

APPEAL RESULT

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SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: MARK PEGUS**

Panel Judge Bowman (Chair).

Appearances Mr Taylor Wilson appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Pegus appeared on his own behalf.

At Wangaratta on Sunday 6 March 2016, jockey Mark Pegus pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Justiceforall* in Race 1 the *McGregor Machinery BM64 Handicap* (2000m).

The careless riding being that near the 400m he permitted *Justiceforall* to shift out when not sufficiently clear of *Top Rated* resulting in that gelding being hampered and having to be checked.

Mr Pegus had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 6 March 2016 and to expire at midnight on Tuesday, 15 March 2016 – a total of 11 race meetings (2 metro, 9 provincial).

In reaching penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid-range and took into account Mark Pegus' riding record and took into consideration the circumstances of the incident.

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

DECISION: **Appeal allowed.**

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Sunday, 13 March 2016 (9 race meetings).