

# Additional Stewards Report

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**Tuesday, 22 June 2021**

**Jockey R. Hurdle - HI SMOKEY & Apprentice Jockey S. So - KEYSOR**

Gawler, Wednesday 16 June 2021, Race 8, Holdfast Insurance BM 58 Handicap – 1200 metres

Stewards today resumed an inquiry, opened on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021, into comments made between R. Hurdle, rider of HI SMOKEY and Apprentice S. So, rider of KEYSOR, after the running of race 8 at Gawler race course on the same date. S. So was assisted at the inquiry by Apprentice Academy Master, Mrs. B. Moore

Evidence was initially taken from both riders. However, the inquiry was adjourned until today to allow Stewards to obtain further evidence from witnesses mentioned.

At today's inquiry, both riders and Mrs B Moore, Apprentice Academy Master, were again present, along with trainer Mr. J. Pickering, S. So's Master, who was also assisting her. Evidence was taken, via telephone, from Ms. K. Evans, trainer of KEYSOR and Apprentice A. Livesey who rode SPIRITED MATCH in the event.

After considering the evidence, R. Hurdle pleaded guilty to a charge under AR115(1)(a) for misconduct, the particulars being that;

- i. After passing the winning post, whilst pulling HI SMOKEY up, he directed comments of an inappropriate nature towards Apprentice S. So.
- ii. On returning to the enclosure, whilst riding HI SMOKEY, he made further inappropriate comments to Ms. K. Evans in relation to Apprentice S. So.

In relation to penalty, Stewards acknowledged the guilty plea entered by R. Hurdle and his frankness throughout the inquiry, however they also took into account this was his fourth offence under the misconduct rule and also the negative image such conduct brings to the racing industry. In all the circumstances, he was issued with a fine of \$1,000 of which \$500 was suspended for a period of two (2) years in accordance with AR283(5), provided he does not breach any conduct rule in that period. R Hurdle was advised of his right of appeal.

Stewards: - M P Zarb (A/Chairman), S B Callanan & T Vanderstok

