

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

APPEAL DECISION

ALAN CREIGHTON

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing:	26 September 2016
Heard By:	Judge Bowman (Chair)
Appearances:	Mr Robert Cram appeared on behalf of the stewards. Mr Des O'Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Creighton.

At Mornington on Thursday 22 September 2016, jockey Alan Creighton was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Miss Eldorado* in Race 3 the *Stridefree by Peter Horobin Maiden Plate* (1200m).

The careless riding being that near the 1000m he permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Pocketeering* which had to be checked to avoid the heels of *Miss Eldorado*.

Mr Creighton had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 26 September 2016 and to expire at midnight on Wednesday, 5 October 2016 – a total of 10 race meetings (3 metro, 7 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account his good record, the racing manners of *Pocketeering* and that the carelessness was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Friday, 23 September 2016. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal against decision dismissed. Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

Penalty varied to a period of suspension for 7 race meetings, commencing midnight Monday, 26 September 2016.