

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 and Temporary Restrictions on Owners

- Rule 22.** (1) Without limiting any other Rules, the Club may: —
- (i) 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;

- (ii) 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;
 - (iii) 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
 - (iv) otherwise stand down or suspend the licence of a person under Rule 8 (17) or (18).
- (2) Without limiting any other Rules, if an owner has been charged with a breach of these Rules or the commission of a criminal offence (whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere), or is subject to any disciplinary action under the Articles of Association of the Club, and if the Club is of the opinion that the continued participation of that person in racing or activities of the Club might be prejudicial to the interests, integrity, proper conduct and/or good reputation of the Club and/or horse racing, the Club may pending the determination of the inquiry or proceedings conducted under these Rules, the conclusion of the criminal proceedings or the determination of the disciplinary action: —
 - (i) prevent any horse owned (whether fully or partly) by that person from participating in any race or trial;
 - (ii) suspend any registration of transfer of ownership of a horse related to that person; and/or
 - (iii) make any other direction or order as the Club thinks fit.
- (3) The Stewards may conduct an inquiry in such manner as they deem fit, or refer a determination of the standing down or suspension of a person licensed under these Rules to the Stewards of the Jockey Club under Rule 18 for the purpose of enquiring into any matter referred to in Rule 22(1).