

Matamata RC 24 February 2018 - R 6 - Chair, Mr N McCutcheon

Rules:

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

Name(s):

Mr V Colgan - Rider of SPANISH WHISPER

Mr B Jones - Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Following the running of Race 6 (J Swap Contractors Ltd Matamata Breeders Stakes) (Group II), Information No. A10363 was filed with the Judicial Committee. It alleged that Mr Colgan allows his mount SPANISH WHISPER to shift in when not sufficiently clear of LADY LIRA which was crowded onto AUTUMN WILD who was crowded inwards into the line of SPRING BLOSSOM which was checked. The incident took place near the 900m.

Rule 638(1)(d) provides:

A rider shall not ride a horse in a manner which the Judicial Committee considers to be:

(d) careless.

Mr Colgan said that he understood the Rule, the Charge and confirmed that he admitted the breach.

Mr Jones showed all relevant film replays of the incident and identified all horses involved. Mr Jones said that Mr Colgan allowed his mount to shift in when only a bare length clear and that that resulted in LADY LIRA being crowded onto AUTUMN WILD who was forced into the line of SPRING BLOSSOM who was checked. He said that SPRING BLOSSOM lost 2-3 lengths.

Mr Colgan in reply said that he had let his horse roll in half a horse-width at the most and that caused a chain reaction. He said that he did not want it to happen "but it did".

Decision:

As Mr Colgan admitted the breach it was found to be proved by the Committee.