



# RACING APPEALS AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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## APPEAL DECISION

CRAIG WILLIAMS  
*and*  
RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

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**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.

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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.

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**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