

#### 4.4 Whip

All whips carried by riders in races and in training must be padded (shock absorbing) and of a design which complies with the requirements of the Stewards. Any rider who uses a whip in an excessive, improper or inappropriate manner, whether it be in races or in training, may be penalized.

The overall weight of a whip shall not exceed **160 grams** and the overall length shall not exceed **70cm**. The minimum width of the shaft shall be **1cm**. The length and the width of the pad shall not be less than **18cm** and **2.5cm** respectively.

The contact area of the shaft (including the pad) must be smooth with no protrusion or raised surface. The padded segment of the whip shall consist of shock absorbing material that does not harden over time and does not absorb moisture. Patent leather material is not permitted.

All whips must be dark in colour. Other than adjustments to the handle or grip, a rider must not possess a modified whip.

All whips possessed by a jockey will be inspected by the Stipendiary Stewards to ensure they comply with the requirements as stated above. A Club's approval logo (see below) illustrating the year of approval will be engraved on each whip notifying that is approved to be used in Hong Kong.



The Stewards may confiscate any whip which is not of an approved design, or engraved with the Club's approval logo, or which has been modified in any way.

No substitute for a whip shall be carried or used in any race or in training.

Hitting a horse on or in the vicinity of its head is strictly prohibited.

The whip is not to be used in a manner where a jockey / rider raises his arm above shoulder height.

The whip is not to be used on a horse down the shoulder in a forehand manner.

The whip is not to be used on a horse which is out of contention or is clearly winning.