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# RULES

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**RULES OF RACING  
and  
IRISH NATIONAL HUNT  
STEEPLECHASE RULES**

**These Rules were adopted by the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board  
(IHRB) to take effect from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.**

**PART 1**

**DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION OF  
WORDS AND PHRASES**

1. (i) The Rules of Racing and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules mean these Rules and any Regulation or Instruction issued thereunder and they shall apply to:
  - (a) Any person who is a Jockey, Qualified Rider, Owner, Trainer, Authorised Agent, Authorised Riders' Agent, Authorised Representative or Jockey's Valet and nominated assistant or substitute as herein defined, and
  - (b) Every official appointed from time to time in accordance with Rules 28 and 29 hereof, and
  - (c) Every other person who is the holder of a Racing Establishment Employee Card, and
  - (d) All other persons in any way whatsoever concerned in or taking part in such Meetings or Races or in the training or preparation of horses to be entered for or run in such races, or otherwise involved in racing.
  - (e) All Meetings held under the sanction of the IHRB and all races run at such Meetings, flat races being run under the Rules of Racing and Steeplechases, Hurdle races and Irish National Hunt Flat races being run under Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules.
- (ii) In the interpretation of these Rules the following words and expressions shall have the meanings so defined and words importing the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, words importing the masculine include the feminine and words importing persons shall include bodies corporate.

These Rules do not apply to Point-to-Point Steeplechases except as referenced in Appendix B of the Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeplechases issued by the Stewards of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee.

## DEFINITIONS

These definitions shall apply in all Rules and Regulations except where there is a specific definition included in any Rule or Regulation applying to that Rule or Regulation.

**"Added Money"** is money actually contributed towards the stakes by the Race-fund or from other sources, as distinct from money contributed by the owners of horses engaged.

**"Advertised Value"** is the total amount of prize money advertised for any race, which is published in the Irish Racing Calendar or on the Racing Administration System (RAS) Internet Site of Horse Racing Ireland

**"AlcoBlow"** means the alcohol screening device for the initial screening of Riders for the presence of alcohol on their breath as specified in Regulation R7.

**"Alcometer"** means the evidential alcohol breath detection equipment as specified in Regulation R7

**"Appeals Body"** means the Body appointed by the Directors of the IHRB under Rule 19C of these Rules.

**"Apprentice"** means a person whose apprenticeship as a jockey has been approved under Rule 150.

**"Arrears"** are any sums due to be paid to the Racing Regulatory Body or Horse Racing Ireland whether by virtue of these Rules and Regulations or otherwise and which have not been paid on the due date or on demand.

**"Association"** for the purpose of these Rules shall include the Association of Irish Racecourses, the Irish Jockeys' Association, the Irish Racehorse Trainers' Association, the Association of Irish Racehorse Owners, the Qualified Riders Association and Irish Stable Staff Association as well as such other Associations as may be recognised by the IHRB from time to time, such recognition to be published by the IHRB.

**"Authorised Agent"** means an agent appointed by a document signed by the owner and lodged for registration at the Registry Office and includes sub-agent, if authority to appoint a sub-agent is provided by the document.

**"Authorised Medicine"** means either a veterinary medicine authorised by the Irish Medicines Board (or having a central European Union authorisation) and used in accordance with the conditions of the veterinary product authorisation for legitimate equine therapy, or an authorised veterinary medicine or human medicine which is used legitimately for equine medication and in full compliance with the requirements of the "Cascade" system provided for in the



Animal Remedies Act 1993 (as amended from time to time) and any regulations made from time to time thereunder.

**"Authorised Representative"** means a person appointed by a Trainer to represent him in relation to all matters connected with his declared runners when he is unable to be present at some or all of a racemeeting.

**"Authorised Riders' Agent"** is an agent appointed by a licensed Jockey and is licensed as such by the Directors of the IHRB for the purposes of the Overnight Nomination Of Riders to horses.

**"Banned Substances"** and **"Banned Methods"** means those substances and methods set out in the WADA list of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods which have, for the purposes of these rules been approved from time to time by the Directors of the IHRB and includes any isomer or homologue or metabolite of a Banned Substance, any compound, group of compounds or biological parameters that indicates the use of a Banned Substance or Banned Method and any related substances.

**"Betting Organisation"** means bookmakers, the Tote, companies offering spread betting on horseracing or person to person betting exchanges on horseracing and the employees of any such organisations.

**"Blinkers"** is a garment fitted over a horse's head with holes for the eyes and ears, both eyeholes being fitted with cowls cutting out all vision to the rear and side but permitting full forward vision.

**"Body Protector"** is a safety vest which must:

- i) comply with standard EN13158:2009 Level 2 or such other standard as approved by the Directors of the IHRB;
- ii) be worn with a harness (crotch strap) by riders when weighing out, weighing in and during a race;
- iii) not have an attachment between the body protector and the saddle or girths;
- iv) not be modified in any way and be in a serviceable condition.

**"Chaperone"** means a person appointed by the Doping Control Officer, pursuant to Rule 20 (xxi), to assist a Sampling Officer in the taking of samples for the purposes of Dope Tests.

**"Chief Veterinary Officer" or "CVO"** means the senior Official of the IHRB appointed by the Directors of the IHRB as Chief Veterinary Officer or their designated deputy.

**"Claiming Race"** means a race in which every horse running may be claimed in accordance with Regulation R6.

**"Cup"** is any prize not given in money.

**"Day"** means a calendar day.

**"Demonstrably Incorrect Error"** in a Passport means that it is clearly apparent to the IHRB Veterinary Officer that the certification of the vaccinations is incomplete or wrong to such an extent that it affects the vaccination status of the Horse.

**"Directors of the IHRB"** means, the persons appointed as Directors of the IHRB in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.

**"Disqualified Person"** includes:

- (a) A person who, at the date of the coming into operation of these Rules is a disqualified person or who has been "warned off" under any previous Rule of Racing or
- (b) A person on whom disqualification has been imposed under these Rules.

**"Dope Test"** means the taking from a Rider of a sample of the Rider's body tissue or fluids, the division of the sample into an "A" sample and "B" sample and the analysis of either or both the "A" and "B" samples by a WADA Accredited Laboratory.

**"Doping Control Form"** means the form used to record sample collection details relating to Dope Tests.

**"Doping Control Notification Form"** means the form used to notify a Rider that he has been selected to undergo a Dope Test.

**"Doping Control Officer"** means the person appointed by the Directors of the IHRB pursuant to Rule 20 (xxi).

**"Doping Control Station"** means the place on the racecourse for the taking of a Dope Test or an alcohol breath test.

**"Doping Offence"** means an offence specified in Rule 278.

**"Electronic Address"** means any address or number approved by the Directors of the IHRB for the purposes of sending or receiving documents or information by electronic means.

**"Electronic Means"** is any process or means provided or facilitated by electronic equipment for the processing (including digital compression), storage and transmission of data, employing wires, radio, optical technologies, or any other electromagnetic means.

**"Emergency Passport"** means a replacement or copy passport for a Horse provided by a Passport Issuing Organisation, Racing Authority or HRI at short notice due to the original Passport being unavailable.

**"Eyecover"** is a garment similar to blinkers except that in place of the eye cowls one eye is covered by an opaque cover.

