

Whangarei RC 23 July 2016 - R 5 - Chair, Mr A Dooley

Rules:

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

Name(s):

Ms U Holmquist - Apprentice Rider
Mr A Coles - Stipendiary Steward
Mr N Harris - Apprentice Jockey Mentor

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Following the running of race 5, ITM / Gib Open, an Information was filed pursuant to Rule 638(3) (b) (ii). The Informant, Mr Williamson, alleged that Ms Holmquist used the whip excessively on her mount ROCKNROLLA prior to the 200 metres.

Ms Holmquist acknowledged that she understood the Rule and admitted the breach. Mr Harris assisted Ms Holmquist at the hearing.

Rule 638(3) (b) provides A Rider shall not:

(ii) strike a horse with a whip in a manner or to an extent which is excessive.

Mr Coles demonstrated on the video films that Ms Holmquist used her whip 12 times prior to the 200 metres. He said the first 10 strikes were applied every second stride then he identified that Ms Holmquist paused for 3 strides before striking her mount on 2 more occasions. He said the strikes were not aggressive and noted the strikes were not behind the saddle.

Ms Holmquist confirmed that she struck her mount 12 times prior to the 200 metres. She said the strikes were not forceful and identified that her mount was challenging for the lead. Ms Holmquist added that her strikes were not continuous.

Mr Harris said the strikes were not aggressive.

Decision:

As Ms Holmquist admitted the breach we find the charge proved.