

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.

- (5) Notwithstanding anything in these Rules contained, when an appeal has been duly instituted against a suspension or disqualification imposed under these Rules the Stewards of the Jockey Club may subject to such conditions as they may impose, suspend the operation in whole or in part of the Rules imposing disabilities upon suspended or disqualified persons and horses until the determination of such appeal.

Officials

- Rule 24.** (1) The following Officials shall be appointed by the Stewards of the Jockey Club: Racing Stewards, Stipendiary Stewards, Clerk of the Course, Handicapper, Clerk of the Scales, Judge, Honorary Judge, Starter, Deputy Starter, Veterinary Officer and Veterinary Surgeon.
- (2) All other Officials shall be appointed for every meeting by the Stewards of the Jockey Club. No two offices for the same fixture shall be held by one person, unless by special permission of the Stewards of the Jockey Club.
- Rule 25.** When necessary, the Stewards may during a race meeting appoint a substitute to fill any of the abovenamed offices for that meeting only.
- Rule 26.** Every complaint against an Official shall be made to the Stewards in writing and be signed by the complainant.

Clerk of the Course

- Rule 27.** The Clerk of the Course, or his authorised substitute, is the sole person responsible to the Stewards for the general arrangements of the meeting and the proper maintenance, measurement and marking of the course; and shall:
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- (1) ensure that all horses running at the meeting are saddled in the paddock and brought into the parade ring a reasonable time before the signal to mount is given, provided that the Stewards shall determine whether or not the racecourse stabling forms part of the paddock;
 - (2) ensure that a clean number cloth of a pattern approved by the Stewards of the Jockey Club is provided for every horse for which a jockey presents himself to be weighed-out;
 - (3) in the event of any horse not being brought into the parade ring by the required time, report the trainer to the Stewards.