

Powers of the Stewards

Rule 12. In addition to any other power elsewhere conferred on them by these Rules, the Stewards shall have the following powers in relation to race meetings and other racing matters in accordance with the allocation of jurisdictions provided for earlier in these Rules: —

- (1) To effect and enforce these Rules, Instructions, and so much of the Bye-laws and policies, procedure, codes or guidelines made by the Club as relate to the duties and responsibilities of Stewards elsewhere provided by these Rules.
- (2) To control and supervise race meetings.
- (3) To exclude from all places under their control every warned-off and disqualified person and all such persons or descriptions of persons excluded by the Stewards of the Jockey Club.
- (4) To control and have free access to all stands, rooms, enclosures and other places used for the purposes of any race meeting.
- (5) To make and, if necessary, vary all such arrangements for the conduct of any race meeting as they deem fit.
- (6) At any time to take possession for such period as they deem necessary of any horse whether or not such horse has been entered for or declared for or has started in a race for any purpose provided for by these Rules.
- (7) To report to the Stewards of the Jockey Club any case in which they have a reasonable suspicion that any person has committed a significant breach of the Rules.
- (8) In exceptional circumstances, or if the weather or ground be in an unfit state for running races, to postpone or abandon or transfer from grass to all-weather track all or any part of a day's racing or to postpone or abandon any races for that day whether before or after commencement of the meeting.
- (9) In the event that the track is obstructed in any way subsequent to the start of a race, resulting in perceived danger to runners, to abandon the race and declare the race void.
- (10) To determine all questions arising in reference to racing at the meeting, except as otherwise provided in these Rules.
- (11) At any time to order an examination of any horse by such person or persons as they think fit.

- (12) To take or cause to be taken any sample from a horse and/or to make or cause to be made any test in their opinion desirable to determine whether any horse has been administered or exposed to any prohibited substance, or has any prohibited substance present in the system of the horse.
- (13) To withdraw at their discretion any declared runner if a pre-race test taken from such horse is reported by the Chief Racing Chemist or other chemist authorised by him or another qualified person authorised by a Steward as positive or potentially positive for the presence of any prohibited substance.
- (14) To enter into, inspect and search the stable assigned to any trainer or to search and inspect any person, vehicle or other property located in the stable or the stable's precinct at any time and to take possession in the presence of the trainer or his representative of any article or substance or any feed or a sample of the feed, and to submit such article or substance or feed sample to the Chief Racing Chemist or any other appropriate testing laboratory for testing for the presence of any prohibited substance or substances or for any other purpose.
- (15) To stand down any jockey without assigning any reason and if they think fit to substitute another jockey.
- (16) To prohibit any horse from starting in a race.
- (17) To order the removal of any shoes, racing plates, equipment or gear which has not been approved by the Stewards for use on that horse or which in their opinion is unsuitable, unsafe or ineffective or unable to be applied and to penalise any person responsible for the use of the same.
- (18) To order the withdrawal of a horse from any race at any time if in their opinion it is unsuitable to run or unable to start without unreasonable delay, or for any other reason.
- (19) To declare any horse which has had an unfair start to be a non-runner provided that such occurrence materially prejudiced the horse's chances in the race and no horse which is declared first, second, third or fourth place in a race shall be so declared a non-runner.
- (20) To declare a non-runner or disqualify for the race any horse which in their opinion gained an unfair advantage at the start.
- (21) In exceptional circumstances to extend the time allowed for weighing-out, declaring weighed-in, for starting or for any other circumstance required by the Rules or conditions of a race.
- (22) To stand in the place or stead of the Judge or his authorised substitute in the circumstances provided for by these Rules.

- (23) To penalise the owner, trainer, jockey and/or any other person found to be responsible for not allowing a horse to run on its merits in any race at the meeting or at any other meeting at which any one or more of them officiated as Racing Stewards notwithstanding that no inquiry was held into the running of the horse in this/these other race(s).
- (24) To disqualify for such time and for such races as they shall determine any horse which has been the subject of fraudulent practice within the meaning of these Rules.
- (25) To order that future entries or declarations be not accepted for any horse the performances of which in their opinion have been unduly inconsistent.
- (26) To penalise any person who, in their opinion, has been responsible for or has been a party to the unduly inconsistent running of any horse.
- (27) To exclude at their discretion any person from all or any places under their control.
- (28) To inquire into, regulate, control, take cognisance of and adjudicate upon, the conduct of all officials, owners, nominators, trainers, jockeys, riders, stable assistants, persons attendant upon horses or otherwise working in or visiting the stables, and of all persons frequenting the stands or other places used for the purpose of the meeting.
- (29) To determine and regulate the form, procedure, and conduct for any inquiry under these Rules provided no inquiry or determination made by the Stewards may be rendered invalid or otherwise impugned for a defect in form or procedure.
- (30) By notices exhibited on indicator boards or elsewhere and by any form of public address system at the racecourse to state and announce that a protest/objection has been lodged, the subject and nature thereof, and also their decision in respect of such protest/objection, or of any other matter coming within their jurisdiction.
- (31) To penalise any person who in the opinion of the Stewards has committed any breach of any of these Rules.
- (32) To penalise any licensed person whose conduct or negligence in the performance of his duties has led or could have led to a breach of these Rules.
- (33) To penalise any person who refuses or fails to comply with any proper direction of any Official, employee or other person acting under the authority of the Club.

