



APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 7 October 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: BRIAN HIGGINS**

Heard By Judge John Bowman (Chair.)

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Higgins.
Mr Brett Wright appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Mornington on Tuesday 29 September 2015, jockey Brian Higgins rider of *Don’t Plead Guilty* (fifth placegetter) pleaded guilty to breaching the provisions of 137(b) in that he failed to ride the gelding out to the end of the race and in the view of the Stewards his actions affected the result of the race.

Brian Higgins was fined \$750. In arriving at penalty account was taken of his guilty plea, his good record over a long period of riding and relative betting.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday, 1 October 2015.

DECISION: Appeal allowed. Penalty varied to a fine of \$400.