

HEARING RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 1 August 2014

SUBJECT: **HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: STEVEN VELLA**

Panel Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy), Mr Josh Bornstein (Deputy), Mr Shaun Ryan.

Appearances Mr Paul O’Sullivan of O’Sullivan Saddington Lawyers appeared on behalf of Mr Vella.

Mr Dayle Brown appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

Charge Breach of AR 135(b)

The rider of every horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that his horse is given full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible place in the field.

The charge relating to Mr Vella’s ride on the horse *Zupabelle* in Race 5 at Geelong Synthetic on Friday, 13 June 2014.

Plea Not guilty.

Decision The Board does not find the charge proved.