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## **APPEAL DECISION**

### **CHELSEA HALL *and* RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

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**Date of Hearing:** 5 January 2018

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

**Appearances:** James Hitchcock appeared on behalf of the stewards.  
Darren Gauci appeared on behalf of Ms Hall.

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At Werribee on Sunday 24 December 2017, apprentice jockey Chelsea Hall was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on her mount *Annrhon* in Race 9 the *Kids Day Out 13/1 BM64 Handicap* (1100m).

The carelessness being that approaching the 100m she permitted her mount to shift in when not sufficiently clear of *Living Large (NZ)* which had to be checked and lost its rightful running.

Ms Hall had her permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence on Thursday, 28 December 2017 and to expire at midnight on Sunday, 7 January 2018 – a total of 12 race meetings (4 metro, 8 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the carelessness was in the mid-range.

A Notice of Appeal against the **decision and severity** of the penalty was lodged on 26 December 2017.

A stay of proceedings was granted effective to midnight Wednesday, 3 January 2018.

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**DECISION:** Appeal against decision dismissed.  
Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

Penalty varied to a period of suspension for 10 meetings. Taking into account the expiry date of the stay of proceedings, the period of suspension will conclude after the day meeting at Hamilton on Friday, 12 January 2018.

**TRANSCRIPT OF  
PROCEEDINGS**

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**RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**HIS HONOUR JUDGE J. BOWMAN, Chairman**

**EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**DECISION**

**CHELSEA HALL**

**and**

**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

**RACING VICTORIA CENTRE, FLEMINGTON**

**FRIDAY, 5 JANUARY 2018**

MR D. GAUCI appeared on behalf of Ms C. Hall

MR J. HITCHCOCK appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

CHAIRMAN: Miss Chelsea Hall, the Stewards have charged you with a breach of AR 137(a), namely careless riding, in that in race 9 over 1100 metres at Werribee on 24 December 2017, approaching the 100-metre mark, you permitted your mount Annrhon to shift in when not sufficiently clear of Living Large, ridden by Shane Karlsson, which had to be checked. The Stewards found the charge proven and considered the carelessness to be in the mid-range. They suspended you for 12 meetings. You are appealing against the conviction and the penalty.

I have reviewed the video, read the transcript and noted the submissions made by Mr Gauci on your behalf. I agree that this was something of a messy finish. Your horse was finishing fast with two horses to your outside, Bumgarner and Knight Commander, drifting towards the rails under pressure, and the horse that is closest to the rails perhaps moving out to a small degree. There was a considerable amount of congestion. However, the bottom line is that you continued to ride your mount out and shift towards a gap closer to the rails. You moved at least a horse towards the rails whilst continuing to ride it out. This took you across the path of Shane Karlsson's mount when you were not clear of him, causing his mount to be very noticeably checked.

I agree with the Stewards that there was contribution from other runners. You were in an awkward position with a horse directly ahead of you, two horses drifting in from the outside and your horse full of running. However, you made no effort to check your mount but rode it out whilst moving to your left and towards a gap closer to the rails. In so doing, you caused the very

considerable interference to Shane Karlsson. The bottom line is that I find the charge of careless riding to be made out.

I do not want to be accused of tinkering with penalties, but there was a fair amount of contribution from the outside horses in particular. With not the best of records and no plea of guilty, I think there should be a modest reduction because the contribution from the outside runners was quite considerable. I will vary the penalty to 10 meetings, from 12 down to 10, the period of suspension to conclude after the day meeting at Hamilton on Friday, 12 January 2018.

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