

MEDIA RELEASE

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Launceston Race Meeting - 15 November 2017

Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into an incident that occurred at the barrier prior to Race 1 involving Tasracing Barrier Attendant Mr Wade Rattray and CENTURY ARROW at the Tasmanian Turf Club meeting held at Launceston on 15 November 2017.

After taking initial evidence at the race meeting, Mr Rattray was stood down from his duties for the remainder of the meeting by the Stewards acting under the provisions of AR 8(r).

Mr Wade Rattray was found guilty of a charge pursuant to Australian Rule of Racing 175A for conduct prejudicial to the image of racing. The particulars of the charge being that whilst handling CENTURY ARROW behind the barriers prior to the start of Race 1, he struck that horse with a clenched fist in the vicinity of the head.

In considering penalty, the Stewards took into account the following:

- The nature of the offence.
- The detrimental effects to the image of racing.
- Deterrent factor.
- Mr Rattray's clean record in relation to breaches of this Rule.
- Personal circumstances of Mr Rattray.

Mr Rattray was fined the sum of \$1500.

Further, ORI will now submit a report to Tasracing in relation to this matter and further work with Tasracing in developing appropriate standards and conduct for barrier staff.

Note:

AR.175A. Any person bound by these Rules who either within a racecourse or elsewhere in the opinion of the Principal Racing Authority (or the Stewards exercising powers delegated to them) has been guilty of conduct prejudicial to the image, or interests, or welfare of racing may be penalised.

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