



Appeal Result

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SUBJECT : APPEAL HEARING RESULT: JOCKEY NICK HALL

At Caulfield on Saturday 11 April 2009, jockey Nick Hall was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Indite (NZ)* in Race 4 the *Galilee Series Final (2390m)*

The careless riding being that after passing the 300m he permitted his mount to shift in when riding along with the whip when not sufficiently clear of *Precedence (NZ)*, causing crowding to *Precedence (NZ)* and *Vintage King*, which was racing to the inside of *Precedence (NZ)*, having to be checked severely.

Nick Hall had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday 15 April 2009 and to expire at midnight on Monday 27 April 2009, a total of 12 race meetings (3 city and 9 country). In assessing penalty, the Stewards took into account that the interference was in the mid-range category and Mr Hall's recent good riding record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday 13 April 2009.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight on Thursday 16 April 2009.

A late application to withdraw the appeal against decision and enter a guilty plea was accepted by the Board.

DECISION: Appeal allowed.
Penalty varied - suspension to now expire at midnight Friday 24 April 2009.

Georgie Curtis

Registrar
Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board