

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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APPEAL DECISION

WILLIAM (BILLY) EGAN and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 2 September 2016

<u>Heard By:</u> Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain, Prof Raymond Harbridge.

Appearances: Mr Sam Cochrane appeared on behalf of the stewards.

Mr Des O'Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Egan.

At Geelong Synthetic on Tuesday 30 August 2016, jockey Billy Egan was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Tanned in Race 8* the *Bendigo Bank BM58 Handicap* (2000m). The carelessness being that near the 1100 metres he permitted his mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Break The Moment* resulting in that gelding being restrained to avoid the heels of *Tanned* and losing his rightful running.

Mr Egan had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Tuesday, 30 August 2016 and to expire at midnight on Thursday, 8 September 2016 – a total of 9 race meetings (3 metro, 9 provincial). In assessing penalty Stewards took into account his poor record and also that the carelessness was in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday 31 August 2016. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed.

Penalty to remain standing.

Georgie Gavin Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board