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APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 12 September 2014

SUBJECT: APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: NICK HALL

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Geoff Ellis, Dr June Smith.

Appearances Mr Hall appeared on his own behalf.

Ms Heidi Lester appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Bendigo on Wednesday 10 September 2014, jockey Nick Hall was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Firehouse Rock* in Race 3 the *Prestige Jayco 3YO Maiden Plate* (1500m.)

The careless riding being at the entrance to the straight he permitted his mount to shift out making contact with *Molyullah* which was forced out across the heels of *Shining Eyes* and having to be checked.

Mr Hall had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on 13 September 2014 and to expire at midnight on 24 September 2014 – a total of 11 race meetings (2 metro, 9 country.)

In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid range and took into account his good record and the time off through injury.

A Notice of Appeal against the decision and severity of the penalty was lodged on Thursday 11 September 2014.

A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal allowed.