

NZ Metropolitan TC 3 June 2021 - R 5 - Chair, Mr R McKenzie

Rules:

[869\(2\)& Whip & Rein Regulations](#)

Name(s):

Mr MP Edmonds - Licensed Open Driver

Charge:

Facts:

admitted

Following the running of Race 5, Mid-Winter at Addington Mobile Pace, an Information was filed by Stipendiary Steward, Mr SP Renault, against Licensed Open Driver, Mr MP Edmonds, alleging that, as the driver of CORFU BROMAC in the race, he "used his whip free of the rein on occasions throughout the run home".

Mr Edmonds had signed the Statement by the Respondent on the Information form indicating that he admitted the breach. He confirmed this at the hearing at which he was present.

The Whip and Rein Regulations provide as follows:

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.

3.3 A driver shall not use a whip in an unapproved manner.

3.4 For the purposes of Clause 3.3 a driver shall be deemed to have used the whip in an unapproved manner in the following circumstances which are not exclusive:

3.4.1 If the whip is applied other than as permitted in clause 3.1.

Mr Renault showed a video replay of the final 300-400 metres of the race. He pointed out Mr Edmonds, driving CORFU BROMAC, racing four places back on the markers as the field neared the home turn. Shortly after entering the home straight, Mr Edmonds crossed the reins and used the whip twice, free of the rein. He then went back to the rein and used his whip in a wrist only flicking motion before crossing the reins and using his whip, free of the rein, on one further occasion, Mr Renault submitted. Mr Edmonds had used his whip, free of the rein, on a total of three occasions, Mr Renault said.

Mr Edmonds did not wish to comment, other than to say that he agreed with the alleged three strikes free of the rein.

Decision:

Mr Edmonds having admitted the breach, it was found proved.