

THOROUGHBRED RACING S.A. LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT

Report on Race Meeting held at Bordertown Racecourse
by the Bordertown Racing Club on Sunday, 9 August 2015

Abandoned Race Meeting – Sunday, 9 August 2015

The Bordertown race track was inspected by the TRSA District Steward on Monday, 3 August and again on Saturday, 8 August 2015. Following the track inspections the track was deemed safe for racing and rated a Soft 6. While an area of the track in the vicinity of the 1000 metres was softer underfoot and could be afforded a rating lower than Soft, the District Steward was satisfied the track was nevertheless safe for racing and the variance in the track condition in this area was not so dramatically different to the remainder of the track as to render it unsafe for racing. The District Steward also considered the track in this area had improved significantly from the Monday to the Saturday. A total of 27mm of rain in the 7 days leading up to the race meeting with no rain the day prior to the race meeting had been recorded.

After arrival on course on Sunday, 9 August 2015, the Stewards' Panel officiating at the meeting inspected the track at approximately 11.30 am and considered the track safe for racing. Following this inspection, Stewards approached members of the rider group who had an engagement in Race 1, alerted them to the inconsistency in the vicinity of the 1000 metres and afforded them an opportunity to inspect that area of the track. After inspecting the area of the track concerned, the delegation of riders approached Stewards and made a submission, raising concern with respect to the track inconsistency, and requested all riders in Race 1 be afforded the opportunity to inspect that area of the track. In view of their submission Stewards afforded every rider with a riding engagement in Race 1 to inspect the track in the vicinity of the 1000 metres. Members of the Stewards' Panel were also present during the course of this inspection.

Following this inspection the rider group had a meeting and then made a formal submission to Stewards in relation to their concerns with the track condition. The concern raised by the rider group was the inconsistency in the track condition in the vicinity of the 1000 metres. It was the unanimous view of the rider group that the level of inconsistency was such that, in their view, the track was unsafe for racing and advised Stewards they were withdrawing their services for the meeting. In the circumstances the Stewards' Panel was left with no option but to abandon the race meeting at 1.00 pm.

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STIPENDIARY STEWARD
9 August 2015