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**APPEAL DECISION**  
**GEORGINA CARTWRIGHT**  
*and*  
**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

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**Date of Hearing:** 24 January 2017

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

**Appearances:** Mr Robert Cram appeared on behalf of the stewards.  
Mr Matthew Hyland appeared on behalf of Ms Cartwright.

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At Sandown on Wednesday 18 January 2017, apprentice jockey Georgina Cartwright pleaded guilty to a charge of careless riding on her mount *Ajuda* in Race 5 the *Thoroughbred Club Handicap* (1300m).

The carelessness being that near the 400m she attempted a run to the inside of *Hi Suppose* where there was not sufficient room and as a result had to be severely checked and G Cartwright became unbalanced in the saddle and her mount made contact with *Hi Suppose* which unbalanced that filly.

Ms Cartwright had her permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Friday, 20 January 2017 and to expire at midnight on Wednesday, 1 February 2017 – a total of 14 race meetings (5 metro, 9 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards took into account her guilty plea, record, relative inexperience and that the carelessness was in the high range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Thursday, 19 January 2017. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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**DECISION: Appeal dismissed.**  
**Penalty to remain standing.**