



APPEAL DECISION

JACK MARTIN

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 31 July 2017

Heard By: Brian Forrest (Deputy Chair)

Appearances: Rob Montgomery appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Des O'Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Martin.

At Sandown Park Hillside on Wednesday 26 July 2017, apprentice jockey Jack Martin pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *White Devon* in Race 7 the *Ladbroke's Odds Boost Multi Handicap* (1600m).

The carelessness being that passing the 1100m, he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *All Day Every Day* which had to be steadied.

Mr Martin had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 29 July 2017 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 6 August 2017 - a total of 8 race meetings (2 metro, 6 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account his guilty plea and good record and that the carelessness was in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against the severity of the penalty was lodged on Thursday, 27 July 2017. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal allowed.

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Friday, 4 August 2017 (6 race meetings).

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

MR B. FORREST, Deputy Chairman

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

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RACING VICTORIA CENTRE, FLEMINGTON

MONDAY, 31 JULY 2017

MR D. O'KEEFFE appeared on behalf of Mr J. Martin

MR R. MONTGOMERY appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: On this occasion, given Jack Martin's record, and it is just about into August, which would mean that he has had two suspensions in the previous 12 months, one in August last year, as I read, and Sale in September last year, it is a fine balance, but I think in the circumstances that the jockey is entitled to the benefit of that balance. It is perhaps in all the circumstances slightly excessive. I would vary the penalty to six meetings, expiring on Friday, 9 August 2017.
