



## **DECISION**

### **RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS *and* DEAN HOLLAND**

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**Date of Hearing:** 23 March 2017

**Panel:** Judge Bowman (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain, Mr Geoff Ellis.

**Appearances:** Dr Cliff Pannam QC appeared as counsel for the stewards.  
Mr Paul O'Sullivan appeared as counsel for Mr Holland.

**Charge** Breach of AR 135

*(b) 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.*

*(c) Any person who in the opinion of the Stewards has breached, or was a party to breaching, any portion of this Rule may be penalised, and the horse concerned may be disqualified. The rider of every horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measure throughout the race to ensure that his horse is given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the field.*

**Particulars** The charge relates to Mr Holland's ride on *Barge and Charge* in Race 7, the *Modscape Handicap* (3000m) at Moonee Valley on Friday 3 February 2017.

**Plea:** Guilty.

**Decision:** Mr Holland convicted and his licence to ride in races suspended for a period of 3 weeks, commencing at midnight on Saturday 25 March 2017.

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Georgie Gavin  
Registrar - Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board