

## Tapanui RC 24 December 2017 - R 2 - Chair, Mr V Munro

**Rules:**

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

**Name(s):**

Mr R Cuneen - Licesed Jockey  
Mr L Tidmarsh - Stipendiary Steward

**Charge:**

**Facts:**

admitted

Mr Davidson alleged that Mr Cuneen in race 2, the Heriot Hotel and Septic Tank Cleaners Maiden, permitted his mount DRUMSTORM to shift outwards in the final straight resulting in MUTUNGA TAP (C Johnson) being hampered and forced outwards into the line of ROC LEONE and NIGHT LADY, which was checked.

Mr Davidson stated that the charge related to the upheld protest.

Mr Tidmarsh, Stipendiary Steward, demonstrated on the videos that Mr Cuneen on DRUMSTORM was one horse width off the rails at the 200 metre mark. He showed this horse shifting wider on the track under pressure. He further showed Mr Cuneen changing the whip hand in an attempt to straighten his mount. DRUMSTORM still shifted further out on the track, hampering Mr Johnson's mount. Mr Lowry (ROC LEONE) was shifted wider as well and as a result checked Mr Kwo (NIGHT LADY).

Mr Cuneen accepted the evidence as presented.

**Decision:**

As the respondent has admitted the breach, we find the breach proved.