RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD



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APPEAL RESULT

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FROM:	Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board
DATE:	20 January 2016
SUBJECT:	APPEAL HEARING RESULT – APPRENTICE JOCKEY: BEN ALLEN
Panel	Judge John Bowman (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain & Dr June Smith.
<u>Appearances</u>	Mr John Didham appeared on behalf of Mr Allen.

At Sale on Thursday 14 January 2016, apprentice jockey Ben Allen was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Heza Dude* in Race 6 the *Wilson Medic One Rising Stars BM 70* Handicap (1208m).

The careless riding being that in that near the 350 metres when racing close to the heels of *Pinyarda*, he rode his horse out from behind that gelding where there was no room to do so, making heavy contact with *The Bronx*, unbalancing that gelding and forcing it from its rightful running.

Mr Allen had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 18 January 2016 and to expire at midnight on Wednesday, 27 January 2016 – a total of 11 race meetings.

In arriving at penalty, Stewards took into account Ben Allen's good record, the carelessness being in the mid-range category and that after placing his mount in the position towards the outside of the heels of *Pinyarda* and in so doing making contact with *The Bronx, Pinyarda* shifted out slightly.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Friday, 15 January 2016.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Tuesday, 19 January 2016.

DECISION: Appeal against conviction dismissed. Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

Taking into account the stay of proceedings the period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Tuesday, 26 January 2016 (a total of 8 race meetings).