

APPEAL RESULT

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DATE: 12 September 2014

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JACOB RULE**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Geoff Ellis, Dr June Smith.

Appearances Mr Rule appeared on his own behalf, assisted by Mr Des O’Keeffe.
Mr James Hitchcock appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Warrnambool on Monday 8 September 2014, jockey Jacob Rule was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Majestic Eclipse* in Race 6 the *Grahams Cleaning Supplies Maiden Plate* (1200m.)

The careless riding being that approaching and passing the 800m, J Rule carelessly permitted *Majestic Eclipse* to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Hayjaywalk* and *Queen Invader* that have been steadied by their respective riders D Thornton and J Darose. After passing the 800m J Rule continued to carelessly permit *Majestic Eclipse* to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *A Million Tears*, crowding that mare that has been checked by its rider B Melham as a consequence.

Mr Rule had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on 10 September 2014 and to expire at midnight on 22 September 2014 – a total of 12 race meetings (2 metro, 10 provincial.)

In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday 10 September 2014.

A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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