

Stewards Report Lyre Races 10/07/2022

Stewards: Mr. Con O'Sullivan, Chairperson
Mr. James O'Sullivan
Mr. David Sheehy

Race 1

All seven ran, no issues.

Race 2

All six ran.

Jamie Hurley to receive a warning about his use of the whip.

No other issues.

Race 3

All five ran, no issues.

Race 4

All seven ran.

There was an incident between Philip Gilligan and Chris O'Reilly shortly after the start where there was contact between Chris O'Reilly's horse and Philip Gilligan's sulky. There was also some shouting and accusations made in the paddock after the race.

Both drivers were interviewed by The Stewards after the race. On hearing their evidence, The Stewards decided that a warning be issued to both drivers on their future conduct on and off the track.

No other issues

Race 5

All six ran. One driver change, Oisin Quill drove No.6 Destin De Larre.

No.3 Ella Du Fosse pulled up going around the first bend with a blown tyre.

No other issues

Race 6

All seven ran. One driver change, Matthew O'Reilly drove No.6 Churchview Kolt.

No.5 West End Illusion, Wm McInerney was disqualified for leaving the track on the inside at the last bend.

Race 7

All six ran.

There was a Stewards Inquiry to look at possible interference between the winner No.6 Duca De Leau, Bernard Nicholson and the second place horse Colombia D'Oyse, Sean Kane. Both drivers were interviewed and the Stewards were satisfied that there was no interference with no change to the result.

No other issues

Race 8

All four ran, no issues.

Race 9

All five ran.

A Stewards Inquiry was called into the result of this race. The Stewards disqualified first past the post Hallow Way Road for breaking more than 15 strides during the race, Rule M38(a). Driver Patrick Hill was interviewed by the Stewards as to why he continued to participate potentially disrupting other competitors when it should have been clear that he was well over the maximum number of strides allowed.

Race 10

All seven ran. One driver change Anthony O'Donnell drove No.5 Pan Cam Income.

No.1 Well Cuz moved from the inside to the outside of the track at the paddock bend on the last lap but didn't cause any interference. The driver Richard Phelan is to be interviewed at the next meeting as to the reason for this.

Race 11

All eight ran.

Marcus McAleer was interviewed after the race by the Stewards concerning his use of the whip in the closing stages of the race. The driver accepted he had used his whip above the recommended guidelines and apologised for his actions. He said he would learn from it. He was fined €100 and given a one day suspension for misuse of the whip (1st Offence, Major Infringement)

Matthew O'Reilly is to be interviewed at the next meeting following a complaint about his behaviour after the race.

No other issues.

All drivers are to receive correspondence during the week to remind them of Rule M5(a), which states

"Loud shouting or other improper conduct is forbidden in a race"