



## TRNT Stewards Report – Darwin Turf Club

Date: Friday 12 April, 2019

Panel: D Hensler (Chairman), R Hamilton, S Copelin

Stewards today continued an inquiry that had been adjourned on 3 April, 2019 into the circumstances leading up to the withdrawal of BORLUNG from the DTC race meeting that day. The gelding was withdrawn by order of the Stewards on veterinary advice on 2 April, 2019 following a report from trainer L Walling-Denton.

After hearing initial evidence from trainer L Walling-Denton and licensed jockey B Davis, the Stewards adjourned the matter to further investigate statements given by both parties relating to the training of the gelding.

Subsequently L Walling-Denton was found guilty of a charge under AR227(a) of engaging in conduct that had led to a breach of the rules namely AR103(6)(a). The specifics being that as the licensed trainer of BORLUNG, after entering the gelding to race at the Darwin Turf Club race meeting on Wednesday 3 April, 2019 she did relocate the gelding from her registered stables and from Friday 29 March, 2019 until Monday 1 April, 2019 she had permitted it to be stabled and exercised at the unregistered property of licensed jockey Brendon Davis located in Girraween. During this period the gelding was not under her full custody and control and no permission had been sought by the Stewards to approve this arrangement.

L Walling-Denton was fined the sum of \$1000

Further jockey B Davis was found guilty of a charge under AR227(b) with aiding and being a party to trainer L Walling Denton engaging in conduct which has led to her breaching the rules namely AR103(6)(a). The specific being that he aided and was a party in an arrangement to relocate the racehorse BORLUNG from Ms Walling Denton's registered stables to his unregistered property in Girraween. The gelding was stabled and exercised at that property between Friday 29, March 2019 until Monday 1 April, 2019 when the gelding had been entered to race at the Darwin Turf Club race meeting on Wednesday 3 April, 2019. During this period the gelding was not under the full custody and control of its trainer.

B Davis was fined the sum of \$750

In consideration of these penalties Stewards took into account:

- The disciplinary records and personal circumstances of both licensee's
- That a term of suspension would have been considered if BORLUNG had competed
- Precedents for breaches of a similar nature
- That the penalty must serve as a specific and general deterrent

Both were advised of their right of appeal.

Australian Rules referred to in this report:-

*AR227*

*Without limiting any other powers, a PRA or the Stewards may penalise any person who:*

*(a) commits any breach of the rules, or engages in conduct or negligence which had led or could have led to a breach of the rules*

*(b) attempts to commit, aids, abets, counsels, procures, connives at, conspires with another person to commit, or is a party to another person who commits, a breach of the rules*

*AR103(6)*

*Where a horse has been entered for a race, from the time of entry to arrival on course prior to racing:*

*(a) except with the permission of the Stewards, the horse must be stabled only at the premises from which the horse's trainer is licensed to train.*