



APPEAL RESULT

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FROM : Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

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SUBJECT : APPEAL HEARING RESULT:
JOCKEY 'A' CROSS COUNTRY PAUL HAMBLIN

At Casterton on Sunday 21 June 2009, jockey Paul Hamblin was found guilty of a charge under LR 62(9)(a) and LR 62(9)(b).

The charge relating to his ride on *Riri (NZ)* in Race 3 the *Pot a Round Maiden Steeplechase (3800m)*. The particulars being that after falling at the second last obstacle near the 600 metres, Paul Hamblin remounted *Riri (NZ)* and continued on negotiating the final obstacle when *Riri (NZ)* was clearly not in contention and may have been distressed due to the fall. Steward's also took into account that his actions posed a risk to both horse and rider.

Paul Hamblin's licence to ride in jumping races was suspended for a period to commence at midnight Sunday 21 June 2009 and to expire at the completion of the second jumping race at Warrnambool on 28 June 2009 – a total of 3 jumps races – taking into account the jumps races in South Australia. On arriving at this decision, Steward's took into account the remorse shown by Paul Hamblin for his actions.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday 23 June 2009. A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Thursday 25 June 2009.

DECISION: Appeal allowed.

Georgie Curtis

Registrar
Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board