

## APPEAL RESULT

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**DISTRIBUTION:** Chief Executive  
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Office of Racing  
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**FROM:** Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

**DATE:** 26 August 2014

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – BOOKMAKER: PETER COSTER**

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**Panel** Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain, Mr Darren McGee.

**Appearances** Mr John Clancy, Chief Executive VBA, appeared on behalf of Mr Coster.  
Mr Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

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Mr Coster has appealed against the decision of the stewards and severity of the penalty imposed when at the Flemington meeting on Saturday, 9 August 2014 he pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of the Club Bookmakers' Licence Rule 12.1.5 which states that:

*A Bookmaker engaging in Race Betting must remain at the Bookmaker's stand(s) until 15 minutes after the last race (or until 30 minutes if requested by the Betting Supervisor to do so.)*

The charge relating to Mr Coster vacating his stand prior to the running of Race 1 at Flemington on Saturday, 19 July 2014.

Mr Coster was fined the sum of \$400.

A Notice of Appeal against the decision and severity of the penalty was lodged on Wednesday, 13 August 2014.

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

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
PROCEEDINGS**

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**RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman  
MR S. CURTAIN  
MR D. McGEE**

**EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**DECISION**

**BOOKMAKER: PETER COSTER**

**MELBOURNE**

**TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2014**

MR T. BAILEY appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR J. CLANCY appeared on behalf of the Appellant

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CHAIRMAN: The Board has considered this matter and the Board is of the opinion that the phrase "a bookmaker engaging in race betting" should be read generously. Accordingly, once Mr Coster agreed to field in The Terrace and was in the preparatory stages of setting up the stand, he was caught by the rule and, accordingly, we find that he is guilty of failing to comply with that rule.

The only question that remains is the question of penalty. As much as the Board understands Mr Coster's position, the circumstances are such that leaving so early is something that the Board must take into account. In the Board's opinion, we regard the fine of \$400 as being appropriate.

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