

NZ Metropolitan TC 20 June 2021 - R 1 - Chair, Ms O Jarvis

Rules:

[869\(2\)](#)

Name(s):

Ms S Wigg - Licensed Amateur Driver

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Following the running of Race 1, the Mid-Winter at Addington (Amateur Drivers) Mobile Race, an Information was filed by Stipendiary Steward, Mr P Williams against Licensed Amateur Driver, Ms S Wigg, alleging a breach of Rule 869(2) in that she used her whip with more than a wrist flicking motion driving FRANCO HOFFMAN in the home straight.

Ms Wigg acknowledged that she understood the provisions of the charge and the Rule under which it was brought. Ms Wigg confirmed at the hearing that she admitted the breach.

Rule 869(2) reads as follows:

869 (2) No horseman shall during any race use a whip in a manner in contravention of the Use of the Whip Regulations made by the Board.

Relevant Part of the Whip & Rein Regulations as follows:

WHIP AND REIN REGULATIONS

PART 3 USE OF THE WHIP

3.1 A driver may only apply the whip in a wrist only flicking motion whilst holding a rein in each hand with the tip of the whip pointed forward in an action which does not engage the shoulder.

3.2 For the purposes of clause 3.1, "wrist only flicking motion" means:

3.2.1 Ensuring no force is generated by the use of the elbow or shoulder when applying the whip.

3.2.2 The forearm is not raised beyond forty-five degrees relative to the racing surface.

3.2.3 Not applying the whip with overt force.

Mr Williams showed the video replays of the final bend and the run home. He pointed out Ms Wigg, driving FRANCO HOFFMAN, activate the gear. Mr Williams evidenced, by using the video replays, Ms Wigg use her whip in more than a wrist flicking motion during the final straight. Mr Williams submitted that there was at least 10 or 11 strikes that were not compliant.

Ms Wigg was upfront about the incident and did not raise anything in response to the submissions made by Mr Williams in relation to the incident. Ms Wigg did, however, raise a contextual matter which she felt had contributed to her using more than a wrist flicking motion. Ms Wigg submitted that the cart she was driving was not one that she was used to, and that she was positioned further back from the horse than usual. As a result, Ms Wigg felt she had to stretch forward in the sulky in order to use her whip, which she contends has made her actions appear worse.

Decision:

As the breach was admitted the Committee found the charge proved.