## RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD



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## **APPEAL RESULT**

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

**DATE:** 9 February 2016

SUBJECT: APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: CRAIG WILLIAMS

<u>Panel</u> Judge Bowman (Chair).

**Appearances** Mr Robert Cram appeared on behalf of the stewards.

Mr Des O'Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Williams.

At Caulfield on Saturday 6 February 2016, jockey Craig Williams pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Danjeu* (IRE) in Race 2 the *Robert Hunter Handicap* (2400m).

The carelessness being that passing the 700m he rode his mount to the outside of *Black Jag* to obtain running where there was insufficient room between *Black Jag* and *Lucques* resulting in heavy contact being made with *Lucques* on two occasions which unbalanced that gelding.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Craig Williams' guilty plea and good recent record and that the incident was in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against the severity of the penalty was lodged on Sunday, 7 February 2016.

A stay of proceedings was not requested.

**DECISION:** Appeal dismissed. Penalty to remain standing.