

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.