

## APPEAL RESULT

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**FROM:** Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

**DATE:** 14 January 2014

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – APPRENTICE JOCKEY:  
CHAD SCHOFIELD**

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**Panel** Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Prof Raymond Harbridge.

**Appearances** Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Schofield.  
Mr Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

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At Seymour on Thursday 9 January 2014, apprentice jockey Chad Schofield was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his *Camos* in Race 3 the *Doug’s Hot Bread SV 3YO Maiden Plate* (1200m).

The careless riding being that shortly after straightening he shifted out where there was insufficient room to do so, resulting in *Shezapoppi* being taken out onto the heels of *Sail The Stars* and as a result having to be checked.

In laying the charge Stewards conceded that there was a minor shift from *Sail The Stars*.

Mr Schofield had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 12 January 2014 and to expire at midnight on Thursday, 23 January 2014 – a total of 12 race meetings (2 metro, 10 provincial).

In determining penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid range, took into account the contributing factor of a slight shift by *Sail The Stars* and C Schofield’s poor recent record under the Rule.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Saturday, 11 January 2014. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
PROCEEDINGS**

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**RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman  
MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman  
PROF R. HARBRIDGE**

**EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE DOUG'S HOT BREAD SV 3YO  
MAIDEN PLATE OVER 1200 METRES AT SEYMOUR ON 9/1/14**

**JOCKEY: CHAD SCHOFIELD**

**MELBOURNE**

**TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY 2014**

MR T. BAILEY appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR D. O'KEEFFE appeared on behalf of the Appellant

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CHAIRMAN: Occasionally in appeals of this kind, the transcript reveals the true situation which existed. Be that as it may, in this case the Board is of the view that the films are decisive. Every picture tells a story and the story which the head-on picture shows clearly indicates that there was no run.

The Board is of the view that Mr O'Keeffe's description of Chad Schofield's manoeuvre as "edging" or "easing" is not the appropriate description. The Board is more inclined to the view that was expressed by Mr Bailey, that Chad Schofield attempted to force a run and did force a run, expecting that Luke Londregan's horse would move away and give him more room.

In all the circumstances, the Board feels that there was carelessness on the part of Chad Schofield. At this stage, whilst we have not dealt with the question of penalty, the Board is of the view that Oisín Murphy's contribution was of the kind which the Stewards described. So the appeal against conviction is dismissed.

On the question of penalty, Mr O'Keeffe has made three points: first, that there was contribution towards the interference by Oisín Murphy; that there was contribution by Ryan Maloney and that Mr Schofield took immediate remedial action once having heard Luke Londregan call.

The Board is of the opinion that the Stewards were entitled to give a discount for Murphy's shift, albeit they thought it was slight. The Board is of the view that there was no contribution from Ryan Maloney.

On the question of remedial action, the Board is of the view that any reasonable rider in the situation of Chad Schofield, having heard a call from the rider of the horse with which he was interfering, would have taken immediate remedial action and we see no reason to give him any discount for that.

In the circumstances, the Board is of the opinion that the Stewards' penalty was reasonable and the appeal against penalty is dismissed.

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