

APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 6 November 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: BRAD PARNHAM**

Heard By Judge John Bowman (Chair).

Appearances Mr John Didham appeared on behalf of Mr Parnham.
Mr Brett Wright appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Mornington on Sunday 1 November 2015, jockey Brad Parnham pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR 137(b) for failing to ride his mount out in Race 2 the *Hyland Race Colours Plate* (1200m).

The particulars being that he failed to ride *Run Charlie Run* out approaching the end of the race, in particular for three strides passing the 50 metres where there was clear opportunity to do so. *Run Charlie Run* was third placegetter.

Mr Parnham had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 2 November 2015 and to expire at midnight on Friday, 13 November 2015 – a total of 13 race meetings. In assessing penalty the Stewards took into account his guilty plea, good record and that his actions had affected the result of the race.

A Notice of Appeal was received on Monday, 2 November 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal allowed.

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on
Tuesday, 10 November 2015 (9 race meetings).

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

HIS HONOUR JUDGE J. BOWMAN, Chairman

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE HYLAND RACE COLOURS PLATE
OVER 1200 METRES AT MORNINGTON ON 1/11/15**

JOCKEY: BRAD PARNHAM

MELBOURNE

FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2015

MR B. WRIGHT appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR J. DIDHAM appeared on behalf of the Appellant

CHAIRMAN: Mr Brad Parnham, you have pleaded guilty to the charge of a breach of Rule 137(b), in that on 1 November 2015, you failed to ride out your mount for two to three strides very close to the winning post in the relevant race. Mr Wright, on behalf of the Stewards, showed video of the finish. It is submitted by the Stewards and seems to be established by the video that your failure to ride your mount out cost it second place. I would agree. The margin between second and third was .1 of a length. You made a last-stride effort to regain momentum but it was too late. You were suspended for 13 meetings, commencing midnight on Monday, 2 November 2015. By the end of this day, you have missed five meetings.

Mr Wright submitted that the penalty for failing to ride out your mount and missing second place starts at 14 days, this being a type of in-house template used by the Stewards. Your penalty was reduced by one week essentially because of your good record and your plea of guilty.

I have also taken into account your immediate plea of guilty and your clean record over some 11 and a half years of riding. It is not suggested that you have ever committed such an offence before. Indeed, the Stewards accepted you have such a record which I would describe as excellent. Further, I accepted immediately before the offence occurred there was a call from the jockey on your inside which caused you to straighten your horse. You then had what you described as a brain fade for the next couple of strides and that was when the damage was done.

Your horse should have run second. Your brain fade cost the connections some prizemoney. It affected quinella, exacta and trifecta betting. These are serious matters.

However, bearing in mind your frankness, your immediate plea of guilty and your excellent record, I am prepared to allow your appeal. Because of the seriousness of the matter, a period of suspension is inevitable but I am prepared to reduce the penalty to a suspension of nine meetings, so it expires at midnight on Tuesday next, 10 November 2015.

I repeat that your cooperation with the Stewards, your frankness, immediate plea of guilty and excellent record seems to me to justify the reduction which I have allowed. I note the penalties that have been imposed in similar cases. The penalty I have imposed on you does not mean that the bar has in some way been universally lowered for this serious offence, but the present seems to me to be a somewhat exceptional case.
