



**RACING APPEALS
AND
DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

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DECISION

**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS
and
THOMAS SADLER**

Date of Hearing: 9 June 2016

Panel: Judge John Bowman (Chair), Mr Geoff Ellis, Prof Raymond Harbridge.

Appearances: Mr Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Des O'Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Sadler.

Charge: Breach of AR 135(b)

The rider of every horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that his horse is given full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible place in the field.

The charge relating to Mr Sadler's ride on *Lonrockstar* in Race 8 the *Brett and Mark Wilson Sprint* (1100m) at Caulfield on Saturday, 14 May 2016.

Plea: Not guilty.

Decision: The Board finds the charge proved.

Mr Sadler convicted and suspended for a period of 3 weeks, commencing at midnight tonight - Thursday, 9 June 2016.