At Pakenham on Tuesday 23 August 2016, apprentice jockey Ben Allen was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount Shampers in Race 2 the Book Now for Pakenham Cup Maiden Plate (1100m).

The careless riding being that passing the 100 metres he permitted his mount to shift out whilst being ridden along when not sufficiently clear of Valleyofthedolls, which was taken out off its course and inconvenienced, resulting in rider Jye McNeil being restricted in riding Valleyofthedolls out in his normal manner.

Mr Allen had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Thursday, 25 August 2016 and to expire midnight Tuesday, 6 September 2016 - a total of 12 race meetings (3 metro, 9 provincial). In assessing penalty the Stewards were of the view the incident qualified for the mid-range category of carelessness and took into account his record.

A Notice of Appeal against the severity of the penalty was lodged on Thursday 25 August 2016. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed.
Penalty to remain standing.
TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOOK NOW FOR PAKENHAM CUP
MAIDEN PLATE OVER 1100 METRES AT PAKENHAM ON 23/8/16

BEN ALLEN

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

400 EPSOM ROAD, FLEMINGTON

MONDAY, 29 AUGUST 2016

MR S. BASTER appeared on behalf of Mr B. Allen

MR R. MONTGOMERY appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I accept that Ben Allen has been a very busy rider but as they say, every picture tells a story, and that was a very considerable shift. I have taken into account Ben Allen's record. There has got to be a greater awareness of a shift of this nature.

I do not propose to interfere with the penalty. I think in the circumstances it is not unreasonable. The appeal against conviction is dismissed.

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