

## Counties RC 23 June 2021 – R 4 – Chair, Mr A Smith

**Rules:**

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

**Name(s):**

Mr G Grylls - Rider of GREY WOLF

Ms L Selvakumaran - Stipendiary Steward

**Charge:**

**Facts:**

admitted

This charge arises from the running of Race 4, A Maiden 1200m event. Stipendiary Steward, Mr Coles filed an Information pursuant to Rule 638(1)(d) alleging the Rider of GREY WOLF (G Grylls),” allowed his mount to shift in near the 900 metres when not sufficiently clear of AURORA STAR which was dictated in crowding STREET CAT and SHOW ‘N’ TEASE which were checked”.

Mr Grylls acknowledged he understood the Rule and confirmed his admission of the breach.

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

Using the available race films Ms Selvakumaran demonstrated the incident and identified the horses and Riders concerned; GREY WOLF (G Grylls), AURORA STAR (V Colgan), STREET CAT (E McCall) and SHOW ‘N’ TEASE (L Satherley).

Ms Selvakumaran said that at around the 900m Mr Grylls looked to his inside and commenced to shift towards the rail and identified that to his inside and a bare length behind was the runner AURORA STAR. During this shift AURORA STAR was placed in restricted room and commenced to over race, becoming unbalanced and resulting in checks to STREET CAT and SHOW ‘N’ TEASE.

Mr Grylls said that he was riding his mount forward to clear the inside runners and move towards the rail. He said that Mr Colgan’s mount was racing fiercely inside and just behind him but wasn’t aware of this at the time and thought he was being as careful as possible. Upon viewing the video Mr Grylls conceded that he wasn’t his own length and another length clear.

**Decision:**

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