



A VL real life claim example

Associations Liability

Competitor Suspension

The Insured suspended a competitor after he had been disqualified from a race by three stewards for careless actions, ignoring a steward's instruction to retire from a race and for other breaches of the rules.

The suspension was contested vigorously through the NZ Sports Tribunal process. The substance of the original disqualification was conceded by the aggrieved competitor but mitigating circumstances were cited. The Insured was equally adamant that it had acted correctly.

The Tribunal found that the initial suspension was dealt with in a manner inconsistent with the requirements of natural justice.

The Insured's claim was dealt with as a Professional Indemnity claim. During the proceedings, which involved four appearances at the Tribunal, over two years, there were significant legal costs incurred by both parties.

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