



APPEAL DECISION

JOHN ALLEN

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 9 October 2017

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair)

Appearances: Corie Waller appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Matt Hyland appeared on behalf of John Allen.

At Ballarat on Thursday 5 October 2017, John Allen pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Street Boy* in Race 4 the *City of Ballarat Class 1 Handicap* (1600m).

The careless riding being that near the 1000m he allowed his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Tigeen (NZ)*, which was placed in restricted room for some distance until having to be checked to avoid the heels of *Street Boy*. Stewards also noted that *Cadabra (NZ)* was hampered as a result.

Mr Allen had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 7 October 2017 and to expire at midnight on Saturday, 14 October 2017 - a total of 8 race meetings (1 metro, 7 provincial).

In assessing penalty, Stewards took into account his guilty plea, the racing manners of *Tigeen (NZ)*, the meetings he will miss and that the carelessness was in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against the severity of the penalty was lodged on Thursday 5 October 2017. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal allowed.

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Friday, 13 October 2017 (7 race meetings).

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board