At Moonee Valley on Saturday 14th February 2009, apprentice jockey Dean Holland was found guilty of a charge of careless riding (AR 137a) on his mount Glistening (NZ) in Race 9 the Independent Cranes Handicap (1500m).

The careless riding being that passing the 100m he permitted his mount to shift out when not sufficiently clear of El Pretender which was taken out onto Zacroona resulting in both horses being tightened and hampered. D Holland had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence midnight 15th February 2009 and to expire midnight 23rd February 2009 – a total of 9 race meetings (2 city, 7 country). In assessing penalty, Stewards took into account his recent good race riding record.

A Notice of Appeal against the decision and the severity of the penalty was lodged on Monday 16th February 2009.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Wednesday 18th February 2009.