

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.
- (2) A penalty of suspension imposed by the Stewards may commence with immediate effect or may be deferred for a defined period. A penalty of disqualification takes immediate effect.
- (3) No person shall be entitled to make any claim by reason of the imposition, annulment, removal, mitigation or remission of any penalty imposed under these Rules.
- (4) No Official or Member of the Club shall be liable to any person for any loss or damage sustained by that person arising out of the exercise of any right, privilege, power, duty or discretion conferred or imposed under these Rules.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything in these Rules contained, when an appeal has been duly instituted against a suspension or disqualification imposed under these Rules the Stewards of the Jockey Club may subject to such conditions as they may impose, suspend the operation in whole or in part of the Rules imposing disabilities upon suspended or disqualified persons and horses until the determination of such appeal.

Officials

- Rule 24.** (1) The following Officials shall be appointed by the Stewards of the Jockey Club: Racing Stewards, Stipendiary Stewards, Head of Raceday Operations, Tracks and Racing Facilities (for races in Hong Kong), Executive Manager, Tracks, Racing Projects and Facilities (CRC) (for races at Conghua Racecourse), Handicapper, Clerk of the Scales, Judge, Honorary Judge, Starter, Deputy Starter, Veterinary Officer and Veterinary Surgeon.
- (2) All other Officials shall be appointed for every meeting by the Stewards of the Jockey Club. No two offices for the same fixture shall be held by one person, unless by special permission of the Stewards of the Jockey Club.

Rule 25. When necessary, the Stewards may during a race meeting appoint a substitute to fill any of the abovenamed offices for that meeting only.

Rule 26. Every complaint against an Official shall be made to the Stewards in writing and be signed by the complainant.

**Head of Raceday Operations, Tracks and Racing Facilities /
Executive Manager, Tracks, Racing Projects and Facilities (CRC)**

Rule 27. The Head of Raceday Operations, Tracks and Racing Facilities (or his authorised substitute), and Executive Manager, Tracks, Racing Projects and Facilities (CRC) (or his authorised substitute) are the sole persons responsible to the Stewards for the general arrangements of the meeting and the proper maintenance, measurement and marking of the course in Hong Kong and Conghua Racecourse respectively; and shall: —

- (1) ensure that all horses running at the meeting are saddled in the saddling area and brought into the parade ring a reasonable time before the signal to mount is given, provided that the Stewards shall determine whether or not the racecourse stabling forms part of the saddling area;
- (2) ensure that a clean number cloth of a pattern approved by the Stewards of the Jockey Club is provided for every horse for which a jockey presents himself to be weighed-out;
- (3) in the event of any horse not being brought into the parade ring by the required time, report the matter to the Stewards.

Rule 28. (1) The only persons permitted in the parade ring before a race are Officials of the meeting and the owners, trainers, jockeys and attendants of the horses that are to run in such race. Provided that the Stewards may permit any other person to be in the parade ring. Any person who refuses or fails to leave the parade ring when requested or directed to do so commits an offence.

(2) Except with the permission of the Stewards no horse shall be brought into the saddling area unless it has been declared to run at the meeting, and no horse shall be brought into the parade ring except if it is to run in the next race.