



APPEAL DECISION

MICHAEL DEE

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 10 October 2017

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair)

Appearances: Wade Hadley appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Matt Hyland appeared on behalf of Michael Dee.

At Seymour on Sunday 8 October 2017, jockey Michael Dee was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Night Falls* in Race 3 the *Jumpabout Bouncers 3yo Maiden Plate (1300m)*.

The careless riding being approaching the 1000m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Ghost Doctor* resulting in that gelding being checked to avoid the heels of *Night Falls*. Stewards did acknowledge that *Ghost Doctor* was overracing.

Mr Dee had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 8 October 2017 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 15 October 2017 – a total of 8 race meetings (1 metro, 7 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the low range and took into account his record and the racing manners of *Ghost Doctor*.

A Notice of Appeal against the decision and penalty was lodged on Monday, 9 October 2017. A stay of proceedings was not required.

DECISION: Appeal against conviction dismissed.
Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Friday, 13 October 2017 (6 race meetings).