

- (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.