



## MANITOBA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

**Assiniboia Downs Meeting**

**Date: July 28, 2018**

**(THOROUGHBRED)**

### STEWARDS RULING: #19

Pursuant to:

Rule 6 (6):

*Every protest except those relating to a disputed claim filed subsequent to the transfer of the claimed horse shall be determined by the Stewards.*

Rule 6 (9) c) & e):

*A protest on the grounds: c) that the horse was ineligible. e) shall be made within 48 hours after the finish of the race with respect to which the protest is made.*

On July 28th, 2018 the Board of Stewards pursuant to Rule 6 (6) heard the 'Protest' filed by owner/trainer Ardell Sayler (MHRC lic #770) regarding the 2nd race held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 and the eligibility of the horse 'IT'S NOT SO EASY'. Specifically that the horse had not started or completed a timed workout satisfactory to the Stewards in the last 30 days up to and including the day of entries for the race in which it was entered (Rule 20 - a).

Testimony was given by Mr. Juan Pablo (trainer of It's Not So Easy) that his horse was indeed eligible for the race in question, he had worked the horse four furlongs on June 29th, 2018. ASD's Official Clocker was then interviewed and with his worksheet provided, confirmed that IT'S NOT SO EASY worked the four furlongs on the 29th of June making the horse eligible under Rule 20 (1) a).

It is therefore the decision of the Stewards that Mr. Sayler's protest is denied. As the protest was filed based on information that was not available to Mr. Sayler his deposit is to be returned.

**Ruling may be appealed within 48 hours. (Rule 4 (5) )**

**Brian Palaniuk**

**Grant Buckoski**

**Gary Flaman**