

Equestrian Western Australia Inc. Branch Disciplinary Sub-Committee.

In the matter of:

Equestrian WA Inc.

and

Mr. David Dobson

Regarding:

**EA Disciplinary By-laws, Clause 17 (q).**

*Clause 17 (q) – An organization which or a person who – Conducts itself or himself in a manner which:*

- (i) *Is unbecoming of a Member of EA or a Branch*
- (ii) *Is prejudicial to the interests of EA or a Branch; or*
- (iii) *Has brought EA or Branch into disrepute.*

Further the offence was a breach of Equestrian Australia's Member Protection Policy and EA Code of Conduct.

EWA Branch Disciplinary Sub-Committee Members:

Chair – Damon Neaves

Tim Chambers

Joanne Fowler

Dwight Pedlow

Vince Del Prete

Date of Decision: 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Decision:

1. That Mr. David Dobson was in Breach of EA Disciplinary By-laws.
2. Specifically Clause 17 (q) i
3. The penalty was determined from the FEI General Regulations, Article 174 – Penalties
4. The penalty was three (3) months suspension from competition.
5. The penalty was backdated to date of the offence.
6. The suspension from competition will be lifted on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

Reasons for Decision:

7. The parties have provided to the Sub-Committee submissions.
8. The Sub-Committee has considered those submissions.
9. The Sub-Committee took into account the evidence provided.

Other:

10. In accordance with the Rules, there will be no order as to costs.
11. Mr. David Dobson did not appeal the decision handed down.

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