

Portmarnock May 1st Stewards Report

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

Race1; 5 runners; No driving changes.

No. 3. Fleche Extreme exceeded the strides allowed and placed last.
No issues reported in this race.

Race 2; 5 runners; No driving changes

Driver Alan Richardson struck a horse driven by Philip Giligan (Honor Code) twice on the head on the back straight during this race. Mr Giligan reported this to the paddock steward after the race and after the result had been announced. The stewards interviewed Mr Richardson and was asked to explain his actions to which he replied that he was protecting himself as the other horse was to close and in danger of bringing him down. The stewards did not accept this excuse and fined him €200 and disqualified him from driving for 28 days and warned against this type of behaviour. No other issues reported in this race.

Race 3; 5 runners; No driving changes

Winner tested. No.5 Extreme Ryld broke 10 times during the race.
No other issues reported in this race

Race 4; 5 runners; No driving changes

D Jennings fined for misuse of whip. Under new ruling he is suspended for 1 day, €100 fine and 2 demerit points added to his licence. Winner tested. No other issues reported in this race .

Race 5; 5 runners; No driving changes

S Duggan left home without his colours requested permission from stewards to wear colours belonging to M Kane. No other issues reported in this race

Race 6; 5 runners;1 non-runner No.5 Beat the Clock; No driving changes

Tarawood CJ's headpole broke behind starting gate. This caused the race to be held back for 5 mins
No other issues reported in this race

Race 7; 5 runners all go; One driving change, No.5 driven by Mary Kane

Hallow way road driven by P Hill caused a false start for 3rd week running this will need to be looked at although he got away on rerun. No.4 Happy Fifty exceeded the strides allowed and was placed last. No other issues reported in this race.

The stewards have decided that No2 (Halloway Road) must start at the outside of the gate until such time that he demonstrates he can get away safely without breaking or interfering with other horses and not causing a false start.