



## TRNT Stewards Report – 2 March, 2015

Panel: D Hensler, L Twomey

Stewards today opened an inquiry into an incident that occurred at the Darwin Turf Club stable complex on the morning of 14 February, 2015 which was subject of a complaint by licensed jockey Stephen Ridler against licensed stablehand Wayne Stanton. Mr Ridler tendered evidence in person and Mr Stanton via teleconference.

Subsequently Wayne Stanton pleaded guilty to a charge of improper conduct under AR 175(q). The specifics being that on the morning of Saturday 14 February, 2015 at the stable complex of trainer Chris Pollard located on the property of the Darwin Turf Club, he did physically assault licensed jockey Stephen Ridler by striking him with his fists and open hands on multiple occasions.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account:

- The serious nature of an assault charge
- Incident occurred on the racecourse in full view of other Industry participants
- Circumstances of the incident
- Mr Stanton's remorse for his actions
- The penalty must serve as a specific and general deterrent

Mr Stanton was disqualified for a period of 12 months. He will be eligible to reapply for a licence after 2 March, 2016. He was further advised of his rights of appeal against this decision.

David Hensler  
Chairman of Stewards