

- (ii) Should the Starter declare a false start and is unable to so notify the jockeys, the Stewards shall order the race to be abandoned and thereby declared void.
- (11) A start in front of the starting post or on a wrong course is void and the horses may be started again as soon as practicable but in the event of any horse running the course from a false start or from a void start, the trainer or owner may with the consent of the Stewards withdraw his horse from the race. A start before the appointed time may be declared void by the Stewards.

Horses

- Rule 33.** (1) All licensed, registered and approved persons shall comply with the requirements of animal welfare by taking such measures as should result in all horses under the control of the Club being cared for and treated in a humane and proper manner.
- (2) Any licensed, registered or approved person may be penalised if in the opinion of the Stewards such person has committed an act which compromises or impacts or has the potential to compromise or impact on the welfare of a horse.

Rule 34. The age of a horse shall be reckoned as follows: —

- (1) For a horse foaled in the Northern Hemisphere from 1st January in the year which it is foaled;
- (2) For a horse foaled in South America from 1st July in the year which it is foaled;
- (3) For a horse foaled in the Southern Hemisphere (other than South America) between the first day of July and the thirty-first day of December: —
 - (i) from the first day of August in the year in which it was foaled if its dam was first covered on or after the first day of September in the previous year, as that covering is recorded by the Stud Book.
 - (ii) from the first day of August in the year previous to the year in which it was foaled if its dam was first covered before the first day of September in the year previous to the year in which it was foaled, as that covering is recorded in the Stud Book.
- (4) For a horse foaled in the Southern Hemisphere (other than South America) between the first day of January and the thirtieth day of June, from the first day of August in the year previous to the year in which it was foaled.