



# National Arabian Racehorse Association

## Stewards Investigation/ Hearing Report

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Officiating Stewards:** Mr B Milburn, Mr A Mountney & Mr D Field.

**Defendant:** Cassie Saunders

**Defendant Representative:** Nil

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

**Horse:** NA

**Charge:** Breach of Rule/s: AAR167(j), 168(a)

**Outcome:** Cassie Saunders provided documentation and evidence as requested by the officiating stewards.

**Penalty:** An official caution has been issued.

**OFFENCE:** Posted on the internet website "Facebook" material that in the opinion of Stewards was detrimental to the interest, image and promotion of Arabian Racing.

Officiating Stewards: Mr. B. Milburn, Mr. A. Mountney, Mr D. Field

### REPORT

Stewards on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December, 2014, conducted an Inquiry into comments posted by Cassie Saunders on the Social Media site "Facebook" on the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, 2014.

Stewards received evidence concerning these posts from a third party on 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2014.

After reviewing the evidence, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2015, stewards have sent Cassie Saunders a request to provide both evidence and reason as to why she should not be charged with a breach of rule 86(q), in that she did post comments on the Social media site "Facebook" which in the opinion of Stewards was detrimental to the interest, image and promotion of Arabian Racing.

Stewards have given Cassie Saunders seven (7) days to respond to these allegations.

### UPDATE – 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2015.

A letter of was received from Cassie Saunders regarding the comments posted on the social media site, Facebook. This was received on, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2015.

This was discussed by the stewards panel and a decision was made that due to the information provided in the letter, a caution would be noted against Cassie Saunders and that any further breaches of this rule/s may lead to more severe disciplinary action.

### Brenden Milburn – Chief Steward

**NB:** Steward Investigation/Hearing decisions are subject to Appeal under the Rules of Arabian Racing.

*All appeals need to be lodged in writing within 30 days of the hearing date listed.*