



**RACING APPEALS
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APPEAL DECISION

CRAIG WILLIAMS

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 18 October 2016

Panel: Judge Bowman (Chair), Stephen Curtain, Raymond Harbridge

Appearances: Mr Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Des O'Keefe appeared on behalf of Mr Craig Williams.

At Caulfield on Saturday 15 October Craig Williams was found guilty of a charge of careless riding, pursuant to AR137(a), on his mount *Real Love* in Race 8 the *BWM Caulfield Cup* (Group 1, 2400m).

The careless riding being that a short distance after the start he permitted his mount to shift in causing crowding to Sir Isaac Newton (GB), which shifted in and in turn caused severe crowding to Scottish (IRE) and Sacred Master (NZ).

Mr Williams had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight October 15th and to expire at midnight October 25th, a total of twelve race meetings (two metropolitan, ten provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the carelessness was in the mid-range and that he did make some effort to straighten, albeit too late.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Sunday, 16 October 2016.

A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed.
Penalty to remain standing.

Ashleigh Ellen
Acting Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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**HIS HONOUR JUDGE BOWMAN, Chairman
MR S. CURTAIN
PROF R. HARBRIDGE**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BMW CAULFIELD CUP (GROUP 1)
OVER 2400 METRES AT CAULFIELD ON 15/10/16**

CRAIG WILLIAMS

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

RACING VICTORIA CENTRE, FLEMINGTON

TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2016

MR D. O'KEEFFE appeared on behalf of Mr C. Williams

MR T. BAILEY appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

CHAIRMAN: We are not persuaded to alter the penalty. The interference to more than one horse was quite marked and evident. We have also been made aware of Mr Williams' riding record and we cannot give a discount for a plea of guilty because one was not entered. We have considered the penalty imposed by the Stewards to be fair and appropriate.
