

Appeal decision

Date: 14 January 2015

Code of racing: Thoroughbred

Appeal panel: Mr B Miller, (chair), Mr P James and Mr G Casey.

Appearances: Mr M Tutt, solicitor, appeared behalf of jockey Daniel Griffin.
Mr A Reardon, chief steward, appeared on behalf of the stewards.

Decision being appealed: Suspension of licence to ride in races for a period covered by seven race meetings – AR137(a).

Appeal result: Appeal dismissed.

Extract of proceedings – in the matter of the Vo Rogue Plate (Group 3) over 1300 metres at the Gold Coast on 27 December 2014. Jockey: Daniel Griffin

THE CHAIRMAN: The tribunal has considered the matters and the submissions from both Mr Tutt and Mr Reardon. There is no doubt there was interference. The question is whilst it didn't cause a huge loss of ground to jockey Fradd it did cause him some inconvenience.

It was appropriate Mr Tutt for you and your client to make the admission in respect to the plea of guilty. There is no doubt of that. That stands him in good stead, but he is a jockey of some calibre and knows what is right and wrong. He didn't stop riding the horse, in our opinion. He kept riding even though the horse moved out.

It was a Group race. It was in the Gold Coast Carnival time. The stewards identified that the norm would have been something of the order of nine to 10 meetings. He has been given a discount.

We don't believe there should be any further discount and we dismiss the appeal as to penalty.

Further right of appeal information: The appellant and the stewards may appeal to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) within **14 days of the date of this decision**. Information in relation to appeals to QCAT may be obtained by telephone on (07) 3247 3302 or via the Internet at www.qcat.qld.gov.au