



APPEAL DECISION

JAKE DUFFY

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 4 December 2017

Heard By: Judge Bowman (Chair)

Appearances: Geoff Hausfeld appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Des O'Keefe appeared on behalf of Mr Duffy.

At Seymour on Thursday 16 November 2017, jockey Jake Duffy pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 137(b) in that over the final four strides of the race he failed to ride his mount out to the winning post.

The charge relating to his ride on *Arthur Porrit (NZ)*, fourth place-getter, in Race 1 the *Great Northern Maiden Plate (1600m)*.

Mr Duffy was fined \$1,000. In assessing penalty, stewards took into account his guilty plea, record and that his actions may have affected the result.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Saturday, 18 November 2017. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

DECISION: Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.
Penalty varied to a fine of \$750.