

## Appeal decision

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**Hearing Date:** 26 April 2016

**Decision Date:** 26 April 2016

**Code of racing:** Thoroughbred

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**Appeal panel:** Mr B. Miller (chair), Mr D. Kays and P. James.

**Appearances:** Apprentice jockey B. Appo, appeared on his own behalf.  
Mr M. Knibbs, Senior Stipendiary Steward, appeared on behalf of the stewards.

**Decision being appealed:** Suspension of licence to ride in races for a period of 7 days - AR175(p).

**Appeal result:** Dismissed.

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### **Extract of proceedings – in the matter of a failure to comply with a requirement of stewards to attend Apprentice School on 11 April 2016: Apprentice jockey B. Appo**

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr Appo, we have considered the matters that you have referred to and taken on board all of those issues. We have also looked at the form of your attendances, and, frankly, we are totally dissatisfied with that attendance record, be it from last year or this year. You are a senior apprentice. You are obliged to attend training to ensure that you become an excellent jockey. That's one way of putting it and you are a very good jockey and we know that from experience, but if you continue to act in the way that you did last year, obviously that is going to cause the stewards more grief. They are not there just to direct you to do things and ask you to do things; they are the master of the apprentices, as it were, to control their well-being and their future. That is something that you have got to take on-board, and hopefully you will do so.

We don't believe that 7 days a major period of time that is going to cause you a great loss. If this Board had been in charge of the exercise and wanted to impose a penalty it would be larger. That is how strongly we think.

In the circumstances, we dismiss the appeal.

Further right of appeal information: The Appellant and the Steward may appeal to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) within **28 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](http://www.qcat.qld.gov.au)