

## Appeal decision

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**Date:** 9 July 2014

**Code of racing:** Thoroughbred

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**Appeal panel:** Judge W Carter (chair) and Mr B Miller.

**Appearances:** Jockey Jackson Morris appeared on his own behalf.  
Mr I Brown, stipendiary 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.

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### **Extract of proceedings – in the matter of the Emma Pitt F&M Maiden Handicap over 1400 metres at the Gold Coast on 22 June 2014. Jockey: Jackson Morris**

THE CHAIRMAN: Jockey Morris was the rider of Tropical in Race 3 at the Gold Coast Turf Club meeting on Saturday, 22 June 2014. After that race the stewards opened an inquiry into interference suffered by jockey Butler, the rider of Salute Our Diggers, which occurred at a point within 50 metres of the finishing post. At that point, Tropical, ridden by Mr Morris – which was weakening – moved towards the inside where there was a run available for jockey Butler but the movement of the appellant's horse resulted in Butler's mount suffering a significant check.

The submissions on behalf of the jockey and on behalf of the stewards raise for us the question whether there was an opportunity available to the appellant to stop riding his mount and straighten it before he did and thereby avoid any interference to jockey Butler's mount.

We are confidently satisfied that there was ample opportunity for the appellant to stop riding and straighten his mount and to avoid the interference. The result is that the finding of careless riding against jockey Morris is, in our view, the correct one, and we would dismiss the appeal against the finding of careless riding by him.

The remaining question is whether he should be visited with a penalty of seven meetings. We again are of the view that that is an appropriate penalty in the circumstances and we dismiss appeal against 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](http://www.qcat.qld.gov.au)