

## **RACING APPEAL PANEL NEW SOUTH WALES**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL OF LICENSED JOCKEY GLYN SCHOFIELD**

**APPEAL PANEL:** Mr L Vellis (Convenor)

Ms S Skeggs

Ms C Richards

**APPEARANCES:** Mr T Vassallo appeared for the Stewards

Mr G Schofield - Appellant

**Date of Hearing:** 20 November 2020

**Date of Orders:** 20 November 2020

### **REASONS FOR DECISION**

#### **Mr L Vellis, Convenor**

1. Licensed Jockey Glyn Schofield, the Appellant, was charged with breaches of the Australian Rules of Racing following the running of Heat 2 of the Warwick Farm trials on 23 October 2020 and the appeal of Mr Glyn Schofield is relating to a charge of careless riding pursuant to AR 131(a).
2. The Appeal Panel is satisfied that the charge of careless riding is proven. We note the availability of only one camera angle, which applies equally to the Stewards and it was tendered. The Panel is still of the view that Mr Schofield shifts out on his mount, Somova, in a careless manner, causing interference to the mount of Jason Collett, Command King.
3. While the Panel appreciate that the conduct of Blake Spriggs on his mount, Tamarin Falls, may have been a contributing to the incident, the responsibility for the shift and, therefore, the carelessness remained with Mr Schofield, who is a senior rider of great experience and skill. Mr Schofield has permitted his mount, Somova, to shift in when

not clear of Command King, resulting in Command King having to be checked by its rider, Jason Collett.

4. The Panel is also of the view that the seriousness of the carelessness is low for the purposes of the careless riding penalty template. The template is not binding, but is a good guide to an appropriate penalty. Given the circumstances and the possible contribution of Blake Spriggs on his mount, Tamarin Falls, the Panel has adjusted the penalty.
5. The Panel's orders are as follows:
  1. Appeal against breach of AR 131(a) dismissed.
  2. Finding of breach of AR 131(a) confirmed.
  3. The appeal against penalty upheld. The penalty will be a suspension of three meetings, with such suspension to commence after tomorrow's race day meeting (i.e. to commence on Sunday, 22 November 2020), at which we understand the Appellant has rides.
  4. The appeal deposit is forfeited.

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