

**RACING APPEALS TRIBUNAL
QUEENSLAND**

APPEAL NO. RT025-06

DATE: 11 January 2007

APPELLANT: Mr Bobby El Issa

RESPONDENT: Queensland Racing

BREACH OF RULE: Rule AR137(a)

DECISION: Appeal dismissed

APPEARANCES: The Appellant appeared on his own behalf.

Mr Reid Sanders, Chief Steward, appeared on behalf of the Respondent.

REASONS FOR TRIBUNAL'S DECISION

Mr Leo Williams AO - Chairman

Mr Dennis Standfield - Member

The Appellant Jockey, Bobby El Issa appeals the severity of a sentence of 8 meetings imposed on him by the Stewards for a breach of Rule 137(a) for careless riding. He states that the incident was not severe and the appropriate penalty would have been a fine or a lesser period of suspension. An earlier appeal to the First Level Appeals Committee was rejected.

The incident in question occurred at Eagle Farm on 16 December last year. The video of the race makes it quite clear that El Issa crossed in front of the field not long after the start causing interference to other riders and was in clear breach of the Rule.

El Issa's record for this type of offence puts im in the serial offenders' category. Since the beginning of 2005 he has had 10 convictions and 15 reprimands for careless riding. In this instance, the Stewards' penalty of 8 meetings confirmed by the First Levels Appeals Committee is very reasonable and the appeal is dismissed.

It is ordered that El Issa serve his 8 meeting suspension commencing at midnight on 13 January 2007.

The appeal deposit is forfeited.

Leo Williams AO
Chairman

Dennis Standfield
Member