



Channel Islands Horseracing Authority

16 August 2025

**Race 1 10 August 2025 – The Westwood Bloodstock Sprint (6f)
Authority Review of Judge's decision on placings**

Outcome – No change to placings. Result confirmed.

First place ST. OUEN

Second Place GEMCUTTER

Under Rule 59 of Manual B of the Rules of Racing, the Authority has the power to review the Judge's decision and, if the Authority concludes a mistake has been made as to placings, correct the result.

The Authority wishes to make it clear that it reviews every photo finish throughout a race season.

The Stewards, having interviewed the riders of the first and second placed horses and the Judge, have specifically referred the matter for the Authority's review. Consequently, the Authority is providing its written reasons for confirming the Judge's decision.

Under Rule 59.2, the Authority's review decision must be based on the electronic image from the camera as the horses cross the line. Les Landes does not have a photo finish camera nor does it have a 'Go-Pro' or similar relatively cheap technology mounted in line with the winning post to capture finishes at 200-300 frames per second.

Unfortunately, the frame rate of the video camera used at Les Landes is only 60 frames per second. At the finish of this race, the frame images are just before the line and just after the line. The video camera is not aligned with the winning post and consequently there is an angle which favours the stand side horse (in this case Gemcutter).

Notwithstanding this, the still images (see page 2) show St. Ouen to have been ahead in the strides before and after the line. In the absence of clear evidence to the contrary the Judge's decision is final and must stand.



Annex – Rules of Racing – Manual (B)

59. Powers of Authority to review Judge's decision

59.1 The Authority may consider a decision made by a Judge and, if it the Authority considers that the Judge has made a mistake, it may

59.1.1. correct the decision if no correction has been made before the end of the five day period referred to in Rule 58.2, and

59.1.2 declare the winner and placed horses.

59.2 In any case where the Authority makes a decision under Paragraph 59.1

59.2.1 the electronic image shall be the main evidence of the result, and

59.2.2 if the decision is made before the end of the period of fourteen days starting with the day after the day of the race, the Authority's decision shall supersede that of the Judge.