

## Stewards Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit

and

Daniel Ganderton

Date of Decision	22/12/2025
Decision Makers	D Tyson (Chairman), T Harding, Z Turner (Panel)
Present by phone	
Rule	AR 228(b) Misconduct (2 Charges)
Charge	Charge 1 - AR 228(b) Misconduct by swearing.  Charge 2 - AR 228(b) Misconduct by swearing in a verbal and physical argument with Apprentice L. Bingley.
Prohibited Substance	N/A
Plea	Guilty on Charge 1  Guilty on Charge 2.
Inquiry Decision	Penalties Imposed
Penalty	Charge 1 - \$750 Fine  Charge 2 - \$2000 Fine and a wholly suspended three-month suspension of his licence to ride in races as long as he does not re-offend for two years.
Summary of Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prior to Trial 7 at the Devonport Racing Club on 9 December 2025, Mr. Ganderton engaged in a heated verbal exchange with Apprentice I. Bowles regarding the loading and scratching of her mount. Apprentice L. Bingley then confronted Mr. Ganderton about his conduct, resulting in an argument during which both parties used offensive language, as later admitted. Tasracing staff at the barriers witnessed the incident.</li><li>After the trial, Apprentice Bingley again approached Mr. Ganderton, leading to another heated confrontation involving raised voices and swearing. During this exchange, Apprentice Bingley struck Mr. Ganderton in the face. Mr. Ganderton then placed his hand near her neck and pushed her back toward a railing, after which the parties separated. CCTV footage confirmed the interaction.</li></ul>

**Penalty Discussion**

- The Stewards considered Mr. Ganderton's candid evidence and early guilty pleas, as well as his acknowledgment that his conduct was unprofessional. The Panel also accepted that he did not initiate either the verbal or physical conflict.
- His recent disciplinary record was taken into account, including a \$1,000 fine in 2024 for verbal abuse of the Chairman of Stewards and a medical officer.
- Stewards emphasised that such behaviour—particularly in public or semi-public areas—cannot be tolerated due to its potential impact on other participants, owners, and members of the public.

**Penalty**

- Charge 1 AR 228(b) Misconduct (Swearing) a fine of \$750
- Charge 2 AR 228(b) (Heated Verbal and Physical confrontation) \$2000 fine and a three-month suspension of his licence to ride in races (wholly suspended for two years unless he offends again)
- Mr. Ganderton was advised of his rights of appeal.

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