



APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – APPRENTICE JOCKEY: JAKE BAYLISS**

Panel Judge Bowman (Chair).

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Bayliss.
Mr Darren Triandafillou appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Stony Creek on Tuesday 9 February 2016, apprentice jockey Jake Bayliss pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 137A(5)(a)(ii) for using his whip on seven occasions prior to the 100m mark.

The charge relating to his ride on *Our Delinquent* in Race 4 the *Foster Exchange Hotel Plate* (1600m).

AR 137A(5)(a)(ii) states that:

- (a) *In a race, official trial or jump-out prior to the 100 metre mark;*
- (ii) *The whip shall not be used on more than 5 occasions.*

Mr Bayliss had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday, 10 February 2016 and to expire at midnight on Tuesday, 16 February 2016 – a total of 7 race meetings (2 metro, 5 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account his poor record in this area since the introduction of the new whip rule; where he has offended and been penalised significantly on four previous occasions and he was also advised during his most recent offence that a reoccurrence in the near future, stronger action may be taken.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday, 11 February 2016. A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Monday, 15 February 2016.

DECISION: **Appeal allowed.**

Penalty varied to a fine of \$1,000. The Board also made an order referring Mr Bayliss to the Apprentice Skills Panel.