



APPEAL DECISION

NATHAN NEWTON

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 21 December 2016

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair).

Appearances: Mr Simon Carey appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Des O'Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Newton.

At Healesville on Saturday 10 December 2016, apprentice picnic jockey Nathan Newton pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Punton Bernadini* in Race 6 (over 1650m).

The careless riding being that from the 200 meters to the 150 metres, he permitted his mount to shift ground when insufficiently clear of *Rapete*, which in turn was taken in onto *Artie's Gold* which had to be checked to avoid the heels of *Rapete* before then shifting out.

Mr Newton had his permit to ride in picnic races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 10 December 2016 and to expire at midnight on Monday, 2 January 2017 - a total of 4 picnic race meetings.

In reaching penalty stewards deemed the carelessness to be in the mid-range and took into consideration Apprentice Newtons' guilty plea and good record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Tuesday, 13 December 2016. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal allowed.
Penalty varied to a period of suspension for 2 picnic race meetings.