

Waikato RC 8 February 2020 - R 8 - Chair, Mr A Dooley

Rules:

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

Name(s):

Mr T Harris - Class A Rider

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

This charge arises from Race 8, BCD Group Sprint (**Group 1**). The Informant, Mr Oatham filed an Information pursuant to Rule 330(3)(c). He alleged that Mr Harris failed to make the contracted weight for AVANTAGE.

Mr Harris was not present at the meeting, he participated in the hearing by mobile phone link. Mr Harris said that he admitted the breach and confirmed he understood the Rule. The Information was endorsed to that effect by Mr Oatham.

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 Oatham advised that following Race 3 (at approximately 1.45pm) he received a call from Mr Harris advising that he was unable to make the weight for AVANTAGE in Race 8. He said that Mr Harris told him that the connections of AVANTAGE would not allow him to ride ½ a kilo over the carded weight. This was confirmed with the Stewards by AVANTAGE's Trainer Mr J Richards. Mr Oatham said that although Mr Harris advised that he was at least ½ a kilo over weight there was no way of verifying this because Mr Harris was not present on course.

Mr Harris told the Committee that he was about ½ a kilo over the contracted weight (57kgs). He said Mr Richards did not want him to ride AVANTAGE overweight. He added that he rode at 58 kgs on Thursday and thought he would be able to make today's weight.

Mr Oatham said that Mr Harris was replaced by Senior Rider Ms D Johnson.

Decision:

As Mr Harris admitted the breach the Committee found the charge proved.