



## **APPEAL DECISION**

**LIAM RIORDAN**

*and*

**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

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**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.

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At Swan Hill on Monday 24 July 2017, apprentice jockey Liam Riordan was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *None Better* in Race 5 the *Ladbroke's Up For The Challenge BM58 Handicap* (1600m).

The carelessness being that near the 1400m he permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Obscurity* that was taken in onto *Don't Have To Yell* that was taken in onto *Impulsive Ways* that had to be checked and lost its rightful running. In issuing the charge Stewards acknowledged the racing manners of *Impulsive Ways* leading up to the incident.

In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid-range, took into account his record and the racing manners of *Impulsive Ways*.

A Notice of Appeal against the decision and severity of the penalty was lodged on Wednesday, 26 July 2017. A stay of proceedings was not required.

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

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

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
PROCEEDINGS**

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**RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman**

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

**DECISION**

**LIAM RIORDAN**

**and**

**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

**RACING VICTORIA CENTRE, FLEMINGTON**

**THURSDAY, 27 JULY 2017**

MR M. HYLAND appeared on behalf of Mr L. Riordan

MR S. COCHRANE appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

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DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Liam Riordan has appealed a conviction for careless riding and a 12 meeting suspension at Swan Hill on 24 July 2017.

Stewards' allege that passing the 1400m metre mark in Race 5, he permitted his mount None Better to shift in when not sufficiently clear of Obscurity ridden by Linda Meech which was taken in onto Don't Have to Yell and subsequently in onto Impulsive Ways ridden by Jordan Turner which had to be checked and lost its running.

The interference occurred as the field was racing tight approaching the turn past the 1400 metre mark. Liam Riordan on None Better was racing on the outside of the field, Linda Meech on Obscurity was racing next to Liam Riordan on his inside.

Mr Hyland on behalf of Liam Riordan submitted that he did not cause the interference but laid the blame on Linda Meech.

For her part, Linda Meech claimed she had pressure from the outside from Liam Riordan who was about a length in front of her. She said she called to Liam several times.

The Board accepts that pressure came from the outside and that the charge has been established.

On the question of penalty, unfortunately Liam Riordan's record of multiple

suspensions does not help. On the fortunate side, the report of Lisa Stevens with whom he is having ongoing consultations is encouraging for his future. The appeal against penalty is dismissed.

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