



APPEAL RESULT

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

Panel Judge Bowman (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Prof Raymond Harbridge.

Appearances Mr Rob Montgomery appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Symons appeared on his own behalf.

At Ballarat on Tuesday 22 March 2016, jockey Chris Symons was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Sea of Tranquillity* in Race 8 the *Porter Plant Series Heat 3 BM64 Handicap* (1600m).

The carelessness being that he permitted his mount to shift in whilst easing near the 1400m when insufficiently clear of *Duke Of Boneo (NZ)* resulting in *Duke Of Boneo (NZ)* having to be checked. In issuing the charge Stewards took into account *Duke Of Boneo's (NZ)* racing manners.

Mr Symons had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Thursday, 24 March 2016 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 3 April 2016 – a total of 11 race meetings (3 metro, 8 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Chris Symons overall good record, *Duke Of Boneo's (NZ)* racing manners and that the carelessness was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 23 March 2016.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective to midnight Tuesday, 29 March 2016.

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

Penalty varied to a period of suspension for 9 race meetings.
Taking into account the stay of proceedings the suspension will expire at midnight on Tuesday, 5 April 2016.