

APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – APPRENTICE JOCKEY:
REBECCA WILLIAMS**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Dr June Smith, Mr Ron Taylor.

Appearances Mr Murray McPhie appeared on behalf of Ms Williams.
Ms Joelene McSwain appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Echuca on Saturday 15 September 2012, apprentice jockey Rebecca Williams pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR 137(b) for failing to ride her horse out to the end of the race and/or approaching the end of the race. The particulars being that she failed to ride her mount out over the concluding stages and in the Stewards opinion her actions affected the placings with the margin between 2 and 3 being a nose.

The charge relating to her ride on third place-getter *Emma's Blossom* in Race 2 the *Kennaugh's Garden Centre F&M Maiden Plate* (1416m).

Ms Williams had her permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 18 September 2012 and to expire at the conclusion of the Geelong race meeting on Friday, 28 September 2012 – a total of 10 race meetings (2 city, 8 country).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration her guilty plea and good record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday, 18 September 2012. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

An application was made at the hearing by Mr McPhie on behalf of Ms Williams to the change the plea to 'Not Guilty' and appeal against the decision. This application was refused by the Board.

DECISION: **Appeal dismissed. Penalty to remain standing.**