

APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JAKE NOONAN**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Prof Raymond Harbridge, Dr June Smith.

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Noonan.
Mr Rob Montgomery appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Ballarat on Thursday 26 February 2015, jockey Jake Noonan was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Posh Rock* in Race 3 the *racing.com Maiden Plate* (1400m).

The careless riding being that approaching and passing the winning post he permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Worth The Wait* which had to be checked.

Mr Noonan had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 2 March 2015 and to expire at midnight on Monday, 9 March 2015 – a total of 8 race meetings (3 metro, 5 provincial.)

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Jake Noonan’s excellent riding record and that the carelessness was in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Friday, 27 February 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

At the hearing an application was made by Mr Noonan to amend the Notice of Appeal against severity of penalty only – the application was accepted by the Board.

DECISION: **Appeal allowed.**

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Sunday, 8 March 2015 (7 race meetings.)