

THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

ADDITIONAL STEWARDS' REPORT - TRAINER MR. JOHN HYAM

TRSA OFFICES - WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2019

Stewards inquired into comments made by trainer Mr. John Hyam on Twitter on Friday, 21 December 2018 and Saturday, 22 December 2018. After considering the evidence, including evidence from Mr. Hyam and the material detailing the comments made on Twitter, Mr. Hyam was charged as follows:

Charge 1: -

Under the provisions of AR175(qq); the particulars being that on Friday, 21 December 2018 Mr. Hyam engaged in the posting on 'Twitter' a social media platform, comment directed at the Thoroughbred Racing South Australia (TRSA) CEO, Mr. Jim Watters, which comment was offensive in nature, the specific comment being "*What chance do we have with a New Zealander in charge look at the state of there [sic] racing.*" Mr. Hyam pleaded guilty to the charge.

Charge 2: -

Under the provisions of AR175(qq); the particulars being that on Saturday, 22 December 2018, Mr. Hyam engaged in the posting on 'Twitter' a social media platform, comment directed at the Thoroughbred Racing South Australia (TRSA) Board, which comment was offensive and defamatory in nature, the specific comment being "*Can't just blame government the TRSA board a [sic] pethectic [sic] as well, bit late to ask for funding when the budget is already done,...*" Mr. Hyam pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards considered a number of factors and;

- In relation to Charge 1, Mr. Hyam was fined \$1,000, however, having regard for his guilty plea, his clean record and the fact he provided forthright evidence, showed remorse and tendered an apology for his comment, Stewards determined, under AR196(4), to suspend \$500 of that penalty for a period of 12 months on the condition that he does not re-offend under this rule during that period.
- In relation to Charge 2, Mr. Hyam was fined \$2,000, however, having regard for his guilty plea, his clean record and the fact he provided forthright evidence, showed remorse and tendered an apology for his comment, Stewards determined, under AR196(4) to suspend \$1,500 of that penalty for a period of 12 months on the condition that he does not re-offend under this rule during that period.

Mr. Hyam was informed of his right of appeal.

Johan Petzer
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS

07 March 2019
