

## Canterbury R 26 June 2021 - R 6 (request for a ruling) - Chair, Mr R McKenzie

### Rules:

[648\(3\)](#)

### Stipendiary Steward(s):

J P Oatham, Chief Stipendiary Steward

### Name(s):

K Asano, Licensed Apprentice Jockey (Class B), D M Walsh, Apprentice Jockey Mentor

### Facts:

Following the running of Race 6, Smiths Hire Open Handicap, an Information was filed by Chief Stipendiary Steward, Mr J P Oatham, requesting a ruling as to whether SABER, trained by Messrs M R & M M Pitman, whose Jockey (K Asano) weighed in 0.75 kg underweight, should be disqualified.

Mr Asano was present at the hearing of the Information and he was assisted by Apprentice Jockey Mentor, Mr D M Walsh.

Rule 648 provides as follows:

*(3) If, on being weighed in, a Rider cannot draw the proper weight (meaning thereby the weight allotted by the Handicapper for his horse to carry and adjusted only by any re-handicap, by having been declared overweight, by penalty or by authorised allowance) the Clerk of the Scales shall allow such rider 0.5 kg and if the allowance is not sufficient to enable the proper weight to be drawn then subject to sub-Rule (4) of this Rule then in addition to any other penalty which may be imposed the horse shall be disqualified for the Race.*

1st 9 Our Girl Gilly  
2nd 2 El Bee Darci  
3rd 3 King Cougar  
4th 4 Saber  
5th 6 Goodanya

### Decisions:

Mr Oatham told the hearing that Mr Asano was the replacement Rider for SABER in Race 6. SABER was to carry 60.5, or 61.5 kg with the 1 kg allowance for a riding vest. Upon weighing in after the race, Mr Asano was 60.75 kg on the scales so, allowing for the vest of 1 kg, he was approximately 0.75 kg under the required weight. The Rule allows a tolerance of 0.5 kg, Mr Oatham said. Disqualification of SABER was mandatory, he said.

Mr Asano said that he must have weighed out 1 kg light – at 60.5 kg instead of 61.5 kg. He had not changed any gear and had consumed a cup of orange juice after weighing out, he said.

The Committee was satisfied that the Rider of SABER, Mr Asano, had weighed in 0.75 kg under the allotted weight after finishing 4th in the race. Rule 648 (3) requires that the horse shall therefore be disqualified.

The Committee ruled that SABER be disqualified from the race.

Consequent upon the disqualification, the amended placings for the race are as follows:

1st 9 Our Girl Gilly  
2nd 2 El Bee Darci  
3rd 3 King Cougar  
4th 6 Goodanya  
5th 11 Selfie

It was ordered that dividends and stakes be paid in accordance with that amended result.