

TRNT Stewards Inquiry - I Luximon 11 November 2024

Venue – Alice Springs Turf Club

Panel – D Westover, D Hensler, M Hurley, R Shiers (deputy)

Stewards today concluded an inquiry into an incident that occurred following the running of race 6 at the Alice Springs Turf Club meeting on Saturday 2 November, 2024 involving jockey I Luximon (FANTASY EAGLE) and apprentice jockey L Maloney (FLYING START).

After considering written statements tendered by I Luximon, the Stewards particularised the charge issued against him under AR228(a) at the initial inquiry on Thursday 7 November, 2024.

The particulars were:

- He is licensed as a jockey with TRNT
- On 2 November, 2024 he rode FANTASY EAGLE in race 6 at the Alice Springs Turf Club race meeting
- After passing the winning post he deliberately stirred up his mount using the whip and steered the gelding towards FLYING START ridden by apprentice Lek Maloney
- When positioned at the girth of FLYING START he lunged and veered to the right causing his mount to come in close proximity of the gelding when the rider was not anticipating any incident and he took evasive action
- When returning to the saddling enclosure he again aggressively stirred up his mount using the whip and reins and deliberately steered the gelding directly towards FLYING START
- This resulted in his mount FANTASY EAGLE being intentionally ridden into and making forceful contact with FLYING START on multiple occasions when that gelding and it's rider were positioned up against the outside running rail
- During the course of these two incidents he did, in a loud manner, verbally abuse and threaten harm to apprentice Lek Maloney
- The conduct he engaged in was prejudicial to the image, interests and welfare of racing. The conduct compromised his own safety and welfare and that of his mount FANTASY EAGLE and also the safety and welfare of apprentice Lek Maloney, his mount FLYING START and potentially risked injury to other riders and thoroughbreds that had competed in the race.

• The first incident was broadcast on SKY channel and the remainder of his conduct was witnessed by multiple industry participants and was in view of other patrons on course

When considering the matter of penalty Stewards took into account:

- The serious nature of the conduct
- All licensed persons are entitled to participate in the Racing Industry without being concerned for their safety or wellbeing
- The real potential the incident had of causing injury either directly to both riders and thoroughbreds involved or indirectly to other jockeys and thoroughbreds in the vicinity
- Guilty plea and belated remorse
- Personal circumstances
- His previous conduct related disciplinary record
- Penalty precedents for breaches of AR228
- The penalty must serve as a general and specific deterrent

lanish Luximon was disqualified for a period of 9 months.

A \$500 fine was also imposed, that represented the portion suspended (for 12 months) from a previous breach of AR228 dealt with at an inquiry on 5 April, 2024.

Mr Luximon was further informed that it will be a condition of reapplying for any license with TRNT that he undertake some form of personal development with a focus on anger management.

He was advised of the restrictions placed on him whilst disqualified and informed of his right of appeal to the NT Racing Appeals Tribunal.

Australian Rule of Racing referred to in this report

Division 3 – Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing

AR 228 Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing

A person must not engage in:

(a) conduct prejudicial to the image, interests, integrity, or welfare of racing, whether or not that conduct takes place within a racecourse or elsewhere;