



APPEAL DECISION

JOHN ALLEN

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 15 February 2018

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair)

Appearances: Rob Montgomery appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Matt Hyland appeared on behalf of Mr Allen.

At Caulfield on Saturday 10 February 2018, jockey John Allen pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on his mount *Goldstream (ITY)* in Race 1 *The Big Screen Company Handicap* (1800m).

The carelessness being that near the 250m he permitted his mount to shift out when not sufficiently clear of *Adirondack* which was tightened out onto *Self Sense* and had to be checked.

Mr Allen had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 10 February 2018 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 18 February 2018 - a total of 9 race meetings (3 metro, 6 provincial).

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

A Notice of Appeal against the **severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 12 February 2018. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal dismissed.
Penalty to remain standing.