

Rule 19. The Licensing Committee may determine and regulate the form of and the procedure for any inquiries it may hold. The Licensing Committee may invite Officials to attend the hearing of any inquiry it may hold to make such representations as Officials consider to be relevant for the Licensing Committee to consider in its deliberations at the inquiry.

Rule 20. Any person attending or required to attend before the Licensing Committee shall not be entitled to be represented by any other person, provided that

- (1) An apprentice may be represented by his allocated trainer or another trainer acting for his allocated trainer.
- (2) A person attending or required to attend before the Licensing Committee in any hearing under these Rules may be legally represented by leave of the Licensing Committee.

Licensing Appeals

- Rule 21.**
- (1) Any licensed person, except a non-local jockey, aggrieved by a withdrawal of a licence or 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.
 - (2) The Stewards of the Jockey Club may grant pending the determination of any appeal a suspension of the decision appealed against.
 - (3) The appellant shall lodge a notice of appeal at the Registry Office within 3 days of the decision appealed against, together with such appeal fee as is determined by the Stewards of the Jockey Club.
 - (4) Within 4 days of his receipt of the transcript of evidence of the original inquiry, the appellant shall lodge his grounds of appeal at the Registry Office. If the appellant wishes to seek the leave of the Stewards of the Jockey Club to submit fresh evidence the grounds of appeal shall so state and include the reason(s) for such evidence not being submitted earlier. The submission shall contain the names of any new witnesses and a synopsis of the evidence they are to give or where no new witnesses are to be called a synopsis of any fresh evidence and a statement as to how such fresh evidence is to be introduced.
 - (5) The notice of appeal and the grounds of appeal must be signed by the appellant.
 - (6) In calculating time for the purposes of appeals, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays shall not be included.

- (7) In the event of the Stewards of the Jockey Club deciding that the appeal is frivolous or vexatious they may fine the appellant or make any other such order as they deem appropriate, and in addition may order the forfeiture of his deposited appeal fee.

- Rule 22.** (1) The appeal shall be heard by at least three Stewards of the Jockey Club. If less than three Stewards of the Jockey Club are available the number shall be made up by other Members of the Jockey Club specifically appointed by the Stewards of the Jockey Club to hear that particular appeal, but no member of a Licensing Committee against whose decision the appeal is made shall be included.
- (2) The Stewards of the Jockey Club may determine and regulate the procedure and conduct of the appeal either generally or in respect of the particular appeal.
- (3) On the hearing of the appeal, the Stewards of the Jockey Club may: —
- (i) Uphold the decision appealed from in whole or in part or vary the same in such manner as they think fit; and/or
 - (ii) Refer any matter back to the original tribunal for further hearing or consideration or for rehearing; and/or
 - (iii) Reverse such decision; and/or
 - (iv) Order that all costs and expenses in relation to and/or occasioned by the appeal and/or any reasonable compensation for outlay incurred shall be paid by such person or persons and in such proportions as they may think fit.
- (4) The appellant and Officials shall each 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 any 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.