



APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 19 February 2013

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEYS: JACK HILL & STEVEN VELLA**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain, Mr Ron Taylor.

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Hill and Mr Vella.
Ms Heidi Lester appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Ararat on Monday 11 February 2013, jockeys Jack Hill and Steven Vella both pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 83(a) – misconduct.

The particulars of the charge being that prior to the running of Race 6 Mr Hill and Mr Vella engaged in a physical altercation in the Jockey’s Room.

Mr Hill and Mr Vella were each fined the sum of \$2,000.

Notices of Appeal against the **severity of the penalty** were lodged on Thursday, 14 February 2013.

DECISION: Appeals allowed.

Both penalties varied so that \$1,000 of the fine for each of Mr Hill and Mr Vella is suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that there are no further breaches of AR 83(a).

The balance of \$1,000 for Mr Hill due on or before 28 February 2013.
The balance of \$1,000 for Mr Vella due on or before 30 April 2013.

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

JOCKEYS: STEVEN VELLA and JACK HILL

MELBOURNE

TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2013

MS H. LESTER appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR D. O'KEEFFE appeared on behalf of the Appellants

CHAIRMAN: The Board has given careful consideration to the submissions of Ms Lester, who appeared on behalf of the Stewards, and Mr O'Keeffe, who appeared on behalf of Steven Vella and Jack Hill.

Taking all matters into consideration, the Board has come to the view that the fines of \$2000 were appropriate in the circumstances. However, the Board feels that the immediate payment of \$1000 would satisfy the demands which arose as a result of these incidents. So each jockey is fined the sum of \$2000, of which \$1000 is suspended for 12 months from today.

In respect of Jack Hill, the \$1000 is to be paid on or before 28 February 2013.

In respect of Steven Vella, the sum of \$1000 is to be paid on or before 30 April 2013. I should inform both of you that should you commit any further breach of the rules relating to misconduct, the sum of \$1000 will have to be paid in addition to the fine you have already been given and bear in mind that if you come up before the Stewards or the Board because of a further misconduct charge in the next 12 months, you will find that you will be dealt with very severely for the obvious reasons that you will have virtually ignored the order which the Board has made today.
