

- (2) a licence may be withdrawn or suspended by the Stewards of the Jockey Club if they shall determine that the licence holder's conduct, whether or not conduct associated with racing,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.

Rule 20. Any person attending or required to attend before the Licensing Committee shall not be entitled to be represented by any other person, whether a member of the legal profession or otherwise, provided that an apprentice may be represented by his allocated trainer or another trainer acting for his allocated trainer.

Licensing Appeals

Rule 21. Any licensed person, except a non-local jockey, aggrieved by a refusal of the Licensing Committee to grant him a further licence may appeal against the Licensing Committee's decision to the Stewards of the Jockey Club. The conditions for such appeals are provided elsewhere in these Rules.

Rule 22. The appellant and the Licensing Committee shall be entitled to legal representation at any appeal.

Penalties for Offences

- Rule 23. (1)** Any person or body authorised by these Rules to penalise any person or to disqualify a horse for a race or generally may, subject to the Hong Kong Employment Ordinance and any other applicable law, do so by disqualification or suspension for any period or for any indefinite period and may in lieu thereof or in addition thereto impose a fine not exceeding HK\$600,000 or may impose only a fine not exceeding HK\$600,000. Provided that the power to warn-off is reserved to the Stewards of the Jockey Club.
- (2)** A penalty of suspension imposed by the Stewards shall normally commence at the conclusion of the race meeting that immediately follows the race meeting at which the penalty was incurred. Provided that the Stewards may impose such a penalty with immediate effect or defer the commencement of a suspension. A penalty of disqualification takes immediate effect.
- (3)** No person shall be entitled to make any claim by reason of the imposition, annulment, removal, mitigation or remission of any penalty imposed under these Rules.
- (4)** No Official or Member of the Club shall be liable to any person for any loss or damage sustained by that person arising out of the exercise of any right, privilege, power, duty or discretion conferred or imposed under these Rules.