



## APPEAL RESULT

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**DISTRIBUTION:** Chief Executive  
Group Integrity Services  
Group Racing and Group Racing Development  
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Racing Press

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

**DATE:** 22 October 2013

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: NICK HALL**

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**Panel** Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Geoff Ellis, Professor Raymond Harbridge.

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

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At Caulfield on Saturday 19 October 2013, jockey Nick Hall pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Scarlett Billows* in Race 1 the *Sunrise Cup* (1400m).

The careless riding being that after passing the 300m he failed to make sufficient effort to prevent his mount from shifting in and as a result *Ardelle (NZ)* had to be checked. In issuing the charge Stewards accept and acknowledge there was some slight shift from the inside from *Nicamorae*.

Mr Hall had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 20 October 2013 and to expire at midnight on Tuesday, 29 October 2013 – a total of 10 race meetings (2 metro, 8 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account N Hall’s guilty plea, the meetings he will be missing and the incident was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against the severity of the penalty was lodged on Sunday, 20 October 2013. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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**DECISION:** **Appeal allowed.**

**Penalty varied to expire at midnight on Saturday, 26 October 2013.**

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
PROCEEDINGS**

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**RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman  
MR G. ELLIS  
PROF R. HARBRIDGE**

**EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SUNRISE CUP OVER  
1400 METRES AT CAULFIELD ON 19/10/13**

**JOCKEY: NICHOLAS HALL**

**MELBOURNE**

**TUESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2013**

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: In this appeal, the Board is of the opinion that the carelessness was at the higher end of the low range. Taking into account Nicholas Hall's plea of guilty and the contribution of Chad Schofield, the Board gives a discount for those matters.

The problem which stands in the way of the Board acceding to Mr O'Keeffe's request is Nicholas Hall's record. But for his record, which is a poor one, he would have succeeded. The Board, although it would like to allow him to ride on Cox Plate Day, must apply proper principles in coming to a decision and in the circumstances, we are unable to accede to Mr O'Keeffe's submission. We do reduce the penalty, however, for the reasons we have indicated, so that the penalty is varied for the period of suspension to expire at midnight on Saturday, 26 October 2013.

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