## RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD



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## APPEAL RESULT

**DISTRIBUTION:** Chief Executive

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FROM: Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

**DATE:** 17 March 2016

SUBJECT: APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: MICHELLE PAYNE

**Panel** Judge Bowman (Chair), Prof Raymond Harbridge, Mr Graeme Johnson.

**Appearances** Mr Robert Cram appeared on behalf of the stewards.

Ms Payne appeared on her own behalf, assisted by Mr Des O'Keeffe.

At Ballarat on Tuesday 15 March 2016, jockey Michelle Payne was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on her mount *St Swithuns* in Race 3 the *Australian Stockyard Co 3YO Fillies Maiden Plate* (1400m).

The carelessness being that approaching the 1200m she permitted her mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Roldana (NZ)* which resulted in that filly being tightened in onto *Surefire Lass* which was in turn tightened in onto *Simple Solution* and as a result of this tightening, *Roldana (NZ)* was severely hampered, *Surefire Lass* was severely checked and *Simple Solution* was hampered.

Ms Payne had her licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday, 16 March 2016 and to expire at midnight on Thursday, 24 March 2016 – a total of 11 race meetings (4 metro, 7 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the incident was in the mid-range and that *Roldana* (NZ) had made ground quickly to her inside prior to the incident.

A Notice of Appeal against the **decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 16 March 2016. A stay of proceedings was not required.

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