

Wanganui JC 4 July 2019 – R 1 - Chair, Mrs N Moffatt

Rules:

[638\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)

Name(s):

Mr N Downs - Class D Rider

Mr J Oatham - Chief Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Following Race 1 (Alsco Maiden Highweight 2050) Mr Balcombe lodged an information with the Judicial Committee alleging a breach of Rule 638 (3) (b) (ii) in that **N Downs used his whip excessively prior to the 100m without the necessary respite.**

Mr Oatham showed the videos of the race from the top of the straight up to the 100m mark. Over this period Mr Oatham calculated Mr Downs struck his mount 15 times with a period of only three strides respite. Mr Downs won the race.

Mr Downs agreed with Mr Oatham's assessment saying he had hit his horse "too much".

Decision:

As Mr Downs admitted the breach the charge was deemed proved.