

## APPEAL RESULT

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

**DATE:** 18 May 2016

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JACK HILL**

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**Panel** Judge John Bowman (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Stephen Curtain.

**Appearances** Mr Sam Cochrane appeared on behalf of the stewards.  
Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Hill.

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At Geelong Synthetic on Friday 13 May 2016, jockey Jack Hill was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Our Approach* in Race 3 the *Silvan Ridge SV 3YO Maiden Plate* (1900m).

The carelessness being that approaching the 800 metres he permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Double Whirl* resulting in the filly being tightened with insufficient racing room before being checked and losing its rightful racing position.

Mr Hill had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 17 May 2016 and to expire at midnight on Friday, 27 May 2016 – a total of 14 race meetings.

In assessing penalty stewards took into account the carelessness was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Sunday, 15 May 2016. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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

**Penalty varied to a period of suspension for 12 race meetings.**

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
PROCEEDINGS**

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**RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE J. BOWMAN, Chairman  
MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman  
MR S. CURTAIN**

**EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SILVAN RIDGE SV  
3YO MAIDEN PLATE OVER 1900 METRES AT  
GEELONG SYNTHETIC ON 13/5/16**

**JOCKEY: JACK HILL**

**MELBOURNE**

**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

MR S. COCHRANE appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR D. O'KEEFFE appeared on behalf of Mr J. Hill

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CHAIRMAN: I have said many times that the ranges are a guide to consistency and are not a hard and fast rule and often these things are in the eye of the beholder. Doing the best we can, having viewed the video several times as we did, we are of the view that the carelessness and interference is in the mid-range but is in the middle of it, rather than being at the absolute top end.

We do not think there should be any further discount. The factors such as Mr Hill's record are to be taken into account, but that is in relation to mitigation and not in relation to the initial level of penalty. We make that clear.

We arrived at our penalty and then considered whether there should be any discounts from that. We are of the view that there should not be. We have considered the question of contribution from Anthony Boyd's mount, but really we could not see a great deal in that. So we may be accused of tinkering, but our end result is that the appeal against penalty is allowed and the period of suspension is reduced from 14 to 12 meetings, being in the mid mid-range.

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