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APPEAL DECISION

MICHAEL DEE
and
RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 27 July 2016

Heard By: Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy Chair).

Appearances: Mr Terry Bailey appeared on behalf of the Stewards.
Mr John Didham appeared on behalf of Mr Dee.

At Flemington on Saturday 23 July 2016, apprentice jockey Michael Dee was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Royal Rapture* in Race 8 the *Flemington Events Staff Handicap* (1600m).

The carelessness being that for some distance passing the 1100m he permitted his mount to shift in to a point where it left *Victory Downs* in a position that it was unnecessarily tightened for room and had to relinquish its position.

Mr Dee had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 24 July 2016 and to expire at midnight on Wednesday, 3 August 2016 – a total of 10 race meetings (2 metro, 10 provincial). In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the carelessness was in the lower end of the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 25 July 2016. A stay of proceedings was not required.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed.
Penalty to remain standing.

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board