

## APPEAL RESULT

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**FROM:** Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

**DATE:** 6 October 2014

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JOHN KEATING**

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

**Appearances** Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Keating.  
Mr Gerard Bush appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

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At Kilmore on Monday 29 September 2014, jockey John Keating was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Sharknado* in Race 2 the *Costanzo Automotive Repairs Wandong 3YO F Maiden Plate* (1107m).

The careless riding being that he allowed his mount to shift in near the 700 metres when insufficiently clear of *Social Media* resulting in that mare having to be checked and lose its position.

Mr Keating had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 30 September 2014 and to expire at midnight on Friday, 10 October 2014 – a total of 12 race meetings (3 city, 9 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid range and took into account his record in this area.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 1 October 2014.

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*An application for leave to withdraw the appeal against decision was accepted by the Board at the hearing.*

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

**Taking into account the stay of proceedings, penalty varied so that the period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Saturday, 11 October 2014.**