

TRNT Stewards Report – Monday 10 November 2025

Panel: D Hensler (Chairman), D Westover, R Shiers (Deputy)
Venue: Stewards' Room, Darwin Turf Club

TRNT Stewards opened an inquiry into a written complaint relating to the conduct of trainer Dick Leech during a recent Darwin Turf Club race meeting.

After reviewing the CCTV footage from the day, Mr Leech pleaded guilty to a charge under AR228 of engaging in unseemly behaviour.

The specifics being that whilst in attendance at the Darwin Turf Club race meeting on Tuesday 4 November 2025, prior to the running of race 5, he did urinate at the back of the race day stalls in the presence of other licensed persons.

In determining the appropriate penalty, Stewards took into account that Mr Leech's conduct occurred in such way and area that was not in full view of any person

Mr Leech was fined \$2000 for this breach. An additional \$1000 was imposed that represented the portion suspended (for 2 years) from a previous breach of AR228 dealt with at an inquiry on 27 June 2025.

He was advised of his right of appeal to the TRNT appeal committee and the fines must be paid within 3 months.

Australian Rules 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:

(b) misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour