

Otago RC 1 February 2020 - R 1 & R 6 - Chair, Prof G Hall

Rules:

[330\(3\)\(c\)](#)

Name(s):

Mr D Turner - Class A Jockey

Mr J Oatham - Chief Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Mr Davidson alleged that Mr Turner failed to make the contract weight for LUCANO'S ACE (race 1) and ZENTESSA (race 6), both of which had 55 kg.

Rule 330(3)(c) provides: *"A Rider shall not fail to ride a horse at the weight at which it is handicapped to carry."*

Mr Davidson stated that prior to race 1 Mr Turner had come to the Stewards and had said he was struggling to make the weight for the 2 horses he was to ride at 55 kg. A suitable replacement jockey had been found for race 1; no jockey had yet been carded for race 6.

Mr Oatham said that because of the regularity with which the respondent had weight issues he had agreed with the Stewards he would not take rides at less than 56 kg. He had been granted a dispensation after he had approached the Stewards seeking permission to take these 2 rides today.

Mr Turner said that he had had weight issues but believed he would be able to ride at 55 kg and that was why he had accepted the 2 rides. He said he had been in the bath since 3 o'clock this morning. He had lost 0.4 kg but could not lose any more.

Decision:

Mr Turner has admitted the breach. We thus find the breach is proved.