



APPEAL RESULT

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DATE: 6 October 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: CHRIS PARNHAM**

Panel Judge John Bowman (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain & Prof Raymond Harbridge.

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Parnham.
Mr Peter Ryan appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Bendigo on Thursday 1 October 2015, jockey Chris Parnham was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Flying Spark* in Race 2 the *Cup Eve Gala @ All Seasons Maiden Plate* (1100m).

The carelessness being that rounding the home turn he permitted his mount to shift out when not sufficiently clear of *Seeyawheniseeya*, resulting in that mare being taken out off its course and *Belsapphire*, which was racing to the outside of *Seeyawheniseeya*, being hampered and having to be checked to avoid heels.

Chris Parnham had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 4 October 2015 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 11 October 2015 - a total of eight race meetings (one metropolitan, seven provincial). In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Chris Parnham’s good record and that the incident was in the low-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Sunday, 4 October 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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

Penalty varied so that that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Friday, 9 October 2015 (6 race meetings.)