



*INQUIRY INTO COMMENTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM FACEBOOK ALLEGEDLY MADE BY
LICENSED TRAINER MR NORMAN LOY.*

Albury Racing Club

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**Stewards: J A Shultz (Chairman)
S G Railton
L J Martin**

Racing NSW Stewards today inquired into material received by the Racing NSW Investigation and Surveillance Unit regarding two (2) social media comments on Facebook that were allegedly made by licensed trainer Mr. Norman Loy.

Evidence was today taken from Mr Loy who also made submissions to the Stewards in relation to the matter.

Charge

AR 228 (a) - Conduct prejudicial to the interests of racing

Mr Loy was found guilty of a charge under AR228(a) in that he did engage in conduct that was prejudicial to the image and/or interests of racing as he did, on two recent occasions post on his private social media platform "Facebook" account two highly inappropriate comments in respect of a person who holds a high public office.

Penalty:

In assessing penalty Stewards considered the following matters.

1. Personal and professional circumstances
2. Licensing history and disciplinary record which included 1 prior breach in relation to social media posts
3. Principles associated with breaches under such rules
4. Precedent penalties
5. The large number of followers/friends that Mr Loy has on his private social media platform.

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Mr Loy was disqualified for a period of three (3) months to commence immediately and to expire on 3 December 2021 on which day he may reapply for his licence. Acting under the provisions of AR283(8) Mr Loy was advised the period of disqualification would be deferred under subrule 7 to allow Mr Loy to care for and make arrangements for horses under his care, however he must not start a horse in a race or barrier trial in this period.

Mr. Loy was advised of his rights of appeal.

Relevant Rules

Division 3 – Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing

AR 228 Conduct detrimental to the interests of racing

A person must not engage in:

- (a) Conduct prejudicial to the image, interests, integrity, or welfare of racing, whether or not that conduct takes place within a racecourse or else where;*

Division 4 – Penalties

AR 283 Penalties

- (8) Notwithstanding that the commencement of a period of disqualification may be deferred under subrule (7), a trainer must not start a horse in any race from the time of the decision to disqualify that trainer until the expiration of the period of disqualification*

**J A Shultz
Chief Steward
Southern District Racing Association**