

Stewards Report
Richard Phelan Memorial Weekend
16-07-23

Stewards: David Sheehy, Chairman

Con O'Sullivan

Micheál Duggan

James O'Sullivan

James Levis

James Griffin

Race 1: One non-runner No. 6 Springhill Lou Lou. 5 Ran. Driver John Cross was given a warning re his whip use. No other issues

Race 2: All 7 Ran. No. 4 Boyardo was unplaced for having exceeded the permitted number of strides in a gallop. Driver Billy Roche was interviewed after the race in relation to his whip use and having one leg down during the race. He explained that he had pins in his leg from a previous accident. He was fined €50 for having his leg down and an official warning in relation to his use of the whip. No other issues.

Race 3: All 7 Ran. Driver's Charlie Flanagan and Eoin Murphy were interviewed after the race in relation to their whip use. As it was their first offence they were both fined €50. Driver Michael Hamilton was interviewed after the race because there was a doubt as to whether he was allowed carry a whip. The matter was clarified and he is allowed carry his whip again in future races. Driver Maurice Ahern was interviewed in relation to the conduct of his Horse at the start and there being being two unauthorised people with him at the start. He stated that his horse is difficult at the start and would try some other tactics for his next race. No other issues.

Race 4: All 7 Ran. Driver Sean Kane was interviewed about interference with Bingo De Connee. Sean was given a warning and to be more aware of his position on the track in relation to other horses. No other issues.

Race 5: All 6 Ran. No issues.

Race 6: One non-runner, No.9 Buliano. 8 Ran. No other issues.

Race 7: All 7 Ran. No issues.

Race 8: One non-runner, No 8 Rhyds Shadow. 7 Ran. No other issues. Driver Troy McAleer was interviewed in relation to his use of the whip. As it was his first offence in The Major Infringement Category, he was fined €75 and got a two Raceday whip suspension. He was also fined €50 for working out before the race on the track when not allowed to do so.

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The Stewards interviewed Driver P.Kane jnr in relation to the optics of his finishing effort on Rhyds Eye Candy who finished second where it appeared a real timely and sustained finishing effort was not made. Driver P. Kane jnr stated that his horse had only completed around two hard tracks previously and stated that if he used his whip or asked for anymore of an effort his horse would break. Having viewed the video and considered his evidence, The Stewards noted his explanation re the whip. No other issues.

Race 9: One non-runner, No. 1 Colombia D'Oyse. 3 Ran. Drivers Donal Murphy and Oisin Quill were interviewed by The Stewards in relation to possible interference during the race. The Stewards deemed no further action was necessary. No other issues

Race 10: All 7 Ran. Trainer Thomas Heavey was interviewed by the Stewards and asked if he could explain the improvement in form of Kenosha Comet from his previous run. He could give no reason and didn't remember his conversation previously with The Stewards in Annaghmore. No other issues.

Race 11: All 7 Ran. Driver's Anthony O'Donnell and Ryan Manning were interviewed by the Stewards in relation to close driving and not giving enough clearance after overtaking and moving in. Mr. Manning was given an official warning. He was fined €50 for having a leg down during the race and given a warning about holding the reins too loose. No other issues.

It was brought to the attention of The Stewards after racing that there was a row in The Paddock before and after the last race. The individuals involved will be interviewed the next time they are racing.

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