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## **APPEAL DECISION**

**TOM RYAN**

*and*

**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

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**Date of Hearing:** 12 April 2017

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

**Appearances:** Mr Corie Waller appeared on behalf of the stewards.  
Mr Ryan appeared on his own behalf, assisted by Matt Hyland.

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At Werribee on Saturday 8 April 2017, jumps jockey Tom Ryan was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Fashionedinheaven* in Race 1 the the *Better Solar Maiden Highweight Plate* (2025m).

The carelessness being that he allowed his mount to shift out near the 200 metres when insufficiently clear of *Manhattan Sparkle*, resulting in *Manhattan Sparkle* having to be checked.

Mr Ryan had his licence to ride in highweight and jumps races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 11 April 2017 and to expire at the conclusion of the first jumps race at Oakbank on Saturday, 15 April 2017 – a total of 3 jumps and highweight races.

In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the carelessness to be in the low-range and took into account his good race riding record and the circumstances surrounding the incident such as that *Cheron Warrior* had shifted inwards marginally.

A Notice of Appeal against the decision and severity of the penalty was lodged on Monday, 10 April 2017. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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

**Penalty varied to a period of suspension for 2 jumps/highweight races.**

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