



# RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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## APPEAL DECISION

BRIAN HIGGINS  
*and*  
RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

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**Date of Hearing:** 17 August 2016

**Heard By:** Judge Bowman (Chair).

**Appearances:** Mr Wade Hadley appeared on behalf of the stewards.  
Mr Des O'Keefe appeared on behalf of Mr Higgins.

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At Cranbourne on Thursday 11 August 2016, jockey Brian Higgins pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Riyadh* in Race 8 the *Roast Night @ Trios BM64 Handicap* (2025m).

The careless riding being that near the 400 metres he permitted his mount to shift out where there was insufficient room resulting in *Gorgeous Ryder* being carried out into the running of *Ranger's Run*, which was inconvenienced and carried out into the running of *Coulson* resulting in *Coulson* being severely checked and *Ranger's Run* being inconvenienced and checked.

Brian Higgins had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence midnight Friday, 12 August 2016 and to expire midnight Friday, 26 August 2016 - a total of 14 race meetings (3 metropolitan, 11 provincial). In assessing penalty Stewards took into account his guilty plea, record and the high range category of carelessness.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Friday, 12 August 2016. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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**DECISION:** Appeal dismissed.  
Penalty to remain standing.

Georgie Gavin  
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board