

## Portmarnock March 28<sup>th</sup> Stewards Report

Stewards: P Clarke, D Sheehy, J O'Sullivan, M. Behan, A. Gosson, J Levis

**Race1;** 8 entries; 1 non-runner no.5 Durandal jihaimie; No driving changes.

Urbano De Selles broke at the gate after point of no return the race carried on without him.

B Roche came across the track at the beginning of the race causing D Murphy to check his horse. He was interviewed by the stewards and stated his horse was running out and hard to control. He received a caution and warned that if a similar action is done again, he would receive a fine and or a suspension.

E Flanagan trying to pass on the inside coming to the line after reviewing the race no action taken.

The stewards were satisfied with the explanation of the connections of No 5 non-runner.

**Race 2;** 3 entries; no driving changes.

False start called as number 1 Veela's Imprint was not coming to the gate in gait. As a result, she was moved to the outside for the rerun.

**Race 3;** 5 entries; all go no driving changes.

O Quill misuse of whip; Under new ruling he received a caution and 1 demerit point.

**Race 4;** 5 runners; no driving changes.

D Timlin & M Loughran misused the whip under the new whip ruling. They received a warning as they had not been communicated the new rulings and were asked to attend a driver meeting with the stewards during the week so that they would be fully versed in the penalties which will occur.

**Race 5;** 4 entries; no driving changes.

O quill whip misuse for use of shoulder action in last 200m of the race and received a €100 fine, 2 demerit points and a 1-day suspension as this is his second offence of the day he has now accumulated 3 demerit points on his IHRA driving license.

### **Further Comments:**

- The IHRA stewards will organise a drivers meeting for this Thursday Night, April 1<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> which is mandatory for all drivers to attend one, to discuss the new whip rules and sanctions.
- All drivers sanctioned under the new whip rule shall be reviewed together with the whip regime in four weeks.