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Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

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Result of the appeals held before the HRV Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board on 15 May 2018.

Stacey Towers

Against decision and a \$500 fine imposed by the stewards under Rule R168(1)(e) at Shepparton on 6 April 2018.

Appeal as to decision dismissed. Penalty varied to \$250.

HRV RAD Board Panel: Alanna Duffy (Chairperson), Rod Osborne.

Appellant Representative: Kerri Lee
HRV Representative: Kylie Harrison

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

RACING AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

MS ALANNA DUFFY, Chairperson

MR ROD OSBORNE

EXTRACT OF PROCEEDINGS

STACEY TOWERS

DECISION

15 May 2018

Mr KYLIE HARRISON appeared on behalf of the HRV Stewards

Mr KERRI LEE appeared on behalf of STACEY TOWERS

The stewards say if any contact is made, the appropriate charge is under rule 168(1)(e) and the appropriate fine is \$500, regardless of whether the action was intentional or not. There is no suggestion by the stewards that it was intentional in this case.

We think in the interests of consistency of penalties, the extent of the contact and the circumstances of the race should be taken into account. Taking into account all the circumstances, Ms Towers' good record, the fact that the contact was minimal and there seemed to be no response from the horse, we consider that a fine of \$250 is appropriate. We note that this is less than set out in the minimum penalty guidelines but they are only guidelines.

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