

Whangarei RC 31 August 2019 - R 1 - Chair, Mr A Dooley

Rules:

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

Name(s):

Mr M Hashizume - Apprentice Rider
Mr G Cooksley - Trainer / Jockey assisting Mr Hashizume
Mr B Jones - Stipendiary Steward

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Following the running of race 1, Michael Pereira supporting North Haven Hospice, an Information was filed pursuant to Rule 638 (3)(b)(ii). The Informant, Mr Williamson, alleged that Mr Hashizume used the whip excessively prior to the 100 metres when riding HE'S CAVALIER.

Mr Hashizume said that he understood the Rule and confirmed his admission of the breach.

Mr Cooksley assisted Mr Hashizume at the hearing.

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

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

The "Guidelines With Respect to Acceptable Use of the Whip" provides:

Without affecting the generality of Rule 638(3)(b) a rider may be penalised if their whip use is outside of the following guidelines:

Inside the final 600 metres of any Race, official trial or jump-out a horse may be struck with the drawn whip up to five times after which the rider must cease their use of the whip for a minimum of five strides before striking the horse again with the drawn whip, with this restriction to apply prior to the final 100 metres. The whip may then be used at the rider's discretion until the winning post is reached.

Mr Jones demonstrated the incident using the available video footage. He identified Mr Hashizume and showed that he struck his mount on 9 occasions prior to the 100 metres. He said there were pauses with the whip but not for the required 5 strides.

Mr Hashizume accepted Mr Jones' interpretation of the incident and had nothing to add.

Decision:

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