

RACING NSW – STEWARDS REPORT



HEARING OF CHARGES ISSUED AGAINST LICENSED RIDER AGENT MR JOHN WALTER

Racing NSW Offices
Druitt Street
Sydney

1 June 2021

Stewards: **M F Van Gestel (Chairman)**
S G Railton
C L Albrecht

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted a hearing of a charge issued against licensed rider agent Mr John Walter for a breach of NSW LR71A(a). Evidence today was taken from Mr Walter who was assisted by solicitor Mr P O'Sullivan.

Mr Walter was charged in the following terms following an investigation that Racing NSW Stewards had conducted and evidence provided by Mr Walter.

Charge

NSWLR71A(a) - The details of the charge being that Mr Walter did bet and/or have an interest in bets on 5 NSW races (25 individual bets), being bets on races upon which a rider he represented, on the day such bets were made, held an engagement to ride in.

Plea: Guilty

Penalty

Stewards issued the following penalty having considered the relevant matters below;

1. Guilty Plea and early assistance provided by Mr Walter.
2. Personal and professional circumstances.
3. Clean record.
4. Principles applied by Stewards when issuing penalties, for a serious offence of this kind.
5. Relevant circumstances of this case.

Mr Walter was disqualified for a period of 6 months to commence on 7 June 2021 and to expire on 7 December 2021.

Relevant Rule

LR 71A. - *Except with the written permission of Racing NSW, any rider's agent who:*

- (a) bets, has an interest in a bet, or facilitates a bet; or*
- (b) provides either directly or indirectly to any person for any direct or indirect financial or other benefit (regardless of whether such benefit materialises) any tip, or any other information or advice that may influence any person to bet,*

on any NSW race in which a rider whom the rider's agent represents (in accordance with AR1) is engaged to ride, commits an offence and may be penalised.

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For the purposes of this rule, a bet includes a lay bet.

AR2 - rider's agent means a person licensed by a PRA who by a contract or any other arrangement assists a jockey or the master of an apprentice jockey in relation to the organisation and/or obtaining of riding engagements.

**M F VAN GESTEL
CHAIRMAN OF STEWARDS
GENERAL MANAGER - INTEGRITY**