

APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: ALAN CREIGHTON**

Panel Judge Bowman (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Prof Raymond Harbridge.

Appearances Mr James Hitchcock appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Robert Blacker appeared on behalf of Mr Creighton.

At Colac on Saturday 5 March 2016, jockey Alan Creighton was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Rain Fast* in Race 7 the *Russell Bell Racing 0-58 Handicap* (1200m).

The careless riding being that near the 1000m, A Creighton has carelessly permitted *Rain Fast* to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Dragon Artist* that has been taken in off its course resulting in *Soldiers Opera* which was racing to the inside having to be checked.

Mr Creighton had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 8 March 2016 and to expire at midnight on Thursday, 17 March 2016 – a total of 12 race meetings (3 metro, 9 provincial).

In assessing the penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid-range and took into account A. Creighton's record, the circumstances and the fact DRAGON ARTIST was over racing

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 7 March 2016. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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

The period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Tuesday, 15 March 2016 (10 race meetings).