



## **APPEAL DECISION**

**DAMIEN OLIVER**  
*and*  
**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

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**Date of Hearing:** 22 August 2017

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

**Appearances:** Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the stewards.  
Damien Oliver appeared on his own behalf.

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At Sandown Lakeside on Wednesday 16 August 2017, Damien Oliver pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Redcore* in Race 1 the *Sheamus Mills Bloodstock Handicap* (1200m).

The carelessness being that near the 900m he permitted his mount to shift in when not fully clear of *Esperance* resulting in severe crowding to *Esperance*, *Secret Reward* which had to be checked severely and in turn *The Sword* which was also checked severely.

Mr Oliver had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 19 August 2017 and to expire at midnight on Saturday, 2 September 2017 - a total of 14 race meetings (4 metro, 10 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account his guilty plea, record and that the carelessness was in the high range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday, 17 August 2017. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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