



THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT - Apprentice Jockey Kayla Crowther

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On Tuesday 14 January 2020 Stewards concluded the inquiry into the running and handling of **Thompson's Reward**, which ran in Race 4 at Morphettville on Thursday 26 December 2019. After taking evidence on Thursday 26 December 2019 the inquiry was adjourned for further consideration.

Stewards heard evidence from apprentice jockey Kayla Crowther, the rider of **Thompson's Reward**, who was assisted at the hearing on 14 January by senior jockey Paul Gatt, and from Mr. David Jolly, the trainer of **Thompson's Reward**. Stewards also considered betting records relating to the race, and noted no irregularities in this regard.

After considering the evidence taken on 26 December 2019 and 14 January 2020, Stewards charged Kayla Crowther under Australian Rule of Racing - AR129(2), the particulars of the charge being;

That whilst riding **Thompson's Reward** in Race 4 at Morphettville on Thursday, 26 December 2019 she failed to take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that **Thompson's Reward** was given full opportunity to win the event;

Particularly;

- (i) that near the 300 metres where it was reasonable and permissible for her to ride her horse in a manner to claim a run that was available between **Brimarvi Vehero** and **Zarace** she failed to ride her horse with sufficient vigour for approximately seven (7) strides, which riding prevented her from improving into and claiming that run,
- (ii) that her riding described in part (i) had the effect of her becoming held up for clear running and being obliged to alter course to the outside of **Zarace** and **Brimarvi Vehero** as that run eventually closed.
- (iii) that her riding described in part (i) and the consequences resulting in part (ii) had the effect that **Thompson's Reward** was denied an obvious and direct clear passage at a critical stage of the race, thereby denying it full opportunity to win.

Kayla Crowther pleaded guilty to the charge and in determining penalty Stewards had regard for the fact that she had a clean record, her guilty plea and the fact that she is still an apprentice jockey. Stewards also noted the seriousness of a charge under AR129(2) and further considered individual and general deterrence. In the circumstances Kayla Crowther's license to ride in races was suspended for a period of four (4) weeks, reduced from six (6) weeks after allowing for mitigating factors, to commence at midnight Saturday, 18 January 2020 and to expire at midnight on Saturday, 15 February 2020.

Kayla Crowther was informed of her right of appeal.

J Petzer
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS
15 January 2020