

Otaki-Maori RC 25 February 2017 - R 6 - Chair, Mrs N Moffatt

Rules:

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

Name(s):

Ms D Hirini - Apprentice Rider

Mr M Breslin - Licensed Trainer assisting Ms Hirini

Mr D Balcombe - Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Following the running of Race 6, (Hunting & Fishing Otaki Handicap), an Information was lodged by Mr N Goodwin alleging a breach of Rule 638(1) (d) in that “**D Hirini allowed her mount DR WATSON to shift out when insufficiently clear of KAIRANGA LAD nearing the 200 metres**”.

Rule 638(1) (d) provides: *A Rider shall not ride a horse in a manner which the Judicial Committee considers to be careless.*

Ms Hirini confirmed to the Committee that she understood the charge and she admitted the breach. Mr Breslin, her employer, was present to assist.

Mr Balcombe used the films to identify the individual runners involved. Ms Hirini (DR WATSON) was midtrack and had KAIRANGA LAD to her outside. There was some minor jostling between these two runners but nothing to concern the Stewards until approximately the 200m mark when Ms Hirini angled outwards in search of a run. Her mount was travelling much better than KAIRANGA LAD and the rider, Mr Tinsley, was attempting to hold DR WATSON in. The charge of careless riding was a result of Ms Hirini pushing out when not clear of KAIRANGA LAD causing a check to Mr Tinsley's mount. Mr Goodwin said while the Stewards were in favour of competitive riding, on this occasion, Ms Hirini had taken it too far. In addition Ms Hirini continued to use her whip when she should have been trying to straighten her line of running.

Mr Breslin said Ms Hirini was an apprentice rider with a 2kg claim and she was still learning. She erred in coming out one horse width too far when in fact she should have been closer in, in which case she would only have brushed Mr Tinsley's mount.

Decision:

As Ms Hirini admitted the breach we found the charge proved.