

3.4 Whip

All whips carried by riders in races and in training must be padded (shock absorbing) and of a design which complies with the requirements of the Stewards.

The overall weight of a whip shall not exceed **160 grams** and the overall length shall not exceed **70cm**. The minimum width of the shaft shall be **1cm**. The length and the width of the pad shall not be less than **18cm** and **2.5cm** respectively.

The contact area of the shaft (including the pad) must be smooth with no protrusion or raised surface. The padded segment of the whip shall consist of shock absorbing material that does not harden over time and does not absorb moisture. Patent leather material is not permitted.

All whips must be dark in colour. Other than adjustments to the handle or grip, a rider must not possess a modified whip.

All whips possessed by a jockey will be inspected by the Stewards to ensure they comply with the requirements as stated above. The Club's approval logo (see below) illustrating the year of approval will be engraved on each whip notifying that is approved to be used in Hong Kong.



The Stewards may confiscate any whip which is not of an approved design, or engraved with the Club's approval logo, or which has been modified in any way.

No substitute for a whip shall be carried or used in any race or in training.

The whip must not be used 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 other provisions.

The whip must not be used on a horse forward of the saddle in a forehand manner.

The whip must not be used in the vicinity of a horse's head or neck.

The whip must not be used on a horse when it is clearly winning or out of contention.

The whip must not be used in a manner where a rider raises the hand holding the whip above shoulder height.

The whip must not be used in an excessive, improper, unnecessary or inappropriate manner.