**"Eyeshield"** is a garment similar to blinkers except that in place of the eye cowls both eyes are covered with a mesh or other transparent material.

**"Forfeit List"** is a record of arrears published under the sanction of the Turf Authorities of Ireland, Great Britain and the Channel Islands.

**"Free Handicap"** is one in which no liability for stake or forfeit is incurred until acceptance.

**"Graded Handicap"** is one which is confined to horses within designated Rating Bands as defined in the conditions of the race.

**"Guidelines For Trainers Regarding The Responsible Use Of Veterinary Medicines"** means the Guidelines (as amended from time to time), the current version of which is contained in the Notices in Appendix C of these Rules.

**"Handicap"** is a race in which the weights to be carried by the horses are adjusted by the Handicapper for the purposes of equalising their chances of winning.

**"Handicapping Appeals Body"** means the Body appointed by the Directors of the IHRB under Rule 19E of these Rules.

**"Headgear"** means Blinkers, Eyecover, Eyeshield, Hood, Sheepskin Cheek Pieces, Visor or any combination of such equipment carried by a horse in accordance with Regulation R16.

**"Hood"** is a garment similar to blinkers incorporating ear covers but without eye cowls.

**"Horse"** includes any Equine within the meaning of the Equine (Transfer of Ownership) Regulations 2014 (the 2014 Regulations) in Ireland and/or which has been registered with an approved Stud Book Authority (which in Ireland is Weatherbys Ireland) within the meaning of the International Agreement.

**"Horse Racing Ireland" (HRI)** is the body established by the Horse and Greyhound Racing Act 2001.

**"Hunters Certificate"** is a certificate given upon the form prescribed by the Stewards of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee, and signed by the Master of a Pack of Hounds, Staghounds or Harriers qualified to hold a Point-to-Point or a person appointed to sign certificates to the effect that a

horse is the property of a bona fide subscriber to the Hunt in respect of the current season. The Certificate becomes valid on registration at the Office of the IHRB.

**"Hunter Chase Licence"** means a licence that permits a Licensee to run a Horse with a Hunter's Certificate in:

- i) Hunter Steeplechases; or
- ii) Races that require horses to hold a Hunters Certificate; or
- iii) Races where Rule 78 is suspended enabling runners (other than the winner) to retain their Hunters Certificate e.g. Point to Point I.N.H flat races, Cross Country & Banks races.

**"Interference"** Any act (including crossing, taking the ground from, failing to keep a straight course, hanging, bumping, boring, jostling, intimidating) on the part of a horse or its rider which adversely affects the running of any other horse in any race.

**"International Agreement"** means the International Agreement On Breeding, Racing And Wagering published by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities.

**"International Standard"** means a standard adopted by WADA compliance with which shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the International Standard were performed properly.

**"Irish Form Book"** means the official race results published by Horse Racing Ireland.

**"Irish National Hunt Flat Race"** (which may be referred to and known as an I.N.H. flat race) is a flat race run under the I.N.H.S. Rules (see Rules 79 and 181).

**"Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board (IHRB)"** is a company limited by guarantee established by the Turf Club and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee under the Horse Racing Ireland Act, 2016.

**"IHRB Veterinary Officer"** means the Veterinary Officer appointed under Rule 28 or any substitute appointed under Rule 29.

**"Irish Racing Calendar"** means the official weekly publication, including the Irish Form Book, authorised under that name by the Directors of the IHRB.

**"Jockey"** is a person who holds a licence from the Directors of the IHRB to ride for hire.

**"Jockeys Educational Course"** is the course required to be completed yearly in accordance with these Rules by an Apprentice Jockey (other than an apprentice applying for a licence for the first time) for the purposes of setting a Minimum Riding Weight.

**"Jockeys' Valet"** is a person who provides a valet service to riders in the weigh room and is licensed by the Directors of the IHRB .

**"Keeper of the Match Book"** means the Chief Executive Officer for the time being of the IHRB.

**"Licensing Committee"** means a Committee appointed by the Directors of the IHRB under Rule 19B of these Rules.

**"Listed Races"** are those Flat races which in any particular year are published in the Pattern Race Book.

**"Maiden"** (a) for races under the Rules of Racing is a horse which has not won a flat race under any recognised Rules of Racing; (b) for races under the I.N.H.S. Rules is a horse which has not won a Steeplechase or Hurdle race other than an I.N.H. Flat race or National Hunt Flat race, a match or private sweepstakes, or a Steeplechase at a Point-to-Point Meeting, at any Recognised Meeting in any country.

Unless otherwise stated a maiden means a maiden at the time of starting.

**"Manifest Clerical Error"** in a Passport means that it is clear and obvious that a clerical error was made in the certification of the vaccinations which, in the opinion of the IHRB Veterinary Officer, does not impact the vaccination status of the Horse.

**"Match"** is a race between horses, the property of two distinct owners, on terms agreed by them.

**"Medical Alert Sheet"** means the method of recording riders declared unfit to ride by the Medical Officer.

**"Medical Officer"**, or his designated Deputy, is the person appointed by the Directors of the IHRB to be responsible for the medical supervision of all riders and for the provision of advice on medical matters to the Stewards. The Medical Officer will also carry out any other duties as defined from time to time by the Directors of the IHRB.

**"Medicines Register"** means a register in respect of all Authorised Medicines used for bona fide medicinal treatment of Horses and which must be similar in form to the Animal Remedies Record described in Article 42 and Schedule 7 of the Animal Remedies Regulations 2007 (S.I. 786/2007) and contain all the information necessary to maintain the register as published in the Notice "Medicines Register and Guidelines For Trainers Regarding The Responsible Use Of Veterinary Medicines" in Appendix C of these Rules. A register which does not contain at least the information contained in the Notice may be deemed not to be a Medicines Register.

**"Microchip"** means an identifying microchip approved by the Stud Book Authority of Great Britain and Ireland.

**"Minimum Riding Weight"** means the lowest riding weight at which an individual Rider may ride in any race.

**"Missed Test"** means a Horse's unavailability for examination or test pursuant to Rule 20(xviii) or Regulation R14.

**"Month"** means a Calendar month.

**"Natural Service or Covering"** is the physical mounting of a mare by a stallion and which can include the immediate re-enforcement of the stallion's service or cover by a portion of the ejaculate produced by that stallion during that service or cover of the same mare.

**"Nomination of Rider"** means the booking of a rider to a horse either with the Registry Office or with a recognised Racing Authority on behalf of the Registry Office.

**"Non-Runner Line"** is the dedicated telephone number provided by the IHRB for the purpose of communicating post declaration alterations to a Race Meeting including but not limited to reserves and non-runners.

For the purpose of the 2020/2021 National Hunt Season

**"Novice"** for hurdle races means a horse which has not won a hurdle race prior to 3rd May 2020. However, any horse which wins a hurdle race for the first time from 1st February 2020 up to and including 2nd May 2020 (other than a Weight For Age Grade 1 Hurdle) will be qualified as a Novice for the period up to and including the 29th November 2020.

For steeplechase races means a horse which has not won a steeplechase prior to 3rd May 2020 other than one hunters steeplechase in the previous two National Hunt seasons. However, any horse which wins a steeplechase for the first time from 1st February 2020 up to and including 2nd May 2020 (other than a Weight For Age Grade 1 Steeplechase) will be qualified as a Novice for the period up to and including the 29th November 2020.

