

## Decision

### Tasracing Integrity Unit and Glenn Hodges

**Date of Decision:** 8 January 2026

**Decision Makers:** Mr Alex Bonde, Mr Trevor Styles

**Respondent:** Mr Glenn Hodges

**Rules:** Australian Rule of Racing R228(d)

**Charge One:** *AR 228(d): A person must not engage in publishing or posting on any social media platform or channel any material, content or comment that is obscene, offensive, defamatory, racist, threatening, harassing, discriminatory or abusive to or about any other person involved in the racing industry.*

The particulars being:

1. You were at all relevant times, in December 2025, a licensed thoroughbred trainer and trackwork rider, licensed by the Tasracing Integrity Unit (TIU) in Tasmania (licence number 4101342) and a person bound by the Australian Rules of Racing.
2. On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2025, you were responsible for the posting of comments on social media platform 'Facebook' that were offensive to Mr Patrick Kearney (Mr Kearney), a person involved in the racing industry.

**Plea:** Guilty

**Penalty:** Fine of \$1000 (\$600 suspended on condition you do not commit any breach against this rule for a period of two (2) years)

**Decision:**

1. Mr Glenn Hodges (Mr Hodges) was at all relevant times a licensed thoroughbred trainer and track rider.

2. In December 2025, licensed trainer Mr Kearney advertised a position on the 'Racing Jobs Australia' Facebook group. This advertisement attracted comments from people, including 4 anonymous comments that were posted on or about 15 December 2025.
3. The comments were offensive to Mr Kearney
4. Enquiries were conducted with the moderator of the Facebook group, who confirmed the anonymous comments belonged to Mr Hodges and included a profile picture.
5. On 24 December 2025, during a telephone interview, Mr Hodges denied personally posting the comments, but agreed he was responsible for the security of his phone and Facebook profile.
6. On 8 January 2026, a telephone inquiry was conducted with Mr Hodges. He was issued a charge under Australian Rule of Racing 228(d), entered a guilty plea and provided submissions.
7. Mr Hodges was fined \$1000, with \$600 being conditionally suspended for two (2) years. Should Mr Hodges commit any breach under AR 228 in that period, the suspended portion of the penalty will be activated and payable in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed.
8. In arriving at Penalty, the Decision Makers considered all available evidence including:
  - the guilty plea;
  - Mr Hodges' prior disciplinary history;
  - his verbal submissions;
  - his personal and professional circumstances;
  - his demonstrated lack of remorse;
  - the objective seriousness of the offence;
  - the offense caused to Mr Kearney;
  - that Tasracing has been making concerted efforts to educate all industry stakeholders on respectful behaviours;
  - the objectives of the TIU under the Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024.
9. Further, Mr Hodges
  - was advised of his rights of appeal.

**Dated:** 11 January 2026