

DECISION

Racing Integrity Act 2016, sections 252AH, 252BM

Review application number	RAP-17	
Name	Jaden Lloyd	
Panel	Mr. Kerry O'Brien AM (Chairperson) Mr John McCoy OAM (Panel Member) Ms Julie Overell (Panel Member)	
Code	Thoroughbreds	
Rule	Australian Rules of Racing 131(a) A rider must not, in the opinion of the Stewards engage in careless, reckless, improper, incompetent or foul riding;	
Penalty Notice number	PN-008053	
Appearances & Representation	Applicant	Self-represented
	Respondent	Mr Joshua Adams
Hearing Date	25 May 2023	
Preliminary Decision	Support Person Accepted	
Decision Date	25 May 2023	
Decision	Varied	
Panel Penalty	Pursuant to section 252AH(1)(b), the decision is varied to a period of 12 days suspension commencing midnight on 21 May 2023 and ending midnight on 2 June 2023.	

Reasons for Decision

- [1] Mr Jaden Lloyd is an apprentice Jockey. On the 20th May 2023, following his ride on the horse Helluva Barty in Race 5 at Doomben, Mr Lloyd was found guilty by Stewards of an offence of careless riding contrary to Rule 131(a) Australian Rules of Racing.
- [2] The level of carelessness was adjudged to fall within the mid range and Mr Lloyd, who pleaded guilty to the charge, incurred a license disqualification of 13 days, commencing at midnight on the 21st of May 2023 and ending at midnight on the 3rd of June 2023.
- [3] Pursuant to section 252AB of the Racing Integrity Act 2016, Mr Lloyd now seeks a review of that decision on the basis that the penalty imposed was excessive.
- [4] Mr Lloyd argues that a suspension of 12 days was appropriate in the circumstances rather than the penalty of 13 days.
- [5] The particulars of the applicants charge is set out in the penalty information notice as follows.
“J. Lloyd pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding under the provisions of AR131(a) in that leaving the 300m apprentice Lloyd, rider of Helluva Barty, allowed his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of Spacewalk, which then had to be restrained to avoid the heels of Helluva Barty.”
- [6] The panel, has taken the time to review the footage of the race and has done so mindful of the submissions that have been made.
- [7] It is our assessment that the horse Deb’s Ellie ridden by jockey Jason Collett is seen to move in, compacting the inside runners.
- [8] Although jockey Collett moved to correct his horse, the compaction has occurred as the horse to the front of the applicant, Richon, starts to tire and give ground. The applicant concedes that he was careless in his subsequent manoeuvre, is that he had not paid sufficient heed in the presence of the rider of the horse Spacewalk. In the panels view however, the applicant move is made the worse by the field already having been heavily compacted and the fact that these events transpired over a very short period of time.
- [9] We acknowledge of course the experience of the Stewards in these matters, but we remain of the view that there were some extenuating circumstances which contributed to these events.
- [10] We therefore consider that there is merit at his submission that is appropriate in this case to reduce the period of suspension by that period of one day.
- [11] The starting date remains unaffected, but the final prediction date will be moved forward by one day, which will cease on midnight the 2nd of June 2023.