

Subject: Annaghmore 27th August '23

Stewards:-

P Clarke

J O'Sullivan

J Griffin

Race 1 E & F Trot 1.25m

All 3 ran No issues. J Cowden replaced G Murdock on No3 Brooklyn Trixie.

Race 2 G, G1 & G2 Pace 1m

All 5 ran. J Cowden replaced P Kane jnr on No2 Ballycoan Aron.

The stewards held an inquiry into the start of this race where it appeared that driver E Joyce may have breached his 10yard trail. The stewards interviewed the starter, Ivan Swindle who stated that he had warned E Joyce to remain on his mark. The starter was unable to state whether or not E Joyce had breached his mark as the gate had moved away. Driver E Joyce was interviewed and in his evidence he stated that he had been told by the starter to take back and he said that he did. He did admit when questioned that he had passed the start line fractionally ahead of the Gate starting horse but that he was planning on making the running and wasn't taken on for the lead. Having considered the evidence the stewards, on this occasion, gave the benefit of the doubt to E Joyce and took no further action in this case.

The stewards held another inquiry into the times of the quarters of this race where it appeared that E Joyce had deliberately slowed that the race when getting to the front. The times of the quarters backed this impression up. Driver E Joyce was interviewed and when pressed on the matter stated that his horse dropped the bridle and slowed himself. He further stated that the horse relaxed when in the lead but picked up when challenged. Having the considered the evidence and considering the clock the stewards fined E Joyce €100 for slowing the race deliberately.

Race 3 A, C & D Trot 1.25m

All 5 ran. No issues. Driver J Cowden replaced P Kane jnr on No5 Feugeres Erem. Feugeres Erem was unplaced as she galloped inside the last 100m.

Race 4 B & C Pace 1m

All 5 ran. No driver changes. No issues.

Driver L McNevin was deemed to have used her stick 17 times inside the last 1/4m when the limit is 8. Taking into account her shoulder action when using her stick and that it is her 1st offense this season L McNevin was fined €75 and cannot carry a whip for her next 2 days racing.

Race 5 Grade F Pace 1m

6 runners, non runners Let There Be Rock and I'm Great Hanover. No driver changes. No issues.

Driver A Corey was deemed to have used his stick 9 times inside the last 1/4m when the limit is 8. Taking into account is shoulder action when using his stick and that it is his 2nd offense this season (first on July 26) A Corey fined €150 and cannot carry a whip for his next 4 days racing.