

- (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.

- (2) A penalty of suspension imposed by the Stewards may commence with immediate effect or may be deferred for a defined period. 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, Head of Raceday Operations, Tracks and Racing Facilities (for races in Hong Kong), Racing Operations and Tracks Manager (CRC) (for races at Conghua Racecourse), 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.