

Auckland RC 1 January 2019 - R 5 – Chair, Mr G Jones

Rules:

[638\(1\)\(d\)](#)

Name(s):

Mr J Riddell - Senior Jockey
Mr A Coles - Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

This charge arises from the running of race 5, the Valachi Downs Royal Stakes, Group 2 race with stake money of \$100,000. Chief Stipendiary Steward, Mr J Oatham filed an Information pursuant to Rule 638(1)(d) alleging senior rider Mr J Riddell (SECRET ALLURE) permitted his mount to shift in near the 1700 metres when insufficiently clear of LUMINOUS which was crowded on to INITIATIVE.

Mr Riddell acknowledged that he understood the nature of the charge and the Rule. He also confirmed that he did admit the breach.

Rule 638(1) (d) provides that:

A Rider shall not ride a horse in a manner which the Judicial Committee considers to be careless.

Stipendiary Steward, Mr Coles identified the alleged incident using available video footage. He referred to 4 angles. Passing the 1800 metres he identified SECRET ALLURE who was racing in a 3-wide position. Directly to its inside was LUMINOUS (O Bosson) and to the inside of that runner was INITIATIVE (A Calder). Mr Coles said near the 1700 metres Mr Riddell allowed his mount to shift from its 3-wide position to a one off position. He said there was not sufficient room for the two horses to his inside. When he shifted in SECRET ALLURE was only half a length clear of LUMINOUS, and in turn that runner was only half a length clear of INITIATIVE.

Mr Coles said a result SECRET ALLURE's inward shift LUMINOUS was checked and INITIATIVE was tightened. Mr Bosson was required to take hold of his mount and although Mr Riddell took corrective action it was too late, because the damage had already been done. He said both LUMINOUS and INITIATIVE lost a little ground. He added that Mr Riddell may not have been aware INITIATIVE was racing on the inside of LUMINOUS.

In response Mr Riddell said Mr Bosson called out to him and was surprised because he was unaware Mr Calder was racing on the inside of Mr Bosson. Mr Riddell said he relieved the pressure once he received the call from Mr Bosson but by that time the two horses on his inside had already been tightened.

Decision:

Mr Riddell has admitted the breach and it is therefore proved.