

- Rule 15.** (1) An applicant for a freelance jockey’s licence for the first time shall be entitled to make representations in support of his application and the Club may determine that an inquiry should be held before the application is rejected.
- (2) Any application for a freelance jockey’s licence by an existing holder will not be rejected without an inquiry.
- Rule 16.** (1) Any application for a non-local jockey’s licence whether by a first-time applicant or by a non-local jockey who holds or has ever held a licence to ride issued by the Club under these Rules may be rejected without an inquiry and no reasons for the rejection need be given.
- (2) A determination of the Club not to grant a non-local jockey’s licence shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal against any such determination.

Licensing Matters

- Rule 17.** The Club may grant, refuse, vary, suspend or withdraw a licence, or stand down a licensed person in accordance with these Rules and/or any policy or criteria as approved by the Stewards of the Jockey Club from time to time.
- Rule 18.** The Club may refer any licensing matter to the Stewards of the Jockey Club for determination.
- Rule 19.** The Stewards of the Jockey Club may constitute a special panel consisting of not less than three members to hear and decide upon a particular matter referred to them under Rule 18. The Stewards of the Jockey Club may appoint any Member or executive of the Club to join the panel, provided that at least one member of such panel must be a Steward of the Jockey Club.
- Rule 20.** The Stewards of the Jockey Club may determine and regulate the form of and the procedure for any inquiry it may hold under Rule 19. The Stewards of the Jockey Club or any special panel constituted under Rule 19 may invite representatives of the Club to attend the hearing of any inquiry it may hold to make such representations as the Club may consider to be relevant to the issues to be determined by the Stewards of the Jockey Club or the special panel in the inquiry.

Licensing Appeals

- Rule 21.** (1) Except in the circumstances set out in Rule 16 (2), any person aggrieved by a licensing decision made under these Rules may appeal against such decision to the Stewards of the Jockey Club in accordance with this Rule 21 and Rules 133 and 134.

- (2) The Stewards of the Jockey Club may grant pending the determination of any appeal a suspension of the decision appealed against.

Standing Down or Suspension of Licensed Persons

Rule 22. Without limiting any other Rules, the Club may: —

- (1) immediately stand down or suspend the licence of a person charged with a criminal offence in Hong Kong or elsewhere which is associated with horse racing, betting or bookmaking until the conclusion of those criminal proceedings;
- (2) stand down or suspend the licence of a person charged with other criminal offences in Hong Kong or elsewhere until the conclusion of those criminal proceedings if the Club is of the opinion that continued participation of such person in racing or activities of the Club or the maintenance of the licence of such person might be prejudicial to the interests, integrity, proper conduct and/or good reputation of the Club and/or horse racing;
- (3) stand down or suspend the licence of a person pending the determination of any inquiry or proceedings conducted under these Rules if the Club is of the opinion that continued participation of such person in racing or activities of the Club or the maintenance of the licence of such person might be prejudicial to the interests, integrity, proper conduct and/or good reputation of the Club and/or horse racing; or
- (4) otherwise stand down or suspend the licence of a person under Rule 8 (17) or (18).

Penalties for Offences

- Rule 23.** (1) Any person or body authorised by these Rules to penalise any person or to disqualify a horse for a race or generally may, subject to any applicable law, do so by disqualification or suspension for any period or for any indefinite period and may in lieu thereof or in addition thereto impose a fine not exceeding HK\$600,000 or may impose only a fine not exceeding HK\$600,000. Provided that the power to warn-off is reserved to the Stewards of the Jockey Club.