



NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED RACING MEDIA RELEASE

28 August 2014

NZTR MOVES TO SUSPEND JOCKEY'S LICENCE

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has moved to suspend jockey David Walker's licence, effective from noon on Friday 29 August 2014, following charges being laid by the Racing Integrity Unit (RIU) for breaches to the Rules of Racing.

It is alleged in the RIU charges that Class A Jockey David Walker bet against the horse he was riding in Race 3 at Awapuni on Saturday 16 August 2014. These charges follow an inquiry commenced by the RIU immediately following the race.

NZTR Chief Executive Officer Greg Purcell says NZTR is moving to using Rule 322(1) of the Rules of Racing to suspend Mr Walker's licence pending a Judicial Control Authority (JCA) hearing.

Rule 322(1) of the Rules of Racing states:

NZTR may, on reasonable grounds, at any time review and impose conditions on any licence or cancel or withdraw or suspend any licence.

"Given the seriousness of the allegations and the RIU's summary of evidence collected, NZTR is moving to suspend Mr Walker's licence to ride in races."

It is expected the JCA hearing will take place in the near future.

ENDS

As this matter is subject to an investigation and full hearing no further comment will be provided from the RIU at this time.