

STEWARDS INQUIRY DECISION

- Date of Decision:** 4th August, 2021
- Stewards Panel:** B A Free (Chair), R Brown, A Harding
- Name:** Scott Brunton
- Track/Race:** Tasmanian Racing Club, Ladbrokes Park (Elwick)
- Date:** Sunday 3rd November, 2020
- Rule no:** AR228 - Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing
A person must not engage in:
(b) misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behaviour;
- Charge(s):** The particulars of the misconduct charge were that after attending the Tasmanian Racing Clubs meeting at Ladbrokes Park on Sunday, 3rd November, 2020 and being advised that there were comments made in relation to his children, Mr S Brunton made contact with Mr T Evans by phone in relation to those comments. Stewards deemed this call to be harassing and unwarranted.
- Mr Brunton reserved his plea and was found guilty of the charge. Mr Brunton was fined the sum of \$400 of which \$200 to be wholly suspended for a period of 12 months, commencing the 4th August, 2021.
- Inquiry Decision:**

FACTS:

- On 3rd November, 2020 Mr Scott Brunton attended the race meeting at the Tasmanian Racing Club at Ladbrokes Park, Elwick.
- After being advised that comments had been made by Trainer T Evans, Mr Brunton took it upon himself to make a telephone call to Mr Evans which stewards deemed harassing and unwarranted.
- Mr Evans confirmed the call and conversation at the inquiry.
- Mr Brunton confirmed that he had made a call to Mr Evans after the incident.

INQUIRY:

The inquiry was opened at Ladbrokes Park at Elwick on the 1st June, 2021. Where Mr Brunton attended via conference call and Mr Evans in person. When questioned in relation to the call, Mr Brunton confirmed that he had made a call after the incident.

DECISION:

Having considered Mr Brunton's decision to reserve his plea and his record in relation to this rule, his years involved in the thoroughbred industry and his co-operation throughout the inquiry, Stewards deemed that an appropriate penalty be of a fine of \$400 with \$200 wholly suspended and not to re-offend for a period of 12 months, commencing on the 4th August, 2021, this being the date that the penalty was handed down.

Mr Brunton was advised of his right to appeal.