

# Additional Stewards Report



Stewards: - J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro & B. Jarman

**Thursday, 28 September 2023**

## Kane Post

Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances relating to alleged conduct on the part of licensed Trainer Mr. Kane Post on Thursday, 18 May 2023 at the Mount Gambier Racecourse during the hours of track work.

Stewards heard evidence from Mr. Post, and Stable Employee/Track Rider Mr. Geoff O'Loughlin, and also had regard for CCTV evidence relating to the alleged incident.

After considering the evidence Stewards charged Mr. Post under the provisions of **AR228(b)**, a rule which deals with misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour, the particulars of the charge being that:

On Thursday, 18 May 2023 Mr. Post misconducted himself at the Mount Gambier Racecourse during the hours of track work by using his left arm in a manner which resulted in him making contact with the upper chest area of Mr. Geoff O'Loughlin during a verbal altercation between himself and Mr. Geoff O'Loughlin.

**Plea:** Mr. Post reserved his plea and consequently Stewards recorded a plea of not guilty on his behalf.

**Finding:** On a balance of the evidence Stewards found Mr. Post guilty of the charge.

In determining penalty Stewards had regard for Mr. Post's record and while noting that he had two prior offences for misconduct, the historical nature of these matters did not weigh as aggravating factors. Stewards also had regard for his forthrightness at the inquiry, his longstanding involvement in the industry and the fact that no harm was caused to Mr. O'Loughlin and that Mr. Post considered he was provoked at the time and his conduct was reactionary.

In all the circumstances Stewards imposed the following penalty;

**Penalty** - A fine of \$400. Stewards further ordered that the fine be wholly suspended for a period of 1 year provided Mr. Post is not found guilty of a conduct related matter during that period.

Mr. Post was informed of his right of appeal.

**J Petzer**  
**General Manager Integrity**