



Appeal Result

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SUBJECT : **APPEAL HEARING RESULT: JOCKEY DEAN LARSSON**

At Mildura on Saturday 14 March 2009 Steward's opened an inquiry into the riding tactics adopted by jockey Dean Larsson on his mount *Toxic Free Mallee* over the final 400m of Race 7 the *Vignerons Cup* (1200m). At an adjourned inquiry on Monday 30 March 2009 jockey Dean Larsson was found guilty of a charge under the provisions of AR 135(b) and AR 135(c) which reads as follows:

AR 135(b) *The rider of every horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that his horse is given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the field.*

AR 135(c) *Any person who in the opinion of the Stewards has breached, or was a party to breaching, any portion of this Rule may be punished, and the horse may be disqualified.*

The particulars of the charge being that jockey Dean Larsson did, after obtaining a clear passage near the 150 metres, fail to show sufficient vigor in his riding when it was reasonable and permissible to do so.

Dean Larsson has his licence to ride in races suspended for a period of three weeks, to commence midnight Monday 30 March 2009 and to expire midnight Monday 20 April 2009. In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Dean Larsson's good riding record and his personal circumstances.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday 31 March 2009. A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Monday 6 April 2009.

DECISION: Appeal allowed.

Georgie Curtis

Registrar
Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board