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## **APPEAL DECISION**

**NOEL CALLOW**

*and*

**RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS**

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**Date of Hearing:** 16 March 2017

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

**Appearances:** Mr Darren Triandafillou appeared on behalf of the stewards.  
Mr Callow appeared on his own behalf.

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At Pakenham on Thursday 9 March 2017, jockey Noel Callow was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Ragazzo Del Corsa* in Race 5 the *Rotary Foundation Centenary BM64 Handicap* (1200m).

The careless riding being that passing the 1000 metres he permitted his mount to shift in when not clear of *Junior Burger* thereby taking that gelding into the running of *Denmix* resulting in *Denmix* being hampered and *Junior Burger* having to be checked.

Mr Callow had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Monday, 13 March 2017 and to expire at midnight on 24 March 2017 - a total of 15 race meetings.

In assessing penalty the Stewards were of the view that the incident qualified for the high range category of carelessness and took into account his recent record.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Saturday, 11 March 2017. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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**DECISION:** **Appeal allowed.**

**Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires after the day meeting at Seymour on Thursday, 23 March 2017 (12 race meetings).**