

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- (1) a licence, unless and until withdrawn pursuant to these Rules, shall continue valid for the racing season or part racing season with respect to which it is issued, but upon expiry or prior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

- (2) a licence may be withdrawn or suspended by the Stewards of the Jockey Club if they shall determine that the licence holder's conduct, whether or not conduct associated with racing, renders him unsuitable to continue to hold the licence issued to him;
  - (3) the Stewards of the Jockey Club may impose such conditions as they consider appropriate either when issuing a licence or at any time during the period of its validity; and
  - (4) the fees to be paid in respect of a licence shall be such as the Stewards of the Jockey Club shall from time to time decide.
- Rule 15.** (1) An applicant for a freelance jockey's licence for the first time shall be entitled to make representations in support of his application and the Stewards of the Jockey Club may determine that an inquiry should be held before the application is rejected.
- (2) Any application for a freelance jockey's licence by an existing holder will not be rejected without an inquiry.
- Rule 16.** (1) Any application for a non-local jockey's licence whether by a first-time applicant or by a non-local jockey who holds or has ever held a licence to ride in The Hong Kong SAR may be rejected without an inquiry and no reasons for the rejection need be given.
- (2) A determination of the Stewards of the Jockey Club not to grant a non-local jockey's licence shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal against any such determination.

### **Licensing Committee**

- Rule 17.** To assist the Stewards of the Jockey Club in the licensing of persons there is established a Licensing Committee, the Chairman of which shall be a Steward of the Jockey Club. The composition of the Licensing Committee shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Jockey Club and shall comprise of not less than three persons all of whom shall be Stewards of the Jockey Club.
- Rule 18.** The Licensing Committee shall determine all matters relating to the licensing of persons under these Rules, including the issue, renewal, variation, suspension, cancellation and withdrawal of licences.
- Rule 19.** The Licensing Committee may determine and regulate the form of and the procedure for any inquiries it may hold.