

Auckland RC 7 March 2020 - R 4 - Chair, Mr A Dooley

Rules:

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

Name(s):

Ms E Nicholas - Apprentice Rider
Mr A Campbell - Trainer assisting Ms Nicholas
Mr N Harris - Apprentice Jockey Mentor
Mr A Coles - Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Following the running of race 4, an Information was filed pursuant to Rule 638 (1)(d). The Informant, Mr Oatham, alleged that Ms Nicholas allowed JUSTA BOY BULLSEYE to shift in when not clear of WILLIAM TELL which was checked and steadied near the 100 metres.

Ms Nicholas acknowledged that she understood the Rule and confirmed her admission of the breach.

Mr Harris and Mr Campbell assisted Ms Nicholas at the hearing.

Rule 638(1) (d) provides: *A Rider shall not ride a horse in a manner which the Judicial Committee considers to be careless.*

Mr Coles demonstrated the incident using the available video films. He identified that JUSTA BOY BULLSEYE was racing 1 off the fence in 3rd place near the 1000 metre mark. Shortly after that point Ms Nicholas allowed her mount to shift in when a bare length clear of WILLIAM TELL. As a result, that runner was checked and its rider had to take a hold of his mount.

Ms Nicholas said that she misjudged her inward shift and the amount of room that was available.

Mr Harris said that it was Ms Nicholas' first ride on the Ellerslie track and when she shifted in WILLIAM TELL over reacted.

Mr Campbell said that he agreed with the Stewards and Mr Harris and reiterated the point that Mr Calder, the rider of WILLIAM TELL may have over reacted when his mount was checked.

Decision:

As Ms Nicholas admitted the breach the Committee found the charge proved.