
6. Principles applied by Stewards when issuing penalties, for a serious offence of this kind.
7. Relevant circumstances of this case.

Mr Van Triet was disqualified for a period of 4 1/2 months reduced from 6 months for his guilty plea, to commence immediately and to expire on 5 December 2022.

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Relevant Rule

LR 71A. - *Except with the written permission of Racing NSW, any rider's agent who:*

- (a) bets, has an interest in a bet, or facilitates a bet; or*
- (b) provides either directly or indirectly to any person for any direct or indirect financial or other benefit (regardless of whether such benefit materialises) any tip, or any other information or advice that may influence any person to bet,*

on any NSW race in which a rider whom the rider's agent represents (in accordance with AR1) is engaged to ride, commits an offence and may be penalised.

For the purposes of this rule, a bet includes a lay bet.

AR2 - rider's agent *means a person licensed by a PRA who by a contract or any other arrangement assists a jockey or the master of an apprentice jockey in relation to the organisation and/or obtaining of riding engagements.*

**M F VAN GESTEL
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS
GENERAL MANAGER - INTEGRITY**