

- (42) To withdraw at their discretion any declared runner which has received any treatment on the day on which it has been declared to race (i.e. race day).
- (43) To investigate, inquire into, and determine any matter or incident arising from a barrier trial or during track work.
- (44) To immediately stand down a Jockey from riding in a race, at a race meeting and/or riding track work if, in the opinion of the Stewards, the continued participation of the rider in races, race meetings or track work may be prejudicial to the integrity, proper conduct and/or safety of horse racing and/or racing operations.
- (45) To immediately stand down a Trainer or Assistant Trainer from participating in a race meeting, track work or training, if, in the opinion of the Stewards, the continued participation of such person in racing or training activities may be prejudicial to the integrity, proper conduct and/or safety of horse racing and/or racing operations.
- (46) To constitute a riding skills panel for the purposes of mentoring or providing remedial or technique training to a Jockey, and direct a Jockey to attend such panel at such frequency as the Stewards think fit.

Rule 13. The Stewards shall not entertain any disputes relating to private transactions.

Application for Licence

Rule 14. By applying for a licence each applicant is deemed to have agreed to be bound by the Rules of Racing, Instructions, and Bye-laws that: —

- (1) a licence, unless and until withdrawn pursuant to these Rules, shall continue valid for the racing season or part racing season with respect to which it is issued, but upon expiry or prior withdrawal the rights and/or privileges conferred shall cease and determine absolutely;
- (2) a licence may be withdrawn or suspended by the Stewards of the Jockey Club if they shall determine that the licence holder's conduct, whether or not conduct associated with racing, renders him unsuitable to continue to hold the licence issued to him;
- (3) the Stewards of the Jockey Club may impose such conditions as they consider appropriate either when issuing a licence or at any time during the period of its validity; and
- (4) the fees to be paid in respect of a licence shall be such as the Stewards of the Jockey Club shall from time to time decide.

- Rule 15.** (1) An applicant for a freelance jockey's licence for the first time shall be entitled to make representations in support of his application and the Stewards of the Jockey Club may determine that an inquiry should be held before the application is rejected.
- (2) Any application for a freelance jockey's licence by an existing holder will not be rejected without an inquiry.
- Rule 16.** (1) Any application for a non-local jockey's licence whether by a first-time applicant or by a non-local jockey who holds or has ever held a licence to ride issued by the Stewards of the Jockey Club under these Rules may be rejected without an inquiry and no reasons for the rejection need be given.
- (2) A determination of the Stewards of the Jockey Club not to grant a non-local jockey's licence shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal against any such determination.

Licensing Committee

- Rule 17.** To assist the Stewards of the Jockey Club in the licensing of persons there is established a Licensing Committee, the Chairman of which shall be a Steward of the Jockey Club. The composition of the Licensing Committee shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of the Jockey Club and shall comprise of not less than three persons. The members of the Licensing Committee shall be Stewards but other Members of the Jockey Club may be specifically appointed by the Stewards of the Jockey Club to hear and decide upon a particular matter.
- Rule 18.** (1) The Licensing Committee shall determine all matters relating to the licensing of persons under these Rules, including the issue, renewal, variation, suspension, cancellation and withdrawal of licences.
- (2) Without limiting any other Rules or the power of the Stewards of the Jockey Club, the Licensing Committee may: —
- (i) immediately stand down or suspend the licence of a person charged with a criminal offence in Hong Kong or elsewhere which is associated with horse racing, betting or bookmaking until the conclusion of those criminal proceedings;