

- (7) A quorum at any inquiry conducted by the Stipendiary Stewards shall be 3, each having one vote on any matter being determined, and the Chief Stipendiary Steward, or any person authorised to act in his place, in addition to his deliberating vote may, in the event of equality of voting, exercise a casting vote.

### **Powers of the Stewards**

**Rule 12.** In addition to any other power elsewhere conferred on them by these Rules, the Stewards shall have the following powers in relation to race meetings and other racing matters in accordance with the allocation of jurisdictions provided for earlier in these Rules: -

- (1) To effect and enforce these Rules, Instructions, and so much of the Bye-laws of the Club as relate to the duties and responsibilities of Stewards elsewhere provided by these Rules.
- (2) To control and supervise race meetings.
- (3) To exclude from all places under their control every warned-off and disqualified person and all such persons or descriptions of persons excluded by the Stewards of the Jockey Club.
- (4) To control and have free access to all stands, rooms, enclosures and other places used for the purposes of any race meeting.
- (5) To make and, if necessary, vary all such arrangements for the conduct of any race meeting as they deem fit, and to dispense with the starting stalls for any reason which, in their opinion, justifies such dispensation.
- (6) At any time to take possession for such period as they deem necessary of any horse that has been entered for or declared for or has started in a race for any purpose provided for by these Rules.
- (7) To report to the Stewards of the Jockey Club any case in which they have a reasonable suspicion that any person has committed a significant breach of the Rules.
- (8) In exceptional circumstances, or if the weather or ground be in an unfit state for running races, to postpone or abandon or transfer from grass to all-weather track all or any part of a day's racing or to postpone or abandon any races for that day whether before or after commencement of the meeting; or to cancel the requirement that horses should be ridden in front of the stands.
- (9) In the event that the track is obstructed in any way subsequent to the start of a race, resulting in perceived danger to runners, to abandon the race and declare the race void.

- (10) To determine all questions arising in reference to racing at the meeting, except as otherwise provided in these Rules.
- (11) At any time to order an examination of any horse by such person or persons as they think fit.
- (12) To make or cause to be made any test in their opinion desirable to determine whether any prohibited substance has been administered to any horse.
- (13) To withdraw at their discretion any declared runner if a pre-race test taken from such horse is reported by the Chief Racing Chemist or other chemist authorised by him as positive or potentially positive for the presence of any prohibited substance.
- (14) To enter into, inspect and search the stable of any trainer at any time and to take possession in the presence of the trainer or his representative of any article or substance or any feed or a sample of the feed being given to any horse which is registered in training, and to submit such article or substance or feed sample to the Chief Racing Chemist or any other appropriate testing laboratory for testing for the presence of any prohibited substance or substances or for any other purpose.
- (15) To order down any jockey without assigning any reason and if they think fit to substitute another jockey.
- (16) To prohibit any horse from starting in a race.
- (17) To order the removal of any shoes, racing plates, equipment or gear which has not been approved by the Stewards for use on that horse or which in their opinion is unsuitable, unsafe or ineffective and to penalise any person responsible for the use of the same.
- (18) To order the withdrawal of a horse from any race at any time if in their opinion it is unfit to run or unable to start without unreasonable delay, or for any other reason.
- (19) To declare any horse which has had an unfair start to be a non-runner provided that no horse which is declared first, second or third place in a race shall be so declared a non-runner.
- (20) To declare a non-runner or disqualify for the race any horse which in their opinion gained an unfair advantage at the start.
- (21) In exceptional circumstances to extend the time allowed for weighing-out, declaring weight, for starting or for any other thing required by the Rules or conditions of a race.
- (22) To stand in the place or stead of the Judge or his authorised substitute in the circumstances provided for by these Rules.

- (23) To penalise the owner, trainer, jockey and/or any other person found to be responsible for not allowing a horse to run on its merits in any race at the meeting or at any other meeting at which any one or more of them officiated as Racing Stewards notwithstanding that no inquiry was held into the running of the horse in this/these other race(s).
- (24) To disqualify for such time and for such races as they shall determine any horse which has been the subject of fraudulent practice within the meaning of these Rules.
- (25) To order that future entries or declarations be not accepted for any horse the performances of which in their opinion have been unduly inconsistent.
- (26) To penalise any person who, in their opinion, has been responsible for or has been a party to the unduly inconsistent running of any horse.
- (27) To exclude at their discretion any person from all or any places under their control.
- (28) To inquire into, regulate, control, take cognisance of and adjudicate upon, the conduct of all officials, owners, nominators, trainers, jockeys, grooms, persons attendant upon horses and of all persons frequenting the stands or other places used for the purpose of the meeting.
- (29) To determine and regulate the form, procedure, and conduct for any inquiry under these Rules provided no inquiry or determination made by the Stewards may be rendered invalid or otherwise impugned for a defect in form or procedure.
- (30) By notices exhibited on indicator boards or elsewhere and by any form of public address system at the racecourse to state and announce that a protest/objection has been lodged, the subject and nature thereof, and also their decision in respect of such protest/objection, or of any other matter coming within their jurisdiction.
- (31) To penalise any person who in the opinion of the Stewards has committed any breach of any of these Rules.
- (32) To penalise any licensed person whose conduct or negligence in the performance of his duties has led or could have led to a breach of these Rules.
- (33) To penalise any person who refuses to obey or fails to obey any proper direction of any Official.
- (34) To penalise any person who obstructs them in the exercise of their powers and duties.
- (35) To report to the Stewards of the Jockey Club on their stewardship in respect of each race meeting; on any Deputy Steward or Official

appointed; on all complaints and protests/objections made to them and their decisions thereon; on any accident between the time any jockey weighed-out and weighed-in, and the result of any inquiry into the accident; on all penalties imposed; and any other significant incidents at such meeting.

- (36) To order any jockey declared or available to ride in a race or who has ridden in a race or who is to ride a horse in training or who has ridden a horse in training to undergo an examination and/or to supply samples of breath, blood, sufficient urine or other body fluids for subsequent analysis, including but not limited to, the testing for the presence of any prohibited substances.
- (37) To require any horse to pass one or a series of barrier trials and/or stalls tests before it is declared to run again.
- (38) To investigate, inquire into and determine any matter that falls within the general scope of their duties and responsibilities, or has been referred to them by the Stewards of the Jockey Club.
- (39) To declare void any race or to order any race to be started again.
- (40) To impound any appliance, apparatus, instrument or equipment capable of receiving or transmitting information that is used in contravention of these Rules.
- (41) To determine whether a jockey who has been properly engaged to ride a horse in a race but not permitted to fulfil such riding engagement should be paid the riding fee or a portion thereof.
- (42) To withdraw at their discretion any declared runner which has received any treatment on the day on which it has been declared to race (i.e. race day).

**Rule 13.** The Stewards shall not entertain any disputes relating to private bets.

### **Application for Licence**

**Rule 14.** By applying for a licence each applicant is deemed to have agreed to be bound by the Rules of Racing, Instructions, and Bye-laws that: —

- (1) a licence, unless and until withdrawn pursuant to these Rules, shall continue valid for the racing season or part racing season with respect to which it is issued, but upon expiry or prior withdrawal the rights and/or privileges conferred shall cease and determine absolutely;