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**APPEAL DECISION**

**BEN ALLEN**  
*and*

**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

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**Date of Hearing:** 29 August 2016

**Heard By:** Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy Chair).

**Appearances:** Mr Rob Montgomery appeared on behalf of the stewards.  
Mr Stephen Baster appeared on behalf of Mr Allen.

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At Pakenham on Tuesday 23 August 2016, apprentice jockey Ben Allen was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Shampers* in Race 2 the *Book Now for Pakenham Cup Maiden Plate* (1100m).

The careless riding being that passing the 100 metres he permitted his mount to shift out whilst being ridden along when not sufficiently clear of *Valleyofthedolls*, which was taken out off its course and inconvenienced, resulting in rider Jye McNeil being restricted in riding *Valleyofthedolls* out in his normal manner.

Mr Allen had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Thursday, 25 August 2016 and to expire midnight Tuesday, 6 September 2016 - a total of 12 race meetings (3 metro, 9 provincial). In assessing penalty the Stewards were of the view the incident qualified for the mid-range category of carelessness and took into account his record.

A Notice of Appeal against the **severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday 25 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