

Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit and Mark Reggett

Date of Decision: 15 January 2026

Decision Makers: Mr. Trevor Styles, Ms. Heidi Lester, Mr. Jason Lincoln

Respondent: Mr. Mark Reggett

Rules: Australian Harness Racing Rules HRR 193 (1), 240(b), HRR 238

Charge One: HRR 193 (1)

193. (1) A person shall not attempt to stomach tube or stomach tube a horse nominated for a race or event within one clear day of the commencement of the race or event.

The particulars being:

1. You are, and were at all relevant times, a trainer and owner licensed by Tasracing – License No.74853, and the trainer and part owner of the registered racehorse Smooth Reason.
2. On 29 November 2025 Smooth Reason was nominated for and due to race at the Launceston Pacing Club race meeting in Race 5 scheduled for 7.52pm.
3. On the afternoon of 29 November 2025 at around 2.55pm, you attempted to stomach tube Smooth Reason.
4. Your attempt to stomach tube Smooth Reason was within one clear day of its race and a breach of HRR 193(1).

Charge Two: HRR 240(b)

*240. A person shall not, whether alone or in an association with others, do, permit or suffer anything before, during or after a race which in the opinion of the Stewards or Controlling Body:-
(b) is corrupt.*

The particulars being:

1. You are, and were at all relevant times, a trainer and owner licensed by Tasracing – License No.74853, and the trainer and part-owner of the registered racehorse Smooth Reason.
2. On 29 November 2025 Smooth Reason was nominated for and due to race at the Launceston

Pacing Club race meeting in Race 5 scheduled for 7.52pm.

3. On the afternoon of 29 November 2025 at around 2.55pm, you attempted to stomach tube Smooth Reason.
4. Your attempt to stomach tube Smooth Reason before the race was, in the opinion of the Stewards, done with the deliberate and improper intention to gain an advantage over other horses and persons with an interest in the race and was therefore corrupt and in breach of 240 (b).

Charge Three: HRR 238

238. A person shall not fail to comply with any order, direction or requirement of HRA, the Controlling Body or the Stewards relating to harness racing or to the harness racing industry.

The particulars being:

1. You are, and were at all relevant times, a trainer and owner licensed by Tasracing – License No.74853.
2. At around 3.p.m on 29 November 2025 at the stable premises of Ms. Tammy Langley, you were notified by a Tasracing Integrity Unit Investigator that they would conduct a search of the vehicle you were and had been using. You responded “ No you’re not, you’re not going through the car, it’s not mine.”
3. You then stated “I can ring the police or something because it’s not my car.”
4. Your refusal to allow the Official to inspect the car as was required was in breach of HRR 238.

Charge Four: HRR 238

238. A person shall not fail to comply with any order, direction or requirement of HRA, the Controlling Body or the Stewards relating to harness racing or to the harness racing industry.

The particulars being:

1. You are, and were at all relevant times, a trainer and owner licensed by Tasracing – License No.74853.
2. At around 3.01p.m on 29 November 2025 when at the stable premises of Ms. T Langley, at Racecourse Road Brighton, you were directed by a Tasracing Integrity Unit Investigator not to leave the property.
3. Shortly after this you stated “I’ll just fucking go,” “You can’t stop me,” “You’re not the police.”
4. You further stated “I’ve got nothing to hide,” “I’ll go and get the fucking car,” “you can’t stop me,” and “I’m going now.”
5. You entered the car and drove away, returning some time later in a different vehicle.
6. Your refusal to remain at the property was in breach of HRR 238.

Pleas:	Guilty to charges 1, 3 and 4 Not guilty to charge 2. The decision makers found the charge proven.	
Determination:	Charge 1 - HRR 193(1)	18 months disqualification
	Charge 2 - HRR 240(b)	3 years disqualification
	Charge 3 - HRR 238	3 months disqualification
	Charge 4 - HRR 238	3 months disqualification
Penalty Order:	The penalties are to be served cumulatively, and backdated to 29 November 2025, the date on which Mr. Reggett's license was suspended. The period of disqualification will expire on 29 November 2030.	

Penalty Considerations

In determining penalty, the Decision Makers carefully considered all available evidence and materials, including but not limited to:

- Mr. Reggett's pleas
- His disciplinary history
- His personal circumstances, not repeated here for privacy reasons
- The objective seriousness of the offences
- That Mr. Reggett prevented officials from completing their essential duties
- The principles of general deterrence
- The objectives of the Tasracing Integrity Unit under the Racing Regulation and Integrity Act 2024

Mr. Reggett was further:

- Advised of his rights of appeal
- Provided with a notice outlining the consequences of disqualification and the penalties for breaching the terms of disqualification, including that any breach will result in the recommencement of the disqualification period from the date of breach
- Provided a notice of the requirements relating to the disposal of any horse ownership interests and the transfer of horses from his care as a disqualified trainer.

Dated: 15 January 2026