

APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – TRAINER: ROBERT (BOB) CHALLIS**

Panel Judge Bowman (Chair).

Appearances Mr James Ogilvy appeared as counsel for the stewards.
Mr Paul O’Sullivan appeared as counsel for Mr Challis.

At a stewards’ inquiry on Wednesday 11 May 2016, trainer Bob Challis pleaded guilty to two charges under AR 53A, as follows:

- Charge 1 – breach of AR 53A(2) - in that as the trainer of *Handicap Honours*, he did fail to report to Stewards without delay that *Handicap Honours* suffered a bleeding attack on Tuesday 12 April 2016.
- Charge 2 – breach of AR 53A(6) - in that as the trainer of *Handicap Honours*, he did fail to report to Stewards without delay that *Handicap Honours* displayed blood at one nostril on Saturday 16 April 2016.

Mr Challis’ licence to train was suspended for a period of 6 weeks in relation to Charge 1, and a period of 3 weeks in relation to Charge 2. Stewards ordered that both suspension be served concurrently - a total of 6 weeks effective from midnight Wednesday, 11 May 2016.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 11 May 2016. A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Tuesday, 17 May 2016.

DECISION: **Appeal allowed.**

**In relation to the Charge 1, the penalty is varied to a fine of \$1,250.
In relation to Charge 2, the penalty is varied to a fine of \$750.**

A total fine of \$2,000 – with 28 days to pay.