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## APPEAL RESULT

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

**DATE:** 19 September 2014

SUBJECT: APPEAL HEARING RESULT – APPRENTICE JOCKEY: THOMAS SADLER

**Panel** Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Professor Raymond Harbridge, Mr Darren McGee.

**Appearances** Mr Chris Symons appeared on behalf of Mr Sadler.

Mr Brent Scarlett appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Cranbourne on Sunday 14 September 2014, jockey Thomas Sadler was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Carashan Girl* in Race 4 the *Highview Accounting Services Maiden Plate* (1400m.)

The careless riding being that from the 200m he permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Fayezan* which was carried inwards to a point that near the 50m had to be checked by its rider.

Mr Sadler had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on 16 September 2014 and to expire at midnight on 27 September 2014 – a total of 12 race meetings (4 metro, 8 provincial.)

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Thomas Sadler's record, the careless riding was in the mid-range and his personal circumstances.

A Notice of Appeal against the decision and severity of the penalty was lodged on Monday 15 September 2014.

The appeal against the decision was subsequently withdrawn and a stay of proceedings was not required.

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

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Thursday, 25 September 2014 (9 race meetings.)

Georgie Gavin Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board