

Canterbury R 4 December 2015 - R 7 - Chair, R McKenzie

Rules:

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Name(s):

H K Bennett
Apprentice Jockey (Class B)
N W Coulbeck
Licensed Trainer (Class A)
Mr J M McLaughlin - Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Following the running of Race 7, Winning Edge Open Handicap, an information was filed by Stipendiary Steward, Mr J P Oatham, against Licensed Apprentice Jockey (Class B), Miss H K Bennett, alleging that Miss Bennett, as the rider of PINSGOLD in the race, "shifted ground outwards near the 500 metres when not clear causing RIVERTAINÉ COUP (C W Johnson) to be severely checked".

Miss Bennett was present at the hearing of the information and she indicated that she admitted the breach. Miss Bennett was assisted at the hearing by Licensed Trainer (Class A), Mr N W Coulbeck.

Rule 638 provides as follows:

(1) A Rider shall not ride a horse in a manner which the Judicial Committee considers to be:

(d) careless.

Mr Oatham had Stipendiary Steward, Mr J M McLaughlin, show video replays of the incident with approximately 500 metres to run of the 1200 metres race. He pointed out PINSGOLD, ridden by Miss Bennett, racing on the rail beyond midfield, with RIVERTAINÉ COUP, ridden by Mr Johnson, outside of and just behind that runner. Mr McLaughlin then pointed out Miss Bennett shift her mount off the inside, from behind the runner in front of her, when only a bare length clear of Mr Johnson, which resulted in a severe check to RIVERTAINÉ COUP. There was nowhere for Mr Johnson to go, Mr McLaughlin submitted, and his mount was lucky to stay on its feet.

Mr Coulbeck said that it was Miss Bennett's first ride on PINSGOLD, which was not the easiest horse to ride. She was racing in tight quarters at the time and Miss Bennett may have lacked the experience to realise that Mr Johnson was close behind her, he said.

Miss Bennett said that the horse was travelling very well and she just wanted to get out, but did not check before doing so.

Decision:

Miss Bennett having admitted the breach, the charge was found proved.