

## Counties RC 25 July 2020 – R 5 – Chair, G Jones

### Rules:

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

### Name(s):

Ms T Newman – Class B Rider of MONACO  
Mr N Harris – Northern Riding Mentor Ms V Algar – Stipendiary Steward

### Charge:

### Facts:

admitted

This charge arises from the running of Race 5, the Counties AGRI 1200. An Information was filed pursuant to Rule 638 (3)(b)(ii) by the Informant, Mr Williamson, alleging that Ms Newman *used her whip excessively prior to the 100 metres*.

Apprentice rider Ms Newman said that she understood the Rule and confirmed her admission of the breach. She was assisted at the hearing by Northern Riding Mentor Mr N Harris.

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.*

*Notwithstanding the above, it will also be deemed to be unacceptable where a rider uses the drawn whip:*

- (i) when a horse is out of contention.*
- (ii) when a horse is showing no response.*
- (iii) when a horse has no reasonable prospect of improving or losing its position.*
- (iv) when a horse is clearly winning.*
- (v) after passing the winning post.*
- (vi) using the whip with the arm above shoulder height.*
- (vii) causing injury to the horse.*

Using available race film footage Stipendiary Steward Ms V Algar demonstrated the breach. She identified MONACO (T Newman) racing one off the fence as the field entered the home straight. She said that from the turn to the 100-metre mark Ms Newman struck her mount 8 times prior to the 100 metres.

In response both Ms Newman and Mr Harris said they accepted that she struck her mount 8 times. No further explanation was offered.

**Decision:**

As Ms Newman admitted the breach the Committee found the charge proved.