

THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED
ADDITIONAL STEWARDS' REPORT
STABLE EMPLOYEE/TRACKWORK RIDER MR. RONALD BELL

TRSA OFFICES - TUESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2019

Stewards inquired into the circumstances surrounding the alleged conduct of registered Stablehand/Trackwork Rider Mr. Ronald Bell on Sunday 17 February 2019 at the Port Lincoln Racing Club.

Stewards considered a report received from security guard Mr. S Lomman, who worked at the Port Lincoln Racing Club on Sunday 17 February 2019 and also heard evidence from Mr. Grant Woods, the official Starter at the Port Lincoln Racing Club, and Mr. Bell.

After considering the evidence, Mr. Bell was charged under AR.175(q), the particulars being that he, while present in the company of Mr. Grant Woods, the official starter at the Port Lincoln Racing Club on Sunday 17 February 2019, after the running of the last race misconducted himself by addressing Mr. Woods in an inappropriate manner in the company of third parties - that manner being constituted by his use of foul language and his general demeanour.

Mr. Bell pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards considered a number of factors and fined Mr. Bell \$2,000, however, having regard for his guilty plea, the fact he provided forthright evidence, showed remorse and tendered an apology for his conduct to Mr. Woods prior to being notified of the inquiry, Stewards determined, under AR196(4), to suspend \$1,500 of that penalty for a period to conclude at the end of the 2020 Port Lincoln Racing season on the condition that he does not re-offend under any conduct rule during that period.

Mr. Bell was informed of his right of appeal.

Johan Petzer
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS

07 March 2019
