

## APPEAL RESULT

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

**DATE:** 18 February 2015

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JACK HILL**

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**Panel** Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Darren McGee.

**Appearances** Mr Hill appeared on his own behalf.  
Mr Geoff Hausfeld appeared on behalf of the stewards.

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At Terang on Sunday, 15 February 2015 jockey Jack Hill was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Red Eclipse* in Race 8 the *Bet Easy Handicap* (1200m).

The careless riding being that near the 250m he permitted his mount to shift ground outwards whilst riding it along when insufficiently clear of *New York Rain*, resulting in that horse being restrained and losing its rightful running.

Mr Hill had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 17 February 2015 and to expire at midnight on Tuesday, 24 February 2015 – a total of 8 race meetings (3 metropolitan, 5 country).

In assessing the penalty Stewards deemed the carelessness to be in the low range and took into account his riding record, the fact that *New York Rain* was weakening and that Mr Hill had made some effort to straighten his mount.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday, 17 February 2015.

A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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**DECISION:** **Appeal allowed.**

**Penalty varied so that the period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Saturday, 21 February 2015 (6 race meetings).**

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
PROCEEDINGS**

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**RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman  
MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman  
MR D. McGEE**

**EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**DECISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BETEASY HANDICAP  
OVER 1200 METRES AT TERANG ON 15/2/15**

**JOCKEY: JACK HILL**

**MELBOURNE**

**WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2015**

MR G. HAUSFELD appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MR J. HILL appeared on his own behalf

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CHAIRMAN: This is an appeal against the severity of the penalty imposed by the Stewards. The Board believes that the Stewards properly took into account relevant discounting factors, including the good record of the Appellant, his last suspension occurring in June 2014, and that he has since that time ridden in 522 races without further incurring the wrath of the Stewards.

The Board is of the view that the level of carelessness in this case was not greatly significant. Accordingly, the Board believes that the proper characterisation of the carelessness in this case was in the lower registers of the low range. That being so, the Appellant is entitled to have the penalty reduced and the Board is of the opinion that the appeal should be allowed, the penalty varied so that the suspension expires at midnight on Saturday, 21 February 2015.

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