

Wellington RC 7 December 2019 - R 9 (request for a ruling) - Chair, Mr N McCutcheon

Rules:

[534\(2\)\(b\)](#)

Stipendiary Steward(s):

Mr J Oatham - Chief Stipendiary Steward

Name(s):

Ms E Haworth - co-Trainer of FEARLESS, Mr J Oatham - Chief Stipendiary Steward

Facts:

Following the running of Race 6 Information No. A12303 was filed with the Judicial Committee. The Information stated that Ms E Haworth wished to scratch FEARLESS from Race 9, with the Stipendiary Stewards not believing that there were grounds to do so.

Decisions:

Mr Oatham said that Ms Haworth had said to the Stewards that she had brought the horse to the races hoping for rain, but it had not done so. He said that there had been no change to track conditions and that he believed that there were no grounds to allow the scratching.

Ms Haworth confirmed that she was hoping for rain on the day to ease the track. She added that it was a welfare issue as the horse had bad joints and would not cope with the firm conditions.

The Committee considered the submissions and whilst fully understanding Ms Haworth's position, declined the request to late-scratch FEARLESS due to there not being a material change with the track conditions.

Following this decision being given, Ms Haworth scratched FEARLESS as she said that she could not risk racing him.

Request to late-scratch FEARLESS was declined.