

From the Northern Bookmakers' Protection Association

The following is the text of a statement issued yesterday (Jan 31st 2008) following a meeting of the Association's directors in Harrogate.

As a result of an incident at Doncaster on Saturday January 26th, bookmaker Michael Readman was asked to attend a meeting of the NBPA directors in Harrogate. He agreed and the following outcome resulted from the discussions.

1. The Readman firm is to be suspended from attending all Point-to-Points under the control of the NBPA until Jan 1st 2009.
2. Mick Readman is to be suspended from membership of the Association for the same period.
3. Mick Readman volunteers to suspend himself from attending any UK racecourse, also for the same period.

He also made this statement:

"I apologise to the punters involved, the racecourse and my bookmaker colleagues for the indiscretion that occurred at Doncaster last Saturday".

The Association agreed to inform the Gambling Commission and the NJPC of this outcome.

Ends.