

APPEAL RESULT

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

DATE: 12 February 2015

SUBJECT: **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – PICNIC JOCKEY: ASHLEE BEER**

Heard By Judge Russell Lewis (Chair).

Appearances Ms Beer appeared on her own behalf.
Mr Brent Scarlett appeared on behalf of the stewards.

At Woolamai on Saturday 7 February 2015, picnic jockey Ashlee Beer pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on her mount *Written Notes* in Race 6 the *TS Constructions Pty Ltd Open Trophy Handicap* (1508m).

The careless riding being that near the 600m she permitted her mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Parvenu*, resulting in that horse having to be checked and losing its rightful running.

Ms Beer had her licence to ride in picnic races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 7 February 2015 and to expire at midnight on 22 of February 2015, a total of 3 picnic race meetings. In assessing penalty Stewards took into account Ms Beer's good race riding record and her plea of guilt.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 9 February 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: **Appeal allowed.**
Penalty varied to a period of suspension for 2 picnic race meetings.

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

HIS HONOUR JUDGE R.P.L. LEWIS, Chairman

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TS CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LTD
OPEN TROPHY HANDICAP OVER 1508 METRES
AT WOOLAMAI ON 7/2/15**

PICNIC JOCKEY: ASHLEE BEER

MELBOURNE

THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2015

MR B. SCARLETT appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

MS A. BEER appeared on her own behalf

CHAIRMAN: The main ground of Ms Beer's appeal in this case is that there was contribution from Toby Lake which, if that is established, would reduce the penalty. However, the Board is not satisfied that Toby Lake did shift ground in any relevant sense and that part of the appeal therefore fails.

Nevertheless, the Board is conscious of the fact that about half of the picnic season has now finished and takes into account Ms Beer's plea of guilty and also her good record. In the circumstances, I feel that a variation of the penalty is warranted, so that the penalty will now be suspension for two meetings.
