

Stewards Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit

and

Scott Brunton

Date of Decision	Monday 20 th July 2026
Decision Makers	J W Marsh (Chair), T T Styles, A D Hyde
Rule	AR 228 (b) AR 123 (1)
Charge 1	Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing A person must not engage in: (b) misconduct, improper conduct or unseemly behavior
Charge 2	Safety Vests (1) When mounted on a horse, included but not limited to in a race, official trail, jump-out or trackwork, a rider must wear a properly fastened safety vest
Plea	Guilty
Penalty	Charge 1: Fine of \$500 Charge 2: Fine of \$200
Summary of Facts Charge 1	1. Mr. Brunton was at all relevant times a Tasracing licensed Stable Hand and as such a person bound by the Australian Rules of Racing. 2. During the Tasmanian Racing Club meeting held at Elwick Racecourse on Sunday 5th July 2026, Stipendiary Stewards witnessed Mr. Brunton exiting the horse urinal in the stables area whilst not handling a horse. 3. After exiting the horse urinal, Mr. Brunton was approached by Stewards who questioned him as to whether he had urinated in the stall. Mr. Brunton acknowledged that he had done so and stated his diabetes can cause the need for urgent urination. It was confirmed that a public toilet was in the near vicinity of the area where the incident occurred. 4. At an inquiry on Monday 20th July 2026 Mr. Brunton pleaded guilty to a charge issued pursuant to AR 228 (b) in that as a licensed person he had engaged in unseemly behavior by urinating in the horse urinal at the Tasmanian Racing Club meeting held at Elwick Racecourse on Sunday 5th July 2026. 5. Stewards fined Mr. Brunton \$500 for the breach of AR 228 (b).

Summary of Facts Charge 2

1. Mr. Brunton was at all relevant times a Tasracing licensed Stable Hand and as such a person bound by the Australian Rules of Racing.
2. On 16th July members of the Tasracing Integrity Unit attended the Thoroughbred Stables of Licensed Trainer Mr. John Keys at Seven Mile Beach and found Mr. Brunton working a horse whilst not wearing a safety vest.
3. At an inquiry on Monday 20th July 2026 Mr. Brunton pleaded guilty to a charge issued pursuant to AR 123 (1) in that when mounted on a horse he was not wearing any form of safety vest.
4. Stewards fined Mr. Brunton \$200 for the breach of AR 123 (1).

Penalty Discussion

In determining penalty for both charges the Decision Makers carefully considered all available evidence including but not limited to:

- Mr. Bruntons's plea of guilty.
- His genuine remorse for his actions.
- His disciplinary history particularly in matters relating to the relevant rules.
- That any penalty should be a deterrent both general and specific.

In relation to Charge 1 Stewards also considered:

- The objective seriousness of the offence including the heightened risk of contamination that may occur from an action such as this.
- The potential damage to the image of racing and the need to maintain public confidence in the integrity standards of the industry.

In relation to Charge 2 Stewards also considered:

- The utmost importance adhering to safety requirements in the racing industry.

Mr. Brunton was advised of his right to appeal the Stewards decisions to the Tasmanian Racing Appeal Board within 14 days.