

TRNT Stewards Report – Alice Springs Turf Club

Date: Thursday 31 October, 2019 Panel: D Hensler (Chairman), D Westover

Stewards today inquired into a report from the Alice Springs Turf Club Operations Manager relating to the recent conduct of Alice Springs based dual jockey/trainer license holder Terry Gillett at the race meeting held at Pioneer Park on 29 September, 2019.

After taking evidence from Mr Gillett and viewing CCTV footage he was found guilty of a charge under AR115(1)(c) with the specifics being that at the Alice Springs Turf Club meeting on Sunday 29 September, 2019 he did place a \$300 bet with the on course totaliser on Heart of Red which subsequently won race 6 on the programme.

In consideration of a penalty Stewards took into account:

- The serious nature of the breach
- He did not ride in a race on the day
- The blatant nature of the offence in placing the bet on a racecourse
- The conduct is prejudicial to the image of racing
- His standard of evidence
- This was his first offence under this rule

The Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty was a suspension for a period of 3 months which will expire after 31 January, 2020. Under the provisions of Local Rule NT71(b) the Stewards applied their discretion and ruled that this suspension will apply to Mr Gillett's permission to ride in races and he is therefore able to continue as a trainer during this period.

Australian and Local Rules referred to in this report:-

AR115 Jockey and apprentice jockey misconduct

(1) A Jockey or apprentice jockey must not:

(c) bet, or have any interest in a bet, or facilitate a bet, on any race

NT71. (b)The holder of a Dual License who is suspended for actions, matters or things pertaining to his Jockey's License may at the discretion of the Stewards or Principal Racing Authority and in addition to any other penalty authorised by the Rules be suspended as a Trainer for the same or such other period as the Stewards or Principal Racing Authority determine.