**"Nursery Handicap"** is one confined to two years old horses.

**"Office of the IHRB"** is currently at the Curragh, County Kildare .

**"Official"** means a person appointed from time to time by the Directors of the IHRB to carry out any function under these Rules and includes without limitation, persons appointed under Rule 28.

**"Opportunity Race"** is a Steeplechase or hurdle race confined to Jockeys who are entitled to claim allowances under Rule 52 (iii).

**"Overseas Trainer"** is a person who has satisfied the IHRB that he is currently licenced or permitted to train racehorses by an overseas Turf Authority

**"Owner"** is the person whose name appears as the current owner of a horse in the records of the relevant Stud Book Authority or Turf Authority and

includes "Recognised Club", "Recognised Company", the person(s) stated to be the owner(s) under Rule 148(vi), part owner or lessee but not the lessor for the purposes of Rule 273, The lessor of the horse shall be deemed to have no interest in the horse for the purposes of Rule 122.

**"Passport"** is the approved diagrammatic document of identity of a horse issued by any recognised Turf Authority or Stud Book Authority.

**"Passport Issuing Organisation" or "PIO"** means an organisation authorised to issue Horse passports in accordance with relevant legislation in their jurisdiction i.e. Weatherbys in Ireland.

**"Pattern Race Book"** is the work published on the authority of the British Horseracing Authority, Horse Racing Ireland, France Galop, the Direktorium für Vollblutzucht und Rennen, U.N.I.R.E. and Taby Galopp (AB).

**"Pattern Races"** are those races under the Rules of Racing which in any particular year appear in the Pattern Race Book and under I.N.H.S. Rules are those steeplechase races, hurdle races and I.N.H. flat races which in any particular year appear in the list of Pattern Races published in the Irish Racing Calendar. Pattern races run under the Rules of Racing are depicted as Group 1, 2 and 3 while National Hunt races are depicted as Grade 1, 2 and 3 or in the case of handicap races Grades A, B and C.

**"Photo Finish Image"** is the image taken when the horses pass the winning post by the camera installed under the authority of the Directors of the IHRB.

**"Placed"** means placed first, second or third and/or such other places provided for under the conditions of a Race.

**"Point-to-Point Steeplechase"** means a Steeplechase run under the Regulations for Point to Point Steeplechases.

**"Private Sweepstakes"** is one to which no money or other prize is added and which has not been publicly advertised previous to closing.

**"Prohibited Substance"** means a substance described in the schedule of prohibited substances published from time to time by the Directors of the IHRB pursuant to Rule 20 (v) and means the substance itself or a metabolite of the substance or an isomer of the substance or an isomer of a metabolite of the substance and includes synthetic substances.

**"Public Domain"** for the purposes of Rule 273 means information which is accessible to the public;

- as a result of an Owner, Trainer or Rider expressing his opinion on the likely performance or participation of a horse in a race in the course of an interview or presentation on television or radio or
- in an interview to the press or other legitimate news gathering organisations (for the purposes of publication) or



- in a written newspaper article, regular column or website or
- at a talk or other presentation given to a specific group or groups of people in the context of corporate sponsorship or hospitality or stable yard public days or
- on an Owner's or Trainer's telephone information line or website (whether or not for payment) or a Rider's website
- by other communication modes deemed acceptable by the Directors of the IHRB.

**"Qualified Rider"** a person who holds a permit to ride issued under Rule 135.

**"R.A.C.E."** means Racing Academy and Centre of Education as recognised by the Directors of the IHRB.

**"Race"** means Cup, Sweepstakes, Private Sweepstakes or Match. In respect of Flat races including National Hunt Flat Races it does not include a Steeplechase or Hurdle race. In respect of Steeplechase and Hurdle races it does not include a Flat race or a Point-to-Point Steeplechase.

**"Racecourse Executive"** means the person or body which manages an authorised racecourse.

**"Racecourse Property"** means the Racecourse Stable complex, Parade Ring, Racetrack and adjoining and ancillary areas.

**"Racecourse Stable Yard"** means the stables and ancillary areas of a racecourse which are used for the stabling, saddling, examining and sampling of racehorses.

**"Raceday"** is a day on which a Race Meeting or part of a Race Meeting takes place or is scheduled to take place.

**"Race Meeting"** is a meeting at which a series of races under the control of the IHRB is held at an Authorised Racecourse on a day or two or more consecutive days.

**"Racing Administration System (RÁS)"** means the internet web based racing administration system maintained by Horse Racing Ireland.

**"Racing Establishment Employee Card"** means the identity card issued under Rule 149 by the Directors of the IHRB.

**"Rating"** is the numerical assessment which a handicapper may make from time to time of a horse's ability.

**"Rating Band"** is a range of ratings which may be contained in the conditions of a race.

**"Recognised Club"** is a recognised club within the meaning of and complying with the requirements of Rule 123.

**"Recognised Company"** means a registered company, including a Stud Company, which is declared by Horse Racing Ireland for the purpose of registration of ownership of a horse to be a Recognised Company

**"Recognised Meeting"** is a meeting at which horse races take place which are authorised by a recognised Turf Authority, in the case of Ireland by the Directors of the IHRB.

**"Referrals Committee"** means a Committee appointed by the Directors of the IHRB under Rule 19A of these Rules.

**"Registered"** and **"Registration"** means "Registered" and Registration" at the Registry Office.

**"Registered Agent"** is a person who is appointed as such by a "Recognised Company" or the member of a syndicate who is appointed as such and in each case registered at the Registry Office.

**"Registered Owner"** is an owner whose name has been duly registered under Rule 119.

**"Registrar"** means the Registrar appointed by the INHS Committee.

**"Registry Office"** is the office appointed by Horse Racing Ireland to exercise the functions conferred on it by section 8 of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Act 2001.

**"Reserve"** is a horse which has been declared to run but balloted out and is listed as a possible runner in the event of a horse being withdrawn from a race after the time of declaration under Rule 194.

**"Rider"** means any person who has ridden or is qualified to ride a horse in a Race under these Rules.

**"Safety Official"** means an official approved by the Clerk of the Course on behalf of the Directors of the IHRB and whose duties are to assist the Clerk of the Course in maintaining safety at the hurdles and fences during the course of a race.

**"Sample(s)"** means any biological material of a Horse, including any tissue, body fluid, excreta, hair, skin scraping or swab, collected for the purposes of these Rules.

**"Sampling Officer"** means a person appointed by the Doping Control Officer, pursuant to Rule 20 (xxi), to take samples for the purposes of Dope Tests.

**"Sampling Unit"** means the equipment used for the purpose of sampling horses.

**"Senior Racing Official"** is a person appointed or retained by the IHRB to whom certain functions have been delegated by the IHRB.

**"Shadow Owner"** means a person in accordance with whose wishes or directions the Owner or the Trainer or the Rider of a horse acts.

**"Sheepskin Cheek Pieces"** means two strips of sheepskin or any other similar material which is attached to the cheek pieces of the bridle.

**"Specified Authority"** for the purposes of Rule 67(i)(d), means the Turf Authorities of Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, United Arab Emirates, Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Qatar.

