

Stewards Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit

and

Dylan Clark

Date of Decision	3 rd September 2026
Decision Makers	Mr. T.T. Styles, Mr. A.D Hyde
Respondent	Mr. Dylan Clark
Rule	AR233(a): A person must not breach a policy, regulation or code of practice published by Racing Australia or a PRA.
Plea	Guilty
Penalty	Fine of \$200
Summary of Facts	1. Mr. Clark was at all relevant times a Tasracing Licensed Thoroughbred trainer and as such a person bound by the Australian Rules of Racing. 2. On 27th August 2026 Tasracing Integrity Unit Stewards received an incident report from Track Stewards operating at the Longford training facility on 26th August 2026. 3. The report alleged that Track Stewards witnessed Mr. Clark controlling the barriers at the training facility whilst not wearing a safety vest or helmet. When approached Mr. Clark, stated he had a baseball hat fitted on his head and had not handled a horse. 4. CCTV footage of the barriers at the time of the incident confirmed that Mr. Clark walked behind horses and closed the barrier gates before he moved to the front of the gates and activated the release of the gates with the Starters' handle. 5. On 3rd September 2026, Mr. Clark pleaded guilty to a charge issued pursuant to AR 233 A person must not: (a) Breach a policy, regulation or code of practice published by Racing Australia or PRA. 6. The specifics of the charge were that Mr. Clark by being a licensed person at the Longford Training Facility on 26th August 2026 and by utilising the barriers whilst not wearing an approved helmet and vest, breached S9.a of the Tasmanian Thoroughbred Track Rules:

- Barriers are to be used only in daylight hours or as directed by the Track Supervisor:
 - a. No person will be permitted to use the barriers, unless wearing an approved helmet and a correctly fastened safety vest that complies with the relevant Australian Standard.

7. Stewards fined Mr. Clark \$200 for the breach of AR233(a).

Penalty Discussion

In arriving at a penalty, the Decision Makers considered all available evidence, including but not limited to:

- Mr. Clark's plea of guilty.
- Mr. Clark's record in relation to similar breaches.
- The nature of the offence and the utmost importance of workplace health and safety adherence.
- That any penalty should be a deterrent both general and specific.

Mr. Clark was advised of his rights to appeal the Stewards decision.