

Weighing Room

- Rule 87.** (1) No person shall be admitted to the Weighing Room without special leave from the Stewards except an Official of the meeting, the owner, trainer, and jockey or other person having the care of a horse engaged in the race, and any person refusing to leave the Weighing Room shall be reported to the Stewards.
- (2) No persons other than Officials of meetings, jockeys and apprentices with riding engagements shall be permitted access to the Jockeys' Room, provided that any apprentice authorised by the Stewards may be present.

Weighing-Out

- Rule 88.** (1) No jockey shall be weighed-out for any race unless he and his mount have been declared for such race.
- (2) The trainer is responsible for his horse carrying the correct weight in accordance with the conditions of the race. The trainer shall declare to the Clerk of the Scales before the jockey weighs-out the weight his horse will carry if it differs from the weight appearing on the official programme. Failure to make this declaration will render the trainer liable to be fined by the Stewards. Apprentices' and freelance jockeys' allowances will not be taken into consideration when declaring a weight under this sub-rule.
- (3) Any declared jockey who does not present himself to be weighed-out may with the permission of the Stewards be substituted by another jockey, provided always that the substitute jockey can be weighed within the time specified in this Rule. Unless the Stewards are satisfied that the absence of the jockey was due to unavoidable circumstances they may penalise such jockey.
- (4) Every jockey must be weighed for a specified horse by the Clerk of the Scales at the appointed place before the time fixed for the race. In exceptional cases the Stewards may extend the time allowed for declaring runners under this Rule weighing, declaring weight and for exhibiting the numbers.
- (5) If a jockey weighs-out over the weight declared such jockey and any other person held responsible may be penalised, and another jockey may be substituted at the allotted weight or near to the allotted weight.

Rule 89. The following articles shall be put on to the scales with the jockey when he is both weighing-out and weighing-in: —

- (1) Everything carried or worn by the jockey and by the horse in a race except the number cloth, helmet, cloth cap, whip, goggles, bridle (including noseband), rings, muzzle, hood, blinkers, visor, pacifier, martingale and anything worn on the horse's legs or hoofs.
- (2) No person, without the permission of the Stewards, shall add to, remove from, or change any equipment with which the jockey has been weighed. The Stewards may require the jockey to re-weigh if any alteration is made.
- (3) If a jockey intends to carry overweight in accordance with these Rules he must declare the amount thereof at the time of weighing-out or if in doubt as to his proper weight he may declare the weight he intends to carry.
- (4) To compensate for the mandatory wearing by jockeys of safety vests the scale shall have factored into it an allowance of two pounds, and the jockey shall weigh-out at the declared weight.

Rule 90. If a jockey after he has been weighed for a specified horse and before he has come under Starter's orders is prevented from riding in the race for any reason another jockey may be substituted provided there is no unreasonable delay.

Rule 91. After a jockey has left the Jockeys' Room to ride in a race, and until he dismounts if not required to weigh-in, or until he weighs-in if so required: —

- (1) No person other than the trainer or nominator, or their authorised agent, or an Official in the course of his duties shall except by leave of the Stewards or Starter, speak to or communicate in any way with such jockey. Provided that during a race another jockey may communicate with such jockey on safety issues.
- (2) Prior to any race no person other than an Official in the course of his duties or the relevant trainer shall except by leave of the Stewards or Starter touch the jockey or his horse or any of its equipment.
- (3) No jockey shall, except by leave of the Stewards or Starter, speak to or communicate in any way with any person other than the trainer or nominator of his mount, or their authorised agent, or an Official in respect of his duties, or another jockey during the race on a safety issue.