**"Stakeholder"** for the purpose of these Rules is Horse Racing Ireland or its appointed agent who shall perform these functions in accordance with the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules.

**"Starting Stalls Team Leader"** means the person designated by Horse Racing Ireland as the supervisor in charge of the Stall Handlers on a raceday.

**"Stewards"** means Steward or Stewards acting on any Raceday, or their duly appointed deputy or deputies.

**"Stewards Enquiry"** is an enquiry into matters connected with the running of a Race or into any other matter connected with a Race Meeting conducted by the Stewards pursuant to the provisions of these Rules.

**"Stewards of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee"** shall mean those individuals elected under the Constitution of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee to be Stewards.

**"Stewards of the Turf Club"** means those individuals elected under the Constitution of the Turf Club to be Stewards.

**"Stud Book Authority"** is such authority as the Directors of the IHRB are of the opinion should be recognised as such.

**"Started"** Every horse shall be considered as having started which has not been withdrawn before a fair start has been effected.

**"Testing Officer"** means a person appointed by the Doping Control Officer, pursuant to Rule 20 (xxi), to test Riders for the presence of alcohol by means of an alcohol breath test.

**"Time of entry"** means the time fixed for the closing of a race.

**"Tongue Strap"** means any approved device used to tie down a horse's tongue.

**"Trainee Stewards Scheme"** means a training course conducted by the Directors of the IHRB to give prospective Stewards practical experience of stewarding at Race Meetings and to convey the knowledge of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules necessary for the purposes of acting as a Steward.

**"Trainer"** is a person who holds a licence to train horses granted by the Directors of the IHRB or a person who holds a licence to train horses from a Turf Authority.

**"Training Establishment"** means any land or buildings on or from which a person carries on the business of training horses and that have been approved for this purpose by the Licensing Committee.

**"Turf Authorities of Ireland"** shall mean the IHRB and, for the purposes of carrying out its functions under relevant legislation, HRI.

**"Turf Authority"** means Authorities who are members of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities and other Turf Authorities which the Directors of the IHRB approve as recognised Turf Authorities.

**"IHRB Veterinary Officer"** means the Veterinary Officer appointed under Rule 28 or any substitute appointed under Rule 29.

**"Unrecognised Meetings"** are Meetings which are not Recognised Meetings.

**"Veterinary Surgeon"** means a Veterinary Surgeon who is registered as such with the Irish Veterinary Council or the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in the U.K. or the appropriate Professional Body in any other country.

**"Visor"** is a garment similar to blinkers in which both cowls have an aperture permitting limited side or rear vision.

**"WADA"** means the World Anti-Doping Agency

**"WADA Accredited Laboratory"** means a laboratory accredited by WADA pursuant to the WADA International Standard for Laboratories.

**"Weight For Age Race"** is any race which is not a handicap, selling race, private sweepstakes or match.

**"Winner All Right"** means the authorisation and publication of the result of a race by the Stewards in accordance with Rule 229.

## **PART II**

### **CALCULATION OF TIME**

4. When the last day for doing anything under these Rules falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Public Holiday it may be done on the first day thereafter that the Office of the IHRB or the Registry Office is open for general business.
5. Where there are requirements or timelines set out in the Rules of Racing which are referable to a Meeting, a Meeting shall be deemed to commence three hours before the advertised time of the first race and end after the Winner All Right announcement has been made after the final race.
6. Deleted

## **PART III**

### **STEWARDS**

#### **Stewards**

8. There must be a minimum of three with a maximum of five Stewards for every Race Meeting. The Directors of the IHRB shall have power to appoint a person to act as a Steward either as one of, or in addition to, the number of Stewards required under this Rule. In the event of there being an equality of votes the Chairman, who shall be nominated by the Directors of the IHRB, shall have a casting vote. The Chairman shall appoint the necessary number of Stewards for the meeting from the panel of Stewards for that racecourse, where practical.

By way of exception the following decisions may be made by the Chairman in conjunction with one other steward prior to racing without a full panel of stewards being present to facilitate the running of the Race Meeting.

- i) Withdrawal of horses
- ii) Change of riders
- iii) Any other decision which is not contentious and which requires the intervention of the Stewards

Any person appointed as a Steward after 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010 must have completed the Trainee Steward Scheme if they did not act as a Steward before that date.

9. Each Steward may appoint a deputy at any time, or if there is only one Steward present, he shall appoint two more persons to act with him. If none of the Stewards are present, the Clerk of the Course shall request three persons to act during the absence of such Stewards.

#### **Powers of Stewards**

10. (i) The Stewards have full power to make (and if necessary to vary) all such arrangements for the conduct of the meeting as they think fit or to abandon the meeting, or part of the meeting or one race of the meeting or to declare a race void, in any of which events a full statement of the reasons for such decision shall be forwarded to the Office of the IHRB within forty-eight hours of the decision for publication in the Irish Racing Calendar.
- (ii) In addition to the powers of the Stewards set forth in Rule 10(i), the Stewards may declare a race to be void if:-
- (a) The start is at an incorrect position
  - (b) The start is on an incorrect course
  - (c) The start is before the appointed time

- (d) The start was manifestly unfair and should have been called a false start under Rule 209.
- (e) All the horses run at incorrect weights
- (f) All the horses run over an incorrect distance
- (g) All the horses run over an incorrect course
- (h) The Judge is not in the box at the time the horses pass the winning post with reference to Rule 41(viii).
- (i) A designated flag is raised denoting the race to be stopped on grounds of safety.
- (j) They consider that the faulty action of the starting stalls has materially prejudiced the chances of a sufficient number of the horses running in the race to justify declaring the race void.

In any case where a race is declared void by the Stewards, they shall be entitled, where it appears to the Stewards to be practicable, to direct that such race be run again the same day and in addition shall be entitled to make such Orders as they shall deem appropriate in such circumstances.

- 11. The Stewards have control over and free access to, all stands, rooms, enclosures and other places used for the purposes of the meeting.
- 12. The Stewards shall exclude from all places under their control every "Disqualified Person" and all such persons or descriptions of persons as they may from time to time be required by the Directors of the IHRB to exclude. They have power to exclude at their discretion any person from all or any place under their control.
- 13. (a) The Stewards have jurisdiction to regulate, control, take cognisance of and adjudicate upon, the conduct of all Officials and all Owners, Trainers, Jockeys, Qualified Riders, Authorised Rider's Agents, Jockey's Valets and their nominated Assistants and substitutes, all persons attending on horses or otherwise involved in racing and all persons attending on the racecourse in connection with the meeting.
- (b) All such persons in attendance at a race meeting shall comply with any reasonable request or instruction from a racing Official given in the interest of the efficient administration of racing or in the performance of the Official's duties. Failure to comply with such a request or instruction shall be a breach of these Rules.
- 14. (i) (a) The Stewards have power to sanction at their discretion any person over whom they have jurisdiction in accordance with Rule 13(a) with a fine not exceeding €10,000 for any breach of these Rules or of any Orders, Rules, Regulations or Instructions except where otherwise specifically provided within these Rules.



