APPEAL PANEL OF RACING NEW SOUTH WALES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL OF
LICENSED JOCKEY CLAYTON GALLAGHER

Heard at Racing NSW Offices

Appeal Panel:	Mr T O'Callaghan – Convenor
	Mr J Murphy
	Mr C Tuck
Representatives:	Racing NSW – Mr T Moxon
	Appellant – Mr C Gallagher
Date of Hearing:	Thursday, 8 January 2026

REASONS FOR DECISION

This Hearing of the Appeal Panel involved an appeal by Clayton Gallagher against the severity of the penalty imposed by the Stewards for a breach of AR 131(a), Careless Riding, occurring during the running of Race 5 at Orange on 30 December 2025. Mr Gallagher had ridden the horse, *Bushwalker.* The other horse involved in the incident, *Group Chat*, had been ridden by Pierre Boudvillain.

Relevantly, for the purposes of applying the *Careless Riding Penalty Template -- AR 131(a),* the Stewards had classified the incident as **Medium Carelessness**, with the consequence being that Mr Boudvillain's mount had been **Severely checked**. Relevantly, too, Mr Gallagher had pleaded guilty to the charge.

The Panel viewed the video recording of the incident, considered the evidence contained in the transcript of the Stewards Inquiry into the incident, and considered the oral submissions of the parties.

Having considered all those matters -- particularly the fact that Mr Boudvillain's mount had been afforded only one length's clearance [Transcript, line 86] and the fact that, had he not checked his mount severely, he would have fallen [Transcript, line 89] -- the Panel decided that the penalty imposed by the Stewards, of nine meetings, was the appropriate penalty.

Accordingly, the Panel made the following orders:

1. Appeal dismissed.
2. Penalty confirmed.
3. Deposit forfeited.