

## **Powers of the Stewards of The Jockey Club**

**Rule 8.** In furtherance of the powers vested in the Stewards of the Jockey Club by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club, for the purposes of these Rules the Stewards of the Jockey Club shall have the control and supervision of racing in The Hong Kong SAR, and shall have power at their absolute discretion: -

- (1) To fix the dates on which all meetings shall be held and in the case of emergency or expediency to order the abandonment of any race or race meeting or to make any alteration in the date of any such meeting and to supervise and make such alterations as they may think advisable in the programming of or the conditions of any race meeting or race.
- (2) Without giving any reason, to license or refuse to license, jockeys, trainers, assistant trainers and trainer's assistants, and to determine the procedure for the lodging and consideration of applications for licences.
- (3) To register or to refuse to register or to cancel any registration of persons or horses provided for by these Rules.
- (4) To accept or to refuse to accept entries for horses to run in races and to refuse to allow a horse duly entered to run in any race, in which event the Stewards of the Jockey Club may direct that the entrance money be refunded to the owner.
- (5) To allow or to refuse to allow any person to act or to continue to act as an authorised agent.
- (6) To make inquiry into and deal with any matters relating to racing whether such matters arise in The Hong Kong SAR or elsewhere, and to refer any such matter to the Stewards or others for investigation and report and to inquire at any time into the running of any horse upon any course or courses, whether or not a report concerning the same has been made or decision arrived at by the Stewards.
- (7) At any time to exercise any power conferred on Stewards by these Rules.
- (8) To entertain and determine appeals from decisions of the Stewards or the decisions of any person or body of persons to whom the Stewards may have delegated any of their powers.
- (9) To entertain and determine protests/objections.

- (10) To determine and regulate the form, procedure and conduct for any inquiries, appeals or protests/objections provided for by these Rules; provided that no hearing before or determination made by the Stewards of the Jockey Club may be rendered invalid or otherwise impugned for a defect in form or procedure.
- (11) To publish or authorise the publication of, in any newspaper, notice or otherwise, any penalty imposed or any decision or any action taken by them or by the Stewards respecting any matter or person.
- (12) To make and publish from time to time Instructions and which Instructions shall have the same force and effect as if one of these Rules.
- (13) To exercise any other powers conferred upon them by these Rules and to take such action as they deem necessary for the purpose of effecting and enforcing these Rules.
- (14) To make new Rules or modify the Rules of Racing or Instructions or any part thereof, or to suspend any Rule or Instruction or any part thereof for such period or periods as they deem fit without giving previous notice; provided they shall publish as soon as possible any action taken by them in accordance with this paragraph.
- (15) To penalise any person contravening the Rules or disobeying any proper direction of any Official or whose conduct or negligence has led or could have led to a breach of these Rules.
- (16) To penalise any licensed person or Official whose conduct or negligence or neglect in the performance of his duties has led, or could have led, to a breach of these Rules.
- (17) To withdraw or suspend the licence of any person who has committed any breach of these Rules.
- (18) To withdraw or suspend the licence of any person whose conduct, whether or not conduct associated with racing, has rendered him unsuitable to continue to hold the licence issued to him.
- (19) To warn-off any person who, in their opinion, is undesirable to persons associated with racing.
- (20) To confirm, adopt or enforce any penalty imposed by the Stewards or the administration of any overseas racing, trotting, harness racing or greyhound racing authorities as provided for elsewhere by these Rules.
- (21) To make reciprocal arrangements with any overseas racing, trotting, harness racing or greyhound racing authorities for the recognition or enforcement of each other's penalties or exclusions.

- (22) To annul or mitigate any penalty imposed by the Stewards.
  - (23) To prescribe the forms to be used under these Rules.
  - (24) To delegate to any person or body of persons all or any of their powers under these Rules.
- Rule 9.** If any matter arises which is not or which is alleged not to be provided for by these Rules it shall be determined by the Stewards of the Jockey Club.
- Rule 10.** The Stewards of the Jockey Club have control over and free access to all stands, rooms, enclosures and other places used for the purposes of racing under these Rules.

### **Jurisdiction of the Stewards**

- Rule 11.** (1) To assist in effecting and enforcing these Rules of Racing and Instructions, and in the control and supervision of racing, there are established two entities of Stewards, to be known as the Racing Stewards and the Stipendiary Stewards.
- (2) The Racing Stewards have exclusive jurisdiction, and may exercise the relevant powers conferred on Stewards by these Rules, in relation to race meetings and any prospective or retrospective matters that may arise or are continued in connection with any of such race meetings.
  - (3) The Stipendiary Stewards have jurisdiction, and may exercise the relevant powers conferred on Stewards by these Rules, in relation to all matters arising between race meetings, but may investigate and report to the Racing Stewards on any race-meeting related matter referred to them by the Racing Stewards.
  - (4) The Racing Stewards shall be made up of : -
    - (i) A Steward of the Jockey Club, who shall be the Chairman, and may nominate his deputy from time to time.
    - (ii) A Voting Member of the Jockey Club nominated by the Stewards of the Jockey Club or by the Chairman.
    - (iii) Such Stipendiary Stewards of the Club who are available, provided that one Stipendiary Steward may be exempted for other duties.
  - (5) A quorum of the Racing Stewards shall be 3, each having one vote on any matter being determined, and the Chairman in addition to his deliberating vote may, in the event of equality of voting, exercise a casting vote.
  - (6) The Stipendiary Stewards shall be made up of the Stipendiary Stewards and a Chief Stipendiary Steward or any person authorised to act in his place.