- (34) To penalise any person who obstructs them in the exercise of their powers and duties.
- (35) To report to the Stewards of the Jockey Club on their stewardship in respect of each race meeting; on any Deputy Steward or Official appointed; on all complaints and protests/objections made to them and their decisions thereon; on any incident between the time any jockey weighed-out and weighed-in, and the result of any inquiry into the incident; on all penalties imposed; and any other significant incidents at such meeting.
- (36) To order any jockey declared or available to ride in a race or who has ridden in a race or barrier trial or who is to ride a horse in training or barrier trial or who has ridden a horse in training or barrier trial to undergo an examination and/or to supply samples of breath, blood, hair, sufficient urine or other body fluids for subsequent analysis, including but not limited to, the testing for the presence of any prohibited substances.
- (37) To require any horse to pass one or a series of barrier trials and/or stalls tests and/or any other test before it is declared to run again.
- (38) To investigate, inquire into and determine any matter that falls within the general scope of their duties and responsibilities, is within their powers under these Rules, or has been referred to them by the Stewards of the Jockey Club, and to appoint investigators to assist in or conduct any investigation.
- (39) To declare void any race or to order any race to be started again.
- (40) To require production of, take possession of, impound or to direct that access is provided to examine information by any means on any appliance, apparatus, instrument, article, system, application or account (including but not limited to mobile telephone, computer, electronic device, book, document or records, e-wallets, social media applications or applications used for cloud-based or remote storage) (“Devices”) capable of receiving, transmitting, storing, accessing or otherwise containing any information that may be used in contravention of these Rules or relevant to a meeting, investigation or inquiry, and to copy, download or image any such information from or through the Devices in any manner.
- (41) To determine whether a jockey who has been properly engaged to ride a horse in a race but not permitted to fulfil such riding engagement should be paid the riding fee or a portion thereof.

- (42) To withdraw at their discretion any declared runner which has received any treatment on the day on which it has been declared to race (i.e. race day).
- (43) To investigate, inquire into, and determine any matter or incident arising from a barrier trial or during track work.
- (44) To immediately stand down a Jockey from riding in a race, at a race meeting and/or riding track work if, in the opinion of the Stewards, the continued participation of the rider in races, race meetings or track work may be prejudicial to the integrity, proper conduct and/or safety of horse racing and/or racing operations.
- (45) To immediately stand down a Trainer or Assistant Trainer from participating in a race meeting, track work or training, if, in the opinion of the Stewards, the continued participation of such person in racing or training activities may be prejudicial to the integrity, proper conduct and/or safety of horse racing and/or racing operations.
- (46) To constitute a riding skills panel for the purposes of mentoring or providing remedial or technique training to a Jockey, and direct a Jockey to attend such panel at such frequency as the Stewards think fit.

Rule 13. The Stewards shall not entertain any disputes relating to private transactions.

Application for Licence

Rule 14. By applying for a licence each applicant is deemed to have agreed to be bound by the Rules of Racing, Instructions, and Bye-laws that: —

- (1) a licence, unless and until withdrawn pursuant to these Rules, shall continue valid for the racing season or part racing season with respect to which it is issued, but upon expiry or prior withdrawal the rights and/or privileges conferred shall cease and determine absolutely;
- (2) a licence may be withdrawn or suspended by the Stewards of the Jockey Club if they shall determine that the licence holder's conduct, whether or not conduct associated with racing, renders him unsuitable to continue to hold the licence issued to him;
- (3) the Stewards of the Jockey Club may impose such conditions as they consider appropriate either when issuing a licence or at any time during the period of its validity; and
- (4) the fees to be paid in respect of a licence shall be such as the Stewards of the Jockey Club shall from time to time decide.