

APPEAL RESULT

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DATE: 13 November 2014

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: JOHN ALLEN**

Panel Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Prof Raymond Harbridge, Darren McGee

Appearances Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Allen.
Mr James Hitchcock appeared on behalf of the Stewards.

At Warrnambool on Thursday 6 November 2014, jockey John Allen was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Frog Talk* in Race 3 the *Valvoline Synpower Plate* (1200m.)

The careless riding being that that upon straightening, J Allen carelessly permitted *Frog Talk* to shift in when being ridden along when not sufficiently clear of *Gemmata*, that has been checked and lost its rightful running. In issuing the charge, Stewards believed *Frog Talk* was inclined to lay in prior to the interference, J Allen has looked to his inside before crossing his reigns and applying the whip during which time *Frog Talk* has shifted ground resulting in the interference.

Mr Allen had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 10 November 2014 and to expire at midnight on Wednesday, 19 November 2014 – a total of 10 race meetings (7 provincial, 3 metro.)

In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the low range and took into account J Allens riding record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Friday, 7 November 2014. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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DECISION: **Appeal against conviction dismissed.**

Appeal against penalty allowed.
Penalty varied to expire at midnight on Saturday, 15 November 2014