

- 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;

- (ii) stand down or suspend the licence of a person charged with other criminal offences in Hong Kong or elsewhere until the conclusion of those criminal proceedings if the Licensing Committee is of the opinion that continued participation of such person in racing or activities of the Club or the maintenance of the licence of such person might be prejudicial to the interests, integrity, proper conduct and/or good reputation of the Club and/or horse racing;
- (iii) stand down or suspend the licence of a person pending the determination of any inquiry or proceedings conducted under these Rules if the Licensing Committee is of the opinion that continued participation of such person in racing or activities of the Club or the maintenance of the licence of such person might be prejudicial to the interests, integrity, proper conduct and/or good reputation of the Club and/or horse racing; or
- (iv) otherwise stand down or suspend the licence of a person under Rule 8 (17) or (18).

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) Except in the circumstances set out in Rule 16 (2), any licensed person aggrieved by a decision of the Licensing Committee under these Rules may appeal against such decision to the Stewards of the Jockey Club in accordance with Rules 21 and 22.

- (2) The Stewards of the Jockey Club may grant pending the determination of any appeal a suspension of the decision appealed against.