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## **APPEAL DECISION**

**MITCH AITKEN**

*and*

**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

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**Date of Hearing:** 17 May 2017

**Heard By:** Judge Bowman (Chair)

**Appearances:** Wade Hadley appeared on behalf of the stewards.  
Des O'Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Aitken.

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At Caulfield on Saturday 29 April 2017, apprentice jockey Mitch Aitken pleaded guilty to a charge under AR 137(b) for failing to ride his mount out for the final strides of the race. The charge relating to this ride on *Extra Olives* in Race 6 the *Next Payments Handicap* (1200m).

Mr Aitken was fined \$750.

In assessing penalty, stewards took into account his recent record.

A Notice of Appeal against the **severity of the penalty** was lodged on 2 May 2017.

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**DECISION: Appeal allowed.  
Penalty varied to a \$500 fine.**

**Georgie Gavin  
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board**