

## Counties RC 23 June 2021 – R 2 – Chair, Mr A Smith

### Rules:

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

### Name(s):

Mr J Kamaruddin – Apprentice Rider of PACIFIC MASTER

Mr N Harris – Apprentice riding master

Ms L Selvakumaran – Stipendiary Steward

### Charge:

### Facts:

admitted

This charge arises from the running of Race 2, A Benchmark 65 over 1200m. An Information was filed pursuant to Rule 638 (3)(b)(ii) by the Informant, Mr Coles, alleging that Apprentice Rider Mr J Kamaruddin used his whip excessively when riding PACIFIC MASTER prior to the 100 metres.

Mr Kamaruddin was assisted at the hearing by Mr N Harris (Northern Apprentice Riding Master). Mr Kamaruddin 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 and identified Mr Kamaruddin's mount, PACIFIC MASTER, shortly after entering the home straight. She said that between the straight entrance to the 100-metre mark Mr Kamaruddin struck his mount 7 times.

In response Mr Kamaruddin said that he agreed with the number of strikes and he was trying hard.

### Decision:

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