- (b) The Stewards have power to sanction at their discretion any Rider with a fine not exceeding €10,000 and/or with the forfeiture of the Rider's riding fee and/or with the suspension from riding for any period up to 50 racedays subject to Rule 270 and/or if they deem necessary, to refer the rider to the R.A.C.E.
  - (c) Following a report to the Stewards pursuant to Rule 277(iii) the Rider in question shall immediately be stood down and restricted from riding on that day by the Stewards. If the concentration level is found to be in excess of 35 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath the matter shall also be referred to the Referrals Committee. When a Rider has been stood down and restricted from riding on the day by the Stewards for a breach of Rule 277(iii), on more than two occasions within the previous twelve months, the matter shall be referred to the Referrals Committee.
  - (d) Following a report from the Medical Officer to the Stewards pursuant to Regulation R11 7(ii) the Rider in question shall immediately be stood down and restricted from riding by the Stewards until certified fit to ride by the Medical Officer.
- (ii)
  - (a) Where it appears to the Stewards that if a breach of these Rules may have been committed and such breach in their opinion might merit some fine or punishment in excess of €10,000 or rider suspension of 50 racedays or suspension of a horse of 90 days or which in their opinion has seriously damaged or is likely to seriously damage the image or integrity of racing, they may report the matter to the Referrals Committee which shall decide thereon in accordance with these Rules.
  - (b) Where it is not possible, for whatever reason, for the Stewards to conduct or conclude an enquiry, they have power at their discretion to report the matter to a Senior Racing Official who shall have power to investigate the matter and at his discretion to make such referrals as he may deem necessary or the Stewards may refer the matter to the Referrals Committee, who shall decide thereon in accordance with these Rules.
  - (c) Where it appears to the Stewards that if a breach of these Rules may have been committed they may for whatever reason report the matter to the Referrals Committee which shall decide thereon in accordance with these Rules.

- (iii) In any case where a horse is the subject of an enquiry, whether in relation to the training, behaviour, starting, running or riding or howsoever relating thereto, the horse may at the discretion of the Stewards be restricted from running for such time not exceeding 90 days and for such race or races subsequent to the race in question as they shall determine such suspension shall take effect on the day after the time for appealing has lapsed, or the matter may be referred to the Referrals Committee where it appears to the Stewards that a suspension greater than 90 days might be appropriate.
  - (iv) Where it appears to the Stewards that a matter coming before them ought to be referred to the Licensing Committee, they may so refer it. such suspension shall take effect on the day after the time for appealing has lapsed,
- 15. The Stewards have power to adjudicate on all objections and to determine all questions arising in reference to racing at the meeting subject to appeal under Part XXII or otherwise. All oral evidence given by witnesses examined before them may be recorded by electronic means and/or by a longhand writer as the Stewards may be able to provide. Where the oral evidence of a witness is recorded by a longhand writer, the Stewards may require such witness to sign such longhand record forthwith. Should circumstances arise at or during the hearing of any enquiry that may prevent an electronic record being kept, the Committee may proceed with or continue with the enquiry on the basis of a longhand note of the evidence being carefully kept, such note shall be certified by the Chairperson as soon as practical that it represents a true and valid account of the evidence given before the Stewards.
- 16. The Stewards are authorised to state and announce that an objection or appeal has been lodged and also (if they so think fit and unless it be otherwise ordered by the Directors of the IHRB) to publish and communicate their decision in respect of any matter within their jurisdiction or control by way of a press release to the media and/or by any form of public address system at the Racecourse and also in the Irish Racing Calendar.  
Such publication in the Irish Racing Calendar shall be deemed sufficient notice to all parties interested in or affected by the decision; every such decision shall, save where otherwise provided, be final and conclusive.
- 17. The Stewards have power to demote, disqualify, or declare a horse a non-runner for breach of these Rules either on their own initiative or on receipt of an objection in accordance with Rule 262(iv).
- 18. (a) The Stewards have power to order the withdrawal of a horse from a race.

- (b) They have power at any time to order an examination or test by the IHRB Veterinary Officer of any Horse declared to run on a Raceday.  
If the IHRB Veterinary Officer is, for whatever reason, of the opinion that a horse is in a condition which would preclude it from obtaining its best possible place such opinion shall be reported to the Stewards who may order the withdrawal of the horse from the race and/or to deal with the matter under Rule 14.
  - (c) They have power to order Samples be taken from any Horse declared to run on a Raceday. Such Samples are to be taken in substantial compliance with any regulations published by the Directors of the IHRB pursuant to Rule 20(v), the current version of which regulations is contained in Regulation R14 Appendix C "Regulations Relating To The Taking Of Samples From Horses".
- 19.**
- (i) The Stewards have power to refuse to allow a Horse duly entered to run in any race.
  - (ii) The Stewards may refuse to allow any Horse which has been declared to run in a race but which has not arrived at the racecourse at least an hour before the advertised time of the race to run in such race. The Trainer of any Horse withdrawn by the Stewards for this reason may be liable to sanction under Rule 14.

## **19A. REFERRALS COMMITTEE**

### **Powers and Appointment of the Referrals Committee**

1. The Referrals Committee shall be a Committee of the IHRB and shall be appointed by the Directors annually no later than 20<sup>th</sup> December with appointments taking effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January of the following year.
2. The Referrals Committee shall consist of eight members. From this number, the Directors of the IHRB shall select a permanent Chairperson and two permanent Deputy Chairpersons. The Chairperson may be re-appointed for a consecutive term.
3. Deleted.
4. The term of appointment of all the Members of the Referrals Committee shall be three years and all the Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-appointment.
5. The Members of the Committee shall not take part in any hearing by the Committee relating to any matter in which they have been involved as a Steward.

6. Occasional vacancies in the Referrals Committee shall be filled by appointments, made by the Directors of the IHRB for such periods as the Directors of the IHRB shall decide subject to paragraph 4 above.
7. Hearings before the Referrals Committee shall be presided over by the Chairperson or one of the Deputy Chairpersons, appointed by the Directors of the IHRB under paragraph 2 above. If for any reason neither the Chairperson nor one of the Deputy Chairpersons is available to sit on a hearing, the Directors of the IHRB may appoint a Member of the Referrals Committee, or a Member appointed in lieu, to preside over that hearing. The Committee shall consist of at least three persons including the Chairperson. If for any reason less than three persons of the Referrals Committee are available to sit on an Enquiry, the Directors of the IHRB may appoint a Member or Members in lieu. An uneven number must always act while the Committee is sitting and in the event of disagreement, the view of the majority shall prevail.

While a referral is being heard by the Committee, the Chairperson shall order that the evidence given is recorded either by a stenographer or mechanically or electronically and such records shall be considered by the Appeals Body at the hearing of any appeal. Should circumstances arise at or during the hearing of any referral that may prevent either a stenographer taking notes or a mechanical or electronic record being kept, the Committee may proceed with or continue with the referral on the basis of a note of the evidence being carefully kept, such note shall be certified by the Chairperson as soon as practical that it represents a true and valid account of the evidence given before the Committee.
8. The Referrals Committee, sitting in accordance with the provisions of these Rules, shall have all the powers of Stewards, the disciplinary powers of the Directors of IHRB and the following additional powers:
  - (i) To decide upon such matters as may be referred to it pursuant to Rule 14(ii) or otherwise under these Rules.
    - a. To decide upon such matters as may be referred to it by Horse Racing Ireland insofar as they relate to the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules.
    - b. To decide on such matters as may be placed before it by a Senior Racing Official under these Rules.
    - c. To allow or dismiss any matter for want of prosecution.
    - d. When considering any matter before them, to consider in the alternative, whether the evidence and materials presented disclose a possible breach of a rule or rules other than the rule or rules initially under consideration. Subject to notifying any person

potentially affected, and giving to such person such reasonable opportunity as might be required in the circumstances of the case to deal with the issue of whether there has been such a breach of a different rule or a different provision of a rule, the Referrals Committee shall have power to make a finding that there was a breach of a different rule or a different provision of a rule notwithstanding that the breach in respect of which such finding is made was not the same as the breach initially under consideration.

- (ii) In respect of any matter that they may investigate, to exercise any of the powers conferred on it by this Rule and to impose a fine not exceeding €20,000 on any person who is subject to the jurisdiction of the Directors of the IHRB, or to whom these Rules apply or who is otherwise involved in racing for breach or non-observance of these Rules or of any Regulation made or instruction issued thereunder or for any misconduct on the racecourse or in any matter relating to the training or racing of horses under these Rules. In addition the Committee shall have power to sanction at their discretion any person subject to their control with suspension from acting or riding for any period, beginning at the commencement of the fourteenth day after their decision for any breach of these Rules or any Orders, Rules, Regulations or Instructions made or issued under these Rules. Suspensions shall be imposed in accordance with Rule 14(i) and 270.
- (iii) The right to withdraw or suspend the licence of any person holding a licence for any period of time subject to the right of appeal to the Appeals Body. The Committee shall also have the right to declare a person a Disqualified Person.
- (iv) To make such reports to the Directors of the IHRB as may be requested by the Directors of the IHRB.
- (v) To deal with all cases involving Prohibited Substances, Banned Substances, Banned Methods and all other matters involving breaches of Rules or Regulations not dealt with by the Stewards on the day or not referred to the Referrals Committee under Rule 14 and to impose sanctions in accordance with the Rules.
- (vi) All the powers of publication given to the Directors of the IHRB under these Rules.
- (vii) To impose a fine not exceeding €2,000 should the Members of the Committee decide that any complaint or objection made has been made frivolously and without good grounds by the complainant or objector.
- (viii) To investigate any dispute or complaint between the parties to a deed of apprenticeship and make such findings as they consider appropriate, which findings shall be binding upon the parties subject to an Appeal under Rule 256.

- (ix) To suspend a penalty or suspension or part of a penalty or suspension under such terms and conditions as it may decide.
- (x) To suspend a horse or horses from running in any race or particular races for such period or periods as they think fit and without prejudice to the generality of the power to provide for suspensions to take effect on the day after the time for appealing has lapsed and to make the lifting of the suspension subject to such conditions as they think fit.
- (xi) To disqualify a horse from a race or races and/or to declare a horse ineligible to be entered or run in any race for such time as they shall determine.
- (xii) To decide on any matter that may be placed before it under the Regulations for Point to Point Steeplechases.

## **19B. LICENSING COMMITTEE**

### **Powers and Appointment of the Licensing Committee**

1. The Licensing Committee shall be a Committee of the IHRB and shall be appointed by the Directors annually no later than 20<sup>th</sup> December with appointments taking effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January of the following year.
2. The Licensing Committee shall consist of not less than five members. All of whom shall be members of the the Turf Club or the INHS Committee.
3. Ordinary members of the Licensing Committee shall normally retire by rotation after serving for three years but shall be eligible for re-appointment for a one further three-year term.
4. The Directors of the IHRB shall appoint a Chairman whose term of office shall be for three years. In the event of the Chairman's absence from any meeting of the Committee, the members in attendance shall elect an Acting Chairman from among their number. Three members of the Committee shall form a quorum.
5. Occasional vacancies in the Licensing Committee shall be filled by appointments, made by the Directors of the IHRB, upon such terms and conditions and for such periods as the Directors of the IHRB will decide subject to paragraph 4 above.
6. (i) Subject to an appeal to the Appeals Body, the Licensing Committee have the right to issue, refuse to issue, suspend or withdraw all licences to Jockeys', Qualified Riders, Jockeys' Valets, Authorised Riders Agents, Racecourses

and Trainers and to impose such conditions to any licence as it thinks fit. In the case however of Qualified Riders applying for a permit for the first time, the Licensing Committee may require applicants to attend an interview prior to deciding whether or not to issue the permit. In order to exercise its functions under this Rule, the Committee shall be entitled to receive information from Stewards, the Keeper of the Matchbook, the Registrar of the I.N.H.S. Committee, the Directors of the IHRB, Senior Racing Officials or any other pertinent party, in relation to any licence holder.

- (ii) The Committee may require any applicant for a Licence to show that such person is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.
- 7. The Licensing Committee have the power to fine licensed trainers or riders or any other licence holders up to a maximum of €20,000 in respect of any one offence, being an offence which constitutes a breach of these Rules and/or the Regulations and Instructions made from time to time under these Rules. Such fine may be appealed to the Appeals Body.
- 8. Where it appears to the Licensing Committee that, if a breach of these Rules were found to have been committed and such breach might in their opinion merit a fine in excess of that prescribed under Paragraph 7 above or if they are of the opinion that the matter before them would be more suitably dealt with by the Referrals Committee, they may refer the matter to that Committee.
- 9. The Licensing Committee shall have the power, subject to the approval of the Directors of the IHRB to amend the criteria and conditions under which all licences under Rules in Ireland are issued.
- 10. The Licensing Committee may communicate its decision in respect of any matter within its jurisdiction or control in the Irish Racing Calendar and to and in any Newspaper circulating in Ireland or elsewhere and to and through any News Agency or Broadcasting body operating in Ireland or elsewhere or by any electronic means.

## **19C. APPEALS BODY**

### **Powers and Appointment of the Appeals Body**

- 1. The Appeals Body shall be a Tribunal whose sole function shall be to conduct and determine appeals brought to it under these Rules.

2. It shall consist of a Chairman and a Deputy Chairman, each of whom shall be a retired judge or a retired or practicing solicitor or barrister of not less than fifteen years standing, (and neither of whom shall be or have ever been a member of the Turf Club or the INHS Committee) two Vice-Chairmen and nine Ordinary Members, who shall be members of the Turf Club or the INHS Committee, but not currently serving as Directors of the IHRB.
3. The Appeals Body shall be a Committee of the IHRB and shall be appointed by the Directors annually no later than 20<sup>th</sup> December with appointments taking effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January of the following year. The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Vice Chairmen shall each be appointed for terms of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further three year period. The Ordinary members shall each be appointed for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.
4. Should a vacancy arise in the membership of the Appeals Body whether as a result of the retirement or death of a member, the Directors of the IHRB shall be entitled to appoint a person to fill the vacancy. In the cases of a Chairman or Deputy Chairman, the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be a person who would be qualified for such appointment under paragraph 2 above. A person appointed to fill such a vacancy shall serve for the balance of the term of the person he or she has replaced. At the end of that term, the person concerned shall be entitled to be appointed a member of the Appeals Body as if he or she had not previously served as a member. The Directors of the IHRB shall be entitled to require the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman to retire at any time, in the event of their becoming unable on health or other grounds or unwilling to continue to serve, on giving reasonable notice.  
Should a Vice-Chairman or an Ordinary Member of the Appeals Body be temporarily unable to sit as a member of the Body, the Directors of the IHRB may appoint a substitute who shall have all the powers of the person being temporarily replaced to act as a member of the Body in place of the absent member.
5. The Appeals Body shall sit in two divisions, each composed of three members. The First Division shall be presided over by the Chairman or in the event of the Chairman being unwilling or unable to act, by the Deputy Chairman. In the event that neither the Chairman nor the Deputy Chairman is willing or able to preside over a particular hearing or hearings, the Directors of the IHRB may appoint a person who would be qualified for appointment as a Chairman to act as a temporary Chairman of the First Division, for the purposes of conducting those appeals. The Second Division shall be presided over by one of the Vice-Chairmen but in the event of neither of the Vice-Chairmen being willing or able to preside over a particular hearing or hearings,



the Directors of the IHRB may appoint one of the Ordinary Members to preside over such hearings. Two Ordinary Members shall always sit on each Division when it is hearing an appeal.

6. A person making an appeal to the Appeals Body shall be entitled to express a view as to which Division of the Appeals Body should hear the appeal, except in the case of an appeal by a rider of a suspension of 3 days or less. In the event of the appellant not indicating such a view within 72 hours after the deadline for appeal under Rule 256, the appeal shall be heard by the Second Division.

In considering whether an appeal should be heard by the First Division, the Chairman or Deputy Chairman shall have complete discretion to decide which Division should hear the appeal, but in exercising such discretion shall take into account the consequences for the appellant of any penalty that might be imposed on the hearing of the appeal.

The Keeper of the Match Book or the Registrar of the I.N.H.S. Committee shall be entitled to require that any appeal be heard by the First Division of the Appeals Body.

7. The Appeals Body shall have the following jurisdiction:
  - (i) To hear and adjudicate on appeals against decisions of the Stewards, the Referrals Committee and/or the Licensing Committee.
  - (ii) In its absolute discretion to hear and adjudicate on appeals against any decision of Horse Racing Ireland exercising the Registry Office functions referred to in Section 8(1)(a) and (b) of the Horse and Greyhound Racing Act 2001.
8. The Appeals Body in exercising such jurisdiction shall have the following powers:
  - (i) To grant, withdraw or suspend licences to Racecourses, Officials, Licences to Trainers, Jockeys, Authorised Riders Agents and Jockeys Valets.
  - (ii) To grant, withdraw or suspend permission to ride to Qualified Riders.
  - (iii) To accept or refuse to accept or cancel any registration under these Rules.
  - (iv) In respect of any appeal that may be made to it, to impose a fine not exceeding €20,000 on any person to whom these Rules apply or who is otherwise involved in racing for breach or non-observance of these Rules or any Regulation made or instruction issued thereunder or for any misconduct on a racecourse or in any matter relating to the training or racing of horses under these Rules and/or to suspend such person for such period as the Appeals Body

- considers fair and reasonable, including the withdrawal of any licence held by such person.
- (v) To declare any person a disqualified person for such period as it thinks fit.
  - (vi) To disqualify a horse from a race or races and/or to declare a horse ineligible to be entered or run in any race for such time as it shall determine.
  - (vii) To make exclusion orders pursuant to these Rules or any Statutory provisions or any other provisions giving it such power.
  - (viii) To fix and publish the period for which any withdrawal or suspension of a licence to train, licence to ride, permission to ride or any other licence or a declaration that a person be a disqualified person shall apply.
  - (ix) To impose a penalty not exceeding €2,000 on any appellant should it consider that any appeal made to it has been made frivolously or without good grounds.
  - (x) To suspend a penalty or suspension or part of a penalty or suspension under such terms and conditions as it may decide.
  - (xi) To publish or arrange to have published its decision on any appeals made to it in the Irish Racing Calendar and in any newspaper circulating in Ireland or elsewhere and through any news agency or broadcasting authority operating in Ireland or elsewhere or by or through any electronic means.
  - (xii) When considering any matter before them, to consider in the alternative, whether the evidence and materials presented disclose a possible breach of a rule or rules other than the rule or rules initially under consideration. Subject to notifying any person potentially affected, and giving to such person such reasonable opportunity as might be required in the circumstances of the case to deal with the issue of whether there has been such a breach of a different rule or a different provision of a rule, the Appeals Body shall have power to make a finding that there was a breach of a different rule or a different provision of a rule notwithstanding that the breach in respect of which such finding is made was not the same as the breach initially under consideration.
  - (xiii) To adopt such Rules of Procedure for the conduct of appeals made to it as it thinks appropriate and to publish such Rules in the Irish Racing Calendar and elsewhere in such forms and by such means as it thinks appropriate.

The powers conferred on the Appeals Body by this Rule shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any particular power of imposing penalties conferred by any other Rule and the power to increase decrease or waive any penalty that may have been imposed by the Stewards, Referrals Committee or Licensing Committee.

19D. Deleted.

## **19E. HANDICAPPING APPEALS BODY**

### **Powers and Appointment of the Handicapping Appeals Body**

1. The Handicapping Appeals Body shall be a Tribunal whose sole function shall be to conduct and determine handicapping appeals brought to it under these Rules
2. It shall consist of a Chairman, who shall not be or shall not have ever been a member of either the Turf Club or the INHS Committee and not less than two Ordinary Members, who shall be members of the the Turf Club or the INHS Committee, but not currently serving as Directors of the IHRB.
3. The Handicapping Appeals Body shall be a standing Committee of the IHRB and shall be appointed by the Directors annually no later than 20th December with appointments taking effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January of the following year. The Chairman and any Ordinary Members shall be appointed for a three year term and shall be eligible for re-appointment for successive periods of three years each.
4. Should a vacancy arise in the membership of the Handicapping Appeals Body whether as a result of the retirement or death of a member, the Directors of the IHRB shall be entitled to appoint a person to fill the vacancy. In the cases of a Chairman, the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be a person who would be qualified for such appointment. A person appointed to fill such a vacancy shall serve for the balance of the term of the person he or she has replaced. At the end of that term, the person concerned shall be entitled to be appointed a member of the Handicapping Appeals Body as if he or she had not previously served as a member. The Directors of the IHRB shall be entitled to require the Chairman to retire at any time, in the event of becoming unable on health or other grounds or unwilling to continue to serve, on giving reasonable notice.  
Should an Ordinary Member of the Handicapping Appeals Body be temporarily unable to sit as a member of the Body, the Directors of the IHRB may appoint a substitute who shall have all the powers of the person being temporarily replaced to act as a member of the Body in place of the absent member.
5. The Handicapping Appeals Body shall sit with two members and shall be presided over by the Chairman. In the event that the Chairman is unwilling or unable to preside over a particular hearing or hearings, the Directors of the IHRB may appoint a person who would be qualified for appointment as a Chairman to

act as a temporary Chairman, for the purposes of conducting those handicapping appeals.

6. The Handicapping Appeals Body shall have the following jurisdiction:
  - (i) To hear and adjudicate on handicapping appeals from Owners and Trainers.
7. The Handicapping Appeals Body in exercising such jurisdiction shall have the following power:
  - (i) To endorse or to vary any decision of the handicapper.
  - (ii) To publish or arrange to have published its decision on any handicapping appeals made to it in any manner it deems appropriate.
  - (iii) Where there has been undue delay to dismiss any appeal.
  - (iv) Having regard for the findings, to make such order in respect of the deposit that they think appropriate.
  - (v) To adopt such Rules of Procedure for the conduct of handicapping appeals made to it as it thinks appropriate and to publish such Rules in the Irish Racing Calendar and elsewhere in such forms and by such means as it thinks appropriate.

## **20. Directors of the IHRB**

### **Powers of the Directors of the IHRB**

The Directors of the IHRB have all the powers of the Stewards and the following additional powers:

- (i) To determine before the Race Meeting whether that Race Meeting may be held having regard to:
  - (a) the safety of horses and riders both on and off the racetrack,
  - (b) the condition in respect of safety of fences, hurdles or other obstacles on the racetrack,
  - (c) the condition of the running surface of the racetrack,
  - (d) the efficiency of the management of the racecourse in respect of the holding of horse races at that Race Meeting, and
  - (e) any other matter that might affect the safe operation of horse races at the Race Meeting.
- (ii) To grant, withdraw or suspend Licences to Officials and Riders, Jockeys' Valets, Authorised Riders Agents and to Trainers
- (iii) To grant, withdraw or suspend permission to ride to "Qualified Riders".

- (iv) To issue and to publish in the Irish Racing Calendar from time to time such Rules, Regulations or Notices as they may think fit.
- (v) To publish from time to time in such a manner as they deem appropriate:
  - (a) a schedule of prohibited substances including any thresholds therefor and
  - (b) regulations for the taking of Samples,

The current version of which schedule ("Schedule of Prohibited Substances") and regulations is contained in Regulation R14 Appendix C "Regulations Relating To The Taking Of Samples From Horses".

- (vi) To grant, withdraw or suspend licences to Racecourses.
- (vii) (a) To accept or refuse to accept entries and declarations where circumstances dictate that the intervention of the Directors of the IHRB is required and where it is in the best interest of racing to refuse to allow a horse duly entered or declared, to run in any Race and at their discretion direct that the stake(s) be remitted to the owner.
- (b) To declare a Race void or to sanction the reopening of a Race in the event of insufficient entries being received at the time of entry
- (viii) To allow or refuse to allow any person to act or continue to act as an Authorised Agent, Authorised Representative, Authorised Riders' Agent or Jockey's Valet.
- (ix) To accept or refuse to accept or to cancel any registration under these Rules, notwithstanding any implications to the contrary whether contained in these Rules or elsewhere.
- (x) To prohibit any person from acting in any official capacity in connection with a Race Meeting.
- (xi) To investigate and to cause to be investigated any case which appears to them to require their intervention (whether or not referred to them by the Stewards and decide thereon.
- (xii) To enquire into, in such manner as they shall from time to time direct and deal with and to refer to the Referrals Committee or the Licensing Committee all or any matters which in their opinion relate directly or indirectly to racing whether such matters arise in Ireland or elsewhere.
- (xiii) To receive from time to time reports from Stewards, the Referrals or Licensing Committee or Appeals Body or Senior Racing Officials or other persons and to act and cause others to act in such a way as the Directors of the IHRB consider it necessary upon such reports.
- (xiv) (a) To impose a disqualification on any person for such period as they think fit. To refuse to grant a licence to any person or to withdraw a licence to train, licence to ride, permission to ride, licence to act as an Authorised Agent, Authorised Representative, Authorised Riders' Agent or Jockeys' Valet

for such periods as they think fit and to publish by any means the period of such withdrawal, or disqualification.

- (b) To make exclusion orders pursuant to these Rules and any Statutory or other authority vested in them.

(xv) Deleted.

(xvi) To declare any person a "Disqualified Person".

(xvii) Generally to exercise all or any of the powers conferred upon them by these Rules or Memorandum and Articles of Association of the IHRB or which they consider necessary for enforcing all or any of them. If any situation arises which is not governed by these Rules or the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the IHRB, the Directors of the IHRB shall have power to deal with the matter in such a manner as they consider reasonable and fair and their decision in this connection shall be final.

(xviii)

1. To make arrangements for any person appointed by them from time to time to enter without notice the Training Establishment of a Trainer or the establishment where a Horse is stabled during the period specified under Rule 147(iii) whilst under the care of an Overseas Trainer for the purposes of:

- (a) inspecting facilities and premises and any relevant documentation or records to determine whether the Rules of Racing, I.N.H.S. Rules, Regulations, Instructions and Orders issued under these Rules are being complied with; and/or

- (b) inspecting, examining or testing all Horses under the care of a Trainer or in a licensed Training Establishment whether or not returned in training, and whether or not such Horse has been entered for a Race or has run in a Race, which may include the taking of Samples for subsequent analysis. Such Samples are to be taken in substantial compliance with any regulations published by the Directors of the IHRB pursuant to Rule 20(v), the current version of which regulations is contained in Regulation R14 Appendix C "Regulations Relating To The Taking Of Samples From Horses".

- (c) Deleted (March 2015)

- (d) This Rule shall apply to the Training Establishment or other premises wheresoever situated where a horse is stabled which has been entered for a Race in Ireland.

2. To make arrangements for any person appointed by them from time to time to enter any location where a Horse may be found for the purposes of inspecting examining or testing such a Horse which may include the taking of Samples for subsequent analysis. Such samples are to be taken in substantial compliance with any Regulations published by

the Directors of the IHRB pursuant to Rule 20 (v), the current version of which is found in Regulation R14.

- (xix) (a) A decision, resolution or other action under these Rules by the Directors of the IHRB may be taken by simple majority at a meeting or in such other manner as the Directors may determine from time to time, including but not limited to by way of a signed resolution, telephonic conference call, electronic means approval or by conveying their agreement individually to a Senior Racing Official.
- (b) The Directors of the IHRB may publish their decisions in respect of any matter within their jurisdiction or control, including reports and decisions of meetings of the Board of Directors, in the Irish Racing Calendar and in any newspaper circulating in Ireland and to and through any News Agency or Broadcasting Authority operating in Ireland or through or by any electronic means.  
Such publication in the Irish Racing Calendar shall be deemed to be sufficient notice to all parties interested in or affected by the decision. Every such decision shall, save where otherwise provided, be final and conclusive.
- (xx) To appoint the Appeals Body, the Handicapping Appeals Body, the Referrals Committee, the Licensing Committee, the Stewarding Committee and the Equine and Welfare Committee as the Directors of the IHRB shall deem necessary and appropriate;
  - (a) To adopt Rules of Procedure in respect of Committees as may be appointed under this Rule.
  - (b) To appoint at their discretion a Senior Racing Official to sit on the Referrals Committee at a hearing in matters referred to it under Rule 14.
- (xxi) To appoint a Doping Control Officer. The functions of the Doping Control Officer shall be: –
  - (a) to organise the carrying out of Dope Tests;
  - (b) to organise the carrying out of a Dope Test on a specific Rider;
  - (c) to appoint persons to carry out Dope Tests or to organise Dope Tests or to assist with the carrying out or organisation of Dope Tests;
  - (d) to investigate or cause to be investigated any alleged or potential Doping Offence;
  - (e) to refer any matter relