

## Geraldine TC 1 February 2020 - R 6 - Chair, Mr S Ching

**Rules:**

[869\(2\)- Whip Regulation \(b\)](#)

**Name(s):**

Ms P Wakelin - Licensed Open Driver

**Charge:**

**Facts:**

admitted

Following the running of Race 6, an Information was filed by Stipendiary Steward, Mr S Renault against Licensed Open Driver, Ms P Wakelin, alleging a breach of Rule 869(2) in that she used her whip on more occasions than permitted by Clause (b) of the Use of the Whip Regulations.

Rule 869(2) reads as follows:

*869 (2) No horseman shall during any race use a whip in a manner in contravention of the Use of the Whip Regulations made by the Board.*

Whip Regulation (b) reads as follows;

*(b) No horseman is permitted to use their whip in a striking motion on more than ten occasions inside the final 400 metres. This is inclusive of "backhanders" and the use applies to the horse, harness and/or sulky.*

Ms Wakelin had endorsed the information that the breach was admitted which she confirmed at the hearing. Ms Wakelin also acknowledged that she understood the charge and the rule it was created under.

Mr Renault gave evidence and showed video replays of the run home. He pointed out Ms Wakelin, driving RUSTY I AM, positioned midfield approaching the 200m. Mr Renault showed on the video replay, Ms Wakelin use the whip in a fore hand striking motion on 11 occasions over the concluding stages.

Ms Wakelin did not dispute the number of strikes.

**Decision:**

As Ms Wakelin had admitted this breach of the Rules it was found to be proved in accordance with Rule 1111(1)(d).