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APPEAL DECISION

PAUL HAMBLIN
and

RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 29 August 2016

Heard By: Mr Brian Forrest (Deputy Chair).

Appearances: Mr James Hitchcock appeared on behalf of the stewards.
Mr Hamblin appeared on his own behalf, assisted by Mr Stephen Baster.

At Ballarat on Sunday 21 August 2016, jumps jockey Paul Hamblin pleaded guilty to a charge under the provisions of LR62 (9)(a)(ii). The particulars of the charge being that; after easing his mount down from approximately the 600m and shifting to the outside of the home straight he then failed to retire his mount from the race when it was not in contention and reasonable to do so, and negotiated the final obstacle. The charge relating to his ride on *Nishiazabu* in Race 6 the *QLS Grand National Steeplechase* (4500m).

Mr Hamblin had his licence to ride in highweight/jumps races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Sunday, 21 August 2016 and to expire at midnight Tuesday, 6 September 2016 - a total of 5 highweight/jumps races.

A Notice of Appeal against **the severity of the penalty** was lodged on Monday, 22 August 2016. A stay of proceedings was granted effective until midnight Sunday, 28 August 2016.

DECISION: Appeal against severity of penalty allowed and the penalty varied to a period of suspension for 3 highweight/jumps races.

Taking into the stay of proceedings, the period of suspension will stand as originally imposed and will expire at midnight on Tuesday, 6 September 2016.

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board