

Appeal decision

Date: 3 October 2013

Code of racing: Thoroughbred

Appeal panel: Judge W Carter (chair), Mr B Miller and Mr N Thomson.

Appearances: Jockey Bobby El-Issa appeared on his own behalf.
Mr D Aurisch, stipendiary steward, appeared on behalf of the stewards.

Decision being appealed: Suspension of jockey Bobby El-Issa's licence for two meetings – AR137(a).

Appeal result: Appeal dismissed.

Extract of proceedings – in the matter of the Coaltrain Class 6 Plate over 1400 metres at Rockhampton on 12 September 2013. Jockey: Bobby El-Issa

THE CHAIRMAN: This appeal by jockey El-Issa arises out of a race at the Rockhampton Jockey Club on Thursday 12 September. He was charged by stewards after inquiry with careless riding in that from near the 100 metres he used insufficient effort to prevent his mount from shifting in when not sufficiently clear of a horse on the inside ridden by jockey Coome, which resulted in the latter horse being tightened and having to be checked and lose its rightful running. Steward Collins, who was on the stewards' tower near the winning post, was afforded a head-on view of this particular incident. We have seen the film, and in particular the head-on film of the race, over the concluding stages where the interference occurred. In our view, this is a clear-cut case of careless riding and the appeal will be dismissed and we are of the view that a suspension of two meetings is not excessive.

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