

The Judge

Rule 31. The Judge or his authorised substitute shall: —

- (1) At the finish of any race, place every horse participating in the race.
- (2) Announce his decision in respect of the first four horses and such further number of horses as directed by the Stewards immediately after the horses pass the winning post or after consulting the video monitor or photograph and shall base his decision exclusively on the position of the horses' noses at the time they pass the winning post. Such decision shall be final unless a protest/objection to the winner or any placed horses is made and sustained. Provided that this Rule shall not prevent a Judge before the weighed-in signal is given from correcting any mistake, such correction being subject to confirmation by the Stewards. In the event that the Stewards are satisfied on the evidence of the video monitor or photograph that the Judge has made an incorrect decision in the determination of the placings, the Stewards may correct such decision and alter the placings accordingly. Further provided that the Stewards may in exceptional circumstances declare void any race a fair result of which is, in their opinion, impossible to achieve.
- (3) At the close of each day's racing, sign a report of the result of each race.
- (4) In the event of the Judge or his authorised substitute being unavailable or, in the opinion of the Stewards, is or was unable, because of illness or otherwise, properly to place the horses as they pass or passed the winning post, the Stewards shall stand in the place or stead of the Judge or his authorised substitute and assume and exercise the responsibilities, powers and duties conferred on him by this Rule.