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APPEAL DECISION

CRAIG WILLIAMS
and
RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 9 September 2016

Panel: Judge Bowman (Chair), Mr Chris Fox and Prof Raymond Harbridge.

Appearances: Mr Robert Cram appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Williams appeared on his own behalf.

At an adjourned inquiry on Wednesday 7 September 2016, jockey Craig Williams was found guilty of a charge of careless riding. The charge relating to his ride on *Sebring Sun* in Race 7 the *SAJ Fruit Supply Stakes* (Listed, 1200m) at Moonee Valley on Saturday, 3 September 2016.

The careless riding being that upon straightening near the 200m, he permitted his mount to shift out when not sufficiently clear of *Rich Jack* resulting in that gelding being hampered when tightened for room between *Sebring Sun* and *Well Sprung*.

Mr Williams has his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Saturday, 10 September 2016 and to expire at midnight on Tuesday, 20 September 2016 – a total of 10 race meetings (1 metro, 9 provincial). In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the carelessness was in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Wednesday, 7 September 2016. A stay of proceedings was not required.

DECISION: Appeal against conviction dismissed.
Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Friday, 16 September 2016 (6 race meetings).

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

**TRANSCRIPT OF
PROCEEDINGS**

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**HIS HONOUR JUDGE J. BOWMAN, Chairman
MR C. FOX
PROF R. HARBRIDGE**

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

DECISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SAJ FRUIT SUPPLY STAKES (LISTED)
OVER 1200 METRES AT MOONEE VALLEY ON 3/9/16**

CRAIG WILLIAMS

and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

RACING VICTORIA CENTRE, FLEMINGTON

FRIDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2016

MR C. WILLIAMS appeared on his own behalf

MR R. CRAM appeared on behalf of the RVL Stewards

CHAIRMAN: We have taken the various matters into account. We accept what Mr Williams says that whilst his immediate past record might not be more than neutral, to use the word that has been used, he has a very good record over the years. We have taken into account the circumstances of the race. We consider the carelessness to be really at the very low end of the range. We uphold the appeal on penalty and impose a suspension of six meetings.
