

## APPEAL RESULT

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**FROM:** Registrar – Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board

**DATE:** 6 October 2015

**SUBJECT:** **APPEAL HEARING RESULT – JOCKEY: LUKE CURRIE**

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**Panel** Judge John Bowman (Chair), Mr Stephen Curtain & Prof Raymond Harbridge.

**Appearances** Mr Des O’Keeffe appeared on behalf of Mr Currie.  
Mr Peter Ryan appeared on behalf of the stewards.

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At Bendigo on Thursday 1 October 2015, jockey Luke Currie was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Constant Justice* in Race 1 the *Victorian Seniors Festival 3YO Maiden Plate* (1000m).

The carelessness being that approaching the 200m he rode his mount to obtain running to the outside of *Equidant* and in doing so was insufficiently clear of *Penny Shares*, tightening that filly out onto *Amenzel* resulting in *Penny Shares* having to be checked. In laying the charge Stewards concede there was a slight shift outwards from *Equidant*.

Luke Currie had his licence to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight Sunday, 4 October 2015 and to expire at midnight on Monday, 12 October 2015 - a total of 9 race meetings (1 metropolitan, 8 provincial). In assessing penalty Stewards took into account the contribution made by *Equidant* and that the incident was in the low range.

A Notice of Appeal against **the decision and severity of the penalty** was lodged on Sunday, 4 October 2015. A stay of proceedings was not requested.

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

**Penalty varied so that that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Friday, 9 October 2015 (6 race meetings.)**