



APPEAL DECISION

JORDAN TURNER and RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 27 July 2017

Heard By: Brian Forrest (Deputy Chair)

Appearances: Sam Cochrane appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Matt Hyland appeared on behalf of Mr Turner.

At Swan Hill on Monday 24 July 2017, apprentice jockey Jordan Turner was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Flying Frenchy* in Race 3 *The Bottle O 3YO Maiden Plate* (1200m).

The carelessness being that near the 200m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Stryke Fast* resulting in that gelding having to be checked and becoming unbalanced and as a result *Goethe* which was following having to be checked also.

Mr Turner had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday, 26 July 2017 and to expire at midnight on Saturday, 5 August 2017 – a total of 10 meetings (2 metro, 8 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid-range, took into account his personal circumstances in having just returned from injury and the initial shift out from *Stryke Fast*.

A Notice of Appeal against the decision and severity of the penalty was lodged on Tuesday, 25 July 2017. A stay of proceedings was not required.

A Notice of Appeal against the severity of the penalty was lodged on 11 July 2017.

**DECISION: Appeal against decision dismissed.
Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.**

**Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on
Thursday, 3 August 2017 (8 race meetings).**

**Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board**

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman

REASONS FOR DECISION

JORDAN TURNER

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

RACING VICTORIA CENTRE, FLEMINGTON

THURSDAY, 27 JULY 2017

MR M. HYLAND appeared on behalf of Mr J. Turner

MR S. COCHRANE appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Apprentice Jockey Jordan Turner has appealed a careless riding conviction and a 10 meeting penalty, expiring midnight 5 August, from the Swan Hill race meeting on 24 July 2017.

It is alleged that near the 200 metre mark in Race 3, a 1200 metre maiden, he permitted his mount Flying Frenchy to shift in when insufficiently clear of Stryke Fast ridden by Ben Allen, resulting in that horse having to be checked and becoming unbalanced with Goethe, which was following, also checked.

Mr Hyland, who represented Jordan Turner, acknowledged that he rolled in for a couple of strides while Ben Allen's mount was coming out when seeking to make a run and made contact with Flying Frenchy's hindquarters causing that horse to be turned in.

Having heard the evidence and viewed the race film, I am satisfied there was a degree of carelessness in Jordan Turner's riding. However, I think the action of Ben Allen's mount accentuated the level of interference.

In the circumstances, I regard the interference as within the middle of the mid-range of penalties, whereas the stewards settled on a 10 meeting suspension after applying mitigating factors to account for Ben Allen's contribution and Jordan Turner's personal circumstances, having recently returned to riding from a long injury lay off. Accordingly, the penalty will be varied to 8 meetings, a reduction of 2 meetings, to expire midnight 3 August 2017.