

**Head of Raceday Operations, Tracks and Racing Facilities /  
Racing Operations and Tracks Manager (CRC)**

**Rule 27.** The Head of Raceday Operations, Tracks and Racing Facilities (or his authorised substitute), and the Racing Operations and Tracks Manager (CRC) (or his authorised substitute) are the sole persons responsible to the Stewards for the general arrangements of the meeting and the proper maintenance, measurement and marking of the course in Hong Kong and Conghua Racecourse respectively; and shall: —

- (1) ensure that all horses running at the meeting are saddled in the saddling area 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 saddling area;
- (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 matter to the Stewards.

**Rule 28.** (1) The only persons permitted in the parade ring before a race are Officials of the meeting and the owners, trainers, jockeys and attendants of the horses that are to run in such race. Provided that the Stewards may permit any other person to be in the parade ring. Any person who refuses or fails to leave the parade ring when requested or directed to do so commits an offence.

- (2) Except with the permission of the Stewards no horse shall be brought into the saddling area unless it has been declared to run at the meeting, and no horse shall be brought into the parade ring except if it is to run in the next race.

**Clerk of the Scales**

**Rule 29.** The Clerk of the Scales shall: —

- (1) Weigh the jockeys in accordance with the conditions of the race and these Rules.
- (2) Ensure that extra weight or any variation from the weight appearing on the programme be declared at scale, and also any alteration of colours. In the event of a dead-heat each horse running the dead-heat is deemed to be a winner.

- (3) Order to be placed on the indicator boards such alterations in regard to allowances, overweights, change of jockeys and withdrawals as may be required.
- (4) Weigh-in the jockeys of all horses placed by the Judge and the jockeys of any other horse or horses as required by the Stewards; and report to the Stewards any jockey not presenting himself to be weighed-in, not drawing the correct weight or carrying overweight which has not been declared at the time of weighing-out.
- (5) Should a protest/objection be lodged or an inquiry be called for in relation to any weighing-in decision by the Clerk of the Scales to at once order the appropriate signal to be exhibited. The appropriate signal shall be: —
  - (i) For protest/objection and/or inquiry relating to a protest/objection to a decision by the Clerk of the Scales the words “Objection” or “Inquiry” will be exhibited. This signal must also be hoisted in the event of an inquiry into whether a race should be declared void.
  - (ii) For inquiry completed, placings unaltered: “Objection” or “Inquiry” signal to be replaced by word “Overruled” or “Weighed-In”.
  - (iii) For inquiry completed, placings altered: “Objection” or “Inquiry” signal to be replaced by the word “Sustained” or “Placings Altered”, followed by “Weighed-In”.
- (6) At the close of each day’s racing send a return of the weights carried in every race and the names of the jockeys specifying over-weight (if any).
- (7) The Clerk of the Scales shall not without the permission of the Stewards weigh-out any jockey who presents himself above two pounds over his allocated weight.
- (8) When weighing-out or weighing-in, no account shall be taken of fractions of less than a pound.