



## APPEAL RESULT

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**DISTRIBUTION:** Chief Executive  
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**FROM:** Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

**DATE:** 2 February 2016

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – APPRENTICE JOCKEY: HARRY COFFEY**

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**Panel** Judge Bowman (Chair).

**Appearances** Mr Wade Hadley appeared on behalf of the stewards.  
Mr John Didham appeared on behalf of Mr Coffey.

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At Moonee Valley on Friday 29 January 2016, apprentice jockey Harry Coffey pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Costa Plenty* in Race 3 the *Quest Moonee Valley Handicap* (1000m) at Moonee Valley on Friday, 29 January 2016.

The carelessness being that for some distance approaching the 800m he permitted his mount to shift in carrying *Autumn Time*, which was racing tight to his inside, inwards resulting in tightening to *Leucura* which had to be checked and lost its rightful running due to the pressure on his outside.

Mr Coffey had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 30 January 2016 and to expires at midnight on Sunday, 7 February 2016.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Harry Coffey's guilty plea and excellent record and that the incident was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Saturday, 30 January 2016. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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

**Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Friday, 5 February 2016 (8 race meetings).**