



APPEAL DECISION

BILLY EGAN

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 16 January 2018

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair)

Appearances: Rob Montgomery appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Matthew Hyland of the VJA appeared on behalf of Billy Egan.

At Hamilton on 12 January, rider Billy Egan was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Grey Honor* in Race 1 the TAC SV 3YO Maiden Plate (1400m).

The particulars of the charge careless riding being that *“approaching the 1200m he carelessly permitted Grey Honor to shift in when not sufficiently clear of Streusel that has been steadied by rider K Walters and lost its rightful racing position”*.

Billy Egan had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at 13 January and to expire on 20 January – a total of 8 race meetings (2 of metro and 6 provincial meetings).

In assessing penalty *“Stewards deemed the incident in the low range and took into account his good record”*.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** imposed was lodged on 14 January 2018. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: The appeal against the decision was dismissed.
The appeal against the severity of penalty was allowed.

The penalty is varied to a severe reprimand.