

## APPEAL RESULT

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

**DATE:** 3 March 2015

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: DAMIEN OLIVER**

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**Panel** Judge Russell Lewis (Chair), Prof Raymond Harbridge, Dr June Smith.

**Appearances** Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Oliver.  
Mr Rob Montgomery appeared on behalf of the stewards.

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At Ballarat on Thursday 26 February 2015, jockey Damien Oliver was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Cornrow* in Race 2 the *Medical Edge Maiden Plate* (1200m).

The careless riding being that that he permitted his mount to shift in near the 500m resulting in *Comadi* being tightened in across the heels of *Nielson* and having to be checked.

Mr Oliver had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 28 February 2015 and to expire at midnight on Wednesday, 11 March 2015 – a total of 12 race meetings (3 metro, 9 provincial.)

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the incident was in the mid-range and that he will miss a Group 1 meeting.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday, 26 February 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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