

APPEAL RESULT

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DATE: 8 April 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: MARK ZAHRA**

Heard By Judge Russell Lewis (Chair).

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Zahra.
Mr Brett Wright appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Mornington on Sunday 5 April 2015, jockey Mark Zahra pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Chalk It Up* in Race 3 the *Perco Australia Plate* (1200m.)

The careless riding being that approaching the 250m he permitted his mount out to shift out from behind *Jenni In A Bottle* resulting in *Patsy* being carried out and making contact with *Cancun Dancer*, which was in turn carried out into the running of *Uber Elite*, which blundered after contacting the hind legs of *Cancun Dancer*.

Mr Zahra had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 6 April 2015 and to expire at midnight on Monday, 20 April 2015 – a total of 16 race meetings (3 metro, 13 provincial.)

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Mark Zahra’s guilty plea and assessed the incident to be in the high range

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday, 7 April 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed. Penalty to remain standing.