

The Race

- Rule 99.** (1) Every horse that runs in a race shall be run on its merits.
- (2) The jockey of every horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that his horse is given a full opportunity to win or to obtain the best possible placing in the field.
- (3) A trainer shall be responsible for ensuring horses trained by him are ridden and perform in a consistent manner wherever possible.
- (4) A trainer may be penalised if in the opinion of the Stewards any instruction or direction given to or arrangement made with a jockey of a horse trained by him is unreasonably different from or inconsistent with those given to or made with a jockey of the horse at its previous start or starts.
- (5) The jockey of every horse must ride in such a manner to benefit only its own best interests and not to the advantage of other horses or riders.
- (6) Any person who in the opinion of the Stewards breaches or is a party to breaching any portion of this Rule may be penalised and the horse may be disqualified or have its entry or declaration refused.
- Rule 100.** (1) Any jockey of a horse commits an offence if in the opinion of the Stewards his riding was (i) foul, or (ii) dangerous, or (iii) improper, or (iv) reckless, or (v) incompetent, or (vi) careless.
- (2) Every jockey shall ride his mount out approaching the end of the race and all the way to the end of the race, in each case to the satisfaction of the Stewards.
- (3) In a race or barrier trial:-
- (i) All whips used must be of a design which complies with the requirements of the Stewards as provided for in the Equipment Register (Equine and Human) of the Club.
- (ii) Except when a rider's safety is unequivocally at risk, the whip must not be used:-
- (a) in consecutive strides at any time prior to the 100 metres, provided that the whip may be used at the rider's discretion over the final 100 metres subject to Rule 100(3)(ii)(b) to (g);
- (b) forward of the saddle while the whip is held in the forehand position;

- (c) in the vicinity of a horse's head or neck;
- (d) when a horse is clearly winning;
- (e) when a horse is clearly out of contention;
- (f) in a manner whereby the rider raises the hand holding the whip above shoulder height;
- (g) in an excessive, improper, unnecessary or inappropriate manner.

- (4) A rider must not fail to retain his whip during a race.

Rule 101. (1) A horse may on a protest/objection be disqualified if its jockey jeopardised the chance of any other horse in a race.

- (2) When a placed horse or its jockey is found to have caused interference, that horse may, on a protest/objection be disqualified, or placed last, or placed behind the horse or horses with which it interfered if the Stewards consider that the horse interfered with would have finished ahead of the first-mentioned horse had such interference not occurred. For the purposes of this Rule "placed horse" means a horse placed in a place that qualifies it for prize money.

- (3) In the event that any part of the jockey of a horse makes contact with the ground during the running of a race but still has contact with the horse at the end of the race the horse shall be deemed not to have carried the weight. In these circumstances the horse shall on a sustained protest/objection be disqualified for the race.

Rule 102. The trainer or other person in charge of a horse shall report to the Stewards as soon as practicable any condition or other matter which may significantly affect the running of their horse in a race.

Rule 103. The trainer, and/or jockey of a horse shall report to the Stewards as soon as practicable anything which might have affected the running of their horse in any race.

Rule 104. In the event of anything that might have any bearing on the past or the future running of a horse coming to the notice of the trainer of a horse that has competed in any race, such trainer shall report the matter to the Stewards as soon as practicable.

Rule 105. The trainer, and/or jockey of a horse that has competed in a race shall immediately after such race report to the Stewards any loss or breakage of gear or any other unusual happening relating to their horse during the running of the race.