

R Tauranga 29 August 2020 - R 7 - Chair, Mr N McCutcheon

Rules:

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

Name(s):

Ms J Fawcett - Apprentice Jockey and Rider of TUNZAGUTZ

Mr N Harris - Riding Mentor assisting Ms Fawcett

Mr W Robinson - Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Following the running of Race 7 (Bulk Lines Ltd Hdcp 1600m) Information No. A12933 was filed with the Judicial Committee. It was alleged by the Informant that Ms Fawcett allowed her mount TUNZAGUTZ to shift out when not sufficiently clear of UNACCEPTABLE near the 1100m, making firm contact with UNACCEPTABLE which became unbalanced.

Ms Fawcett in the presence of Mr Harris said that she understood the Rule, the Charge and confirmed that she admitted the breach.

Mr Robinson showed the film replays and identified the horses involved. Mr Robinson said that Ms Fawcett had turned her horse's head out and went outwards when there was no room to do so. He said that interference occurred to UNACCEPTABLE and whilst interference was taking place Ms Fawcett kept riding her horse out. He said that Mr Grylls became unbalanced and was forced sideways in the saddle. Mr Robinson said that when Ms Fawcett first shifted she was about a neck to half a length ahead of UNACCEPTABLE.

Ms Fawcett said that she believed that there was a space and that Mr Grylls' mount was off the bridle and that Mr Grylls was digging his mount up. She added that the gap closed as she got there.

Mr Harris said that the side-on film showed that there may have been a gap but that the head-on film told another story.

Decision:

As the charge was admitted it was found proved by the Chair.