

Canterbury R 6 March 2019 - R 5 - Chair, Mr R McKenzie

Rules:

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

Name(s):

J R Lowry
Licensed Jockey (Class A)
Mr D M Wadley - Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Following the running of Race 5, NZB South Island Sale 29 April Rating 65, an information was filed by Stipendiary Steward, Mr J M McLaughlin, against Licensed Jockey (Class A), Mr J R Lowry, alleging that Mr Lowry, as the rider of KHIMAR WAR in the race, "angled his mount outwards when not sufficiently clear of LET HER RIP RILEY (J L Morris) which was checked near the 250 metres".

Mr Lowry had signed the Statement by the Respondent on the information form indicating that he admitted the breach. Mr Lowry was present at the hearing of the information and he confirmed that the breach was admitted.

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 D M Wadley, Stipendiary Steward, presented the Stewards' submissions on behalf of Mr McLaughlin. He had Mr McLaughlin show head-on, side-on and rear-on video replays of the incident, approximately 250 metres from the finish. Mr McLaughlin pointed out KHIMAR WAR, ridden by Mr Lowry, racing in tight quarters and held up in the six-horse field, angle across the heels of CLARA (C W Johnson) and take the line of LET HER RIP RILEY ridden by Miss Morris, which was checked. At the time, Mr McLaughlin submitted, Mr Lowry was "a bare length" clear.

Mr Lowry said that he had been riding the race favourite and was back in the field. He had tried to be patient but a run was not coming. He had a "brain explosion", he said. A gap was appearing but hadn't come. It was bad lack of judgement on his part, Mr Lowry said. He had waited, then panicked and forced a gap that was not there.

Decision:

Mr Lowry having admitted the breach, the charge was found proved.