

Counties RC 11 April 2021 – R 6 – Chair, Mr A Smith

Rules:

[638 \(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)

Name(s):

Mr C Jones – Apprentice Rider of JUNIOR
Mr N Tiley – Assisting Mr Jones
Ms L Selvakumaran – Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

This charge arises from the running of Race 6, the Fasttrack \$5k. An Information was filed pursuant to Rule 638 (3)(b)(ii) by the Informant, Mr Coles, alleging that Apprentice Rider Mr C Jones used his whip excessively when riding JUNIOR prior to the 100 metres.

Mr Jones was assisted at the hearing by his employer, Licensed Trainer Mr N Tiley. Mr Jones said that he understood the Rule and confirmed that he admitted the breach.

Rule 638(3)(b)(ii) provides:

A Rider shall not strike a horse with a whip in a manner or to an extent which is:

- (i) unnecessary, or*
- (ii) excessive, or*
- (iii) improper*

Without affecting the generality of Rule 638(3)(b), a rider may be penalised if their whip use is outside of the following guidelines:

Flat Races

Prior to the 100-metre mark in a race, official trial or jump out:

- (i) The whip should not be used on more than 5 occasions.*
- (ii) The whip should not be used in consecutive strides.*
- (iii) The rider may at their discretion use the whip with a slapping motion down the shoulder, with the whip hand remaining on the reins.*

In the final 100 metres, the whip may be used at the Rider's discretion.

Using available race film footage Ms Selvakumaran demonstrated the breach. She identified Mr Jones' mount, JUNIOR, shortly after entering the home straight. She said that between the straight entrance to the 100-metre mark Mr Jones struck his mount 8 times, with a 9th strike occurring right on the 100m mark.

In response Mr Jones said that he agreed with the number of strikes. On his behalf, Mr Tiley said it was a straight forward breach of the whip Rule.

Decision:

As Mr Jones admitted the breach the Committee found the charge proved.