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## **For immediate release**

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### **STEWARDS INQUIRY - TAYLOR FORD - 14 JANUARY 2019**

Panel - R Brown, D Cooper, B Free

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Office of Racing Integrity Stewards inquired into Miss Ford's conduct following a Stewards Inquiry at Elwick Racecourse on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2018.

Evidence was taken from Stewards, A Crowther and G Griffin and tendered from Steward P Maher. Miss Ford was assisted in the inquiry by Mr Anthony O'Connell.

Stewards charged Miss Ford under AHRR 231(1)(e) which states '*a person shall not assault anyone employed, engaged or participating in the harness racing industry or otherwise having a connection with it*'. To which she pleaded guilty.

Mr O'Connell submitted evidence of Miss Ford's personal circumstances in relation to any penalty imposed.

After taking into account all evidence, including Miss Ford's record in harness racing, her present financial position and all relevant factors and including the need for this penalty to serve as a deterrent to all other participants, Miss Ford was disqualified for a period of four months, to commence at midnight on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 and expiring at midnight 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2019.

Miss Ford was advised of her right to appeal.

Roger Brown - CHAIRMAN.