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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 19 June 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – APPRENTICE JOCKEY: ANTHONY BOYD**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain & Mr Jeremy Rosenthal.

Appearances Mr John Didham appeared on behalf of Mr Boyd.
Mr Taylor Wilson appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Echuca on Monday 15 June 2015, apprentice jockey Anthony Boyd pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of AR 137(d) for excessively reducing the speed on his mount *Dubai King* in Race 9 the *Bourke Builders BM64 Handicap (2)* at Echuca on Monday, 15 June 2015.

An application to amend his plea to 'Not Guilty' was also lodged by Mr Boyd and will be heard and determined by the Board.

The particulars of the charge are that near the 1000m Mr Boyd restrained his mount, which excessively reduced the speed of the race contributing to *Refill* and *Lourdeaux* having to be severely checked and *All Host* being hampered.

Mr Boyd had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 16 June 2015 and to expire at midnight on Friday, 26 June 2015 – a total of 10 race meetings.

In assessing penalty, Stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid range and took into account Anthony Boyd's guilty plea, forthright evidence and record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday, 16 June 2015. A stay of proceedings was not required.

Application to amend plea to 'Not Guilty' withdrawn at the hearing.

DECISION: **Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.**

Penalty varied so that period of suspension expires at midnight on Tuesday, 23 June 2015 (7 race meetings.)

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman
MR S. CURTAIN
MR J. ROSENTHAL**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BOURKE BUILDERS
BM64 HANDICAP (2) AT ECHUCA ON 15/6/15**

APPRENTICE JOCKEY: ANTHONY BOYD

MELBOURNE

FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2015

MR T. WILSON appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR J. DIDHAM appeared on behalf of the Appellant

CHAIRMAN: This is an interesting appeal and I think the first of its kind before the Board where interference has been caused by an unreasonable slackening of pace.

In this case, the Board is of the view that the culpability exhibited by Anthony Boyd was at the high end of the low range or perhaps at the lower end of the mid-range, but the Board is satisfied that there are discounting factors other than the plea of guilty and they include the contribution by Linda Meech and the lack of experience of Anthony Boyd.

In all the circumstances, the Board feels that the penalty is excessive and it is varied, so that the period of suspension will expire at midnight on Tuesday, 23 June 2015.
