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DECISION

**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS
and
KATE WALTERS**

<u>Date of Hearing</u>	11 October 2017
<u>Panel</u>	Judge Bowman (Chair), Stephen Curtain, Prof Raymond Harbridge.
<u>Appearances</u>	James Hitchcock appeared for the stewards. Matt Hyland of the VJA appeared on behalf of Ms Walters.
<u>Charge</u>	AR 135(b) <i>The rider of every horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that his horse is given full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible place in the field</i>
<u>Summary</u>	Ms Walters failed to make sufficient effort to restrain and/or steady her mount, <i>Buccellati</i> , to afford it some respite from the extremely fast tempo set by her in Race 6 at Coleraine on Saturday, 12 August 2017.
<u>Plea</u>	Not guilty.
<u>Decision</u>	The Board finds the charge proved. Ms Walters convicted and her licence to ride in races suspended for a period of 3 weeks commencing at midnight on Thursday, 12 October 2017.

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board