

## Methven TC 2 December 2018 - R 2 - Chair, Mr D Anderson

**Rules:**

[869\(2\)](#)

**Name(s):**

MS K Cox - Open Horsewoman  
Mr S Renault - Stipendiary Steward

**Charge:**

**Facts:**

admitted

Following the running of Race 2 the "Ray Mayne Hose & Fitting Mobile Pace", an Information was filed by Stipendiary Steward, Mr R Quirk alleging a breach of Rule 869(2) by Open Driver, Ms K Cox. The information alleged, **You used your whip on more occasions than permitted by Clause (b) of the Use Of Whip Regulations.**

Ms Cox signed the information stating she admitted the breach and expressed to the Committee she had a clear understanding of the Rule.

Rule 869 provides as follows:

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

The Use of Whip Regulation (effective from 30 November 2017) provide:

*(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.*

Mr Quirke used the race video, with the assistance of Mr Renault, to identify Ms Cox driving (2) DEMETER, racing three back on the rail entering the home straight. Ms Cox angled out from her position and used her whip 11 times in the run to the finishing post.

Ms Cox agreed with the count of 11 strikes as did the Committee.

**Decision:**

As Ms Cox admitted the breach the charge was found proved.