

Invercargill HRC 5 June 2021 - R 3 (instigating a protest) - Chair, Mr P Knowles

Rules:

[870\(3\) and Breaking Horse Regulations](#)

Name(s):

Mr J Douglas -Trainer IT'S SUMMERTIME

Facts:

Following the running of race 3 the KB & Associates Accountants Trot, Stewards lodged a protest under r870(3) and the Breaking Horse Regulations, against the fifth placed IT'S SUMMERTIME. The Information alleged that IT'S SUMMERTIME broke from its gait about the 1300 metres mark and galloped in excess of 150 metres.

Mr Douglas represented the connections of IT'S SUMMERTIME and did not contest the Protest.

The official placings were

1st - [11] Andiamo

2nd - [3] Port Pegasus

3rd - [1] Zealous Spur

4th - [10] Mr Olympus

5th - [4] It's Summertime

6th - [7] Cody Banner

Decisions:

Mr Renault, with the use of the video's, stated that IT'S SUMMERTIME broke free of interference about the 1300 metres and returned to its proper gait after approximately 260 metres. This was in excess of the allowable 150 metres. He said Miss O'Reilly made every attempt to get IT'S SUMMERTIME back to its proper gait. He sought disqualification under r1003.

The protest was not contested by the Connections and it is upheld.

IT'S SUMMERTIME is disqualified from fifth placing.

The official placings are now:

1st - [11] Andiamo

2nd - [3] Port Pegasus

3rd - [1] Zealous Spur

4th - [10] Mr Olympus

5th - [7] Cody Banner

Stake money to be adjusted accordingly.