

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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APPEAL DECISION

BRAD RAWILLER

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 29 August 2016

<u>Heard By:</u> Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy Chair).

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

Mr Rawiller appeared on his own behalf.

At Sandown Hillside on Wednesday, 24 August 2016, jockey Brad Rawiller was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Craven Image* in Race 1 *The Cove Hotel Plate* (1600m).

The carelessness being that near the 600m he permitted his mount to shift out when insufficiently clear of *Eschatology* resulting in *Eschatology* having to be checked when tightened for room between *Craven Image* and *Dama Krystyna*.

Mr Rawiller had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 27 August 2016 and to expire at midnight on Tuesday, 6 September 2016 – a total of 10 race meetings (2 metro, 8 provincial). In assessing penalty Stewards took into account his excellent record and that the carelessness was in the mid-range.

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

DECISION: Appeal against conviction dismissed.

Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension will now expire at midnight on Saturday, 3 September 2016 (7 race meetings).

Georgie Gavin Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board