

# Media Release

## Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

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20 June 2018

### **HRV RAD Board Hearing - Kieran O'Keeffe**

On 18 June 2018, the Harness Racing Victoria (HRV) Racing Appeals and Disciplinary (RAD) Board considered a charge issued by HRV Stewards under Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 267(1) against Mr Kieran O'Keeffe.

AHRR 267(1) reads as follows:

*Subject to sub-rule (2) the Stewards may for such period and on such conditions as they think fit, disqualify a person who is found guilty of a crime or an offence in any State or Territory of Australia or in any country.*

The matter was heard by the HRV RAD Board upon the referral by the Controlling Body, following a recommendation by the HRV Stewards.

The charge relates to Mr O'Keeffe being convicted on appeal in the County Court at Geelong on 10 April 2018, of two charges which related to Mr O'Keeffe's driving of a motor car in October 2017.

Mr O'Keeffe pleaded guilty to the charge prior to the HRV RAD Board hearing submissions on penalty from HRV Stewards and Mr O'Keeffe.

When assessing penalty the HRV RAD Board took into account Mr O'Keeffe's guilty plea, his cooperation, his remorse, his age and the circumstances of the offence.

Mr O'Keeffe was disqualified for a period of 10 days with the HRV RAD Board ordering that the period of disqualification be back dated to 27 November 2017.

*HRV RAD Board Panel: John Doherty (Chair), John Kearney, John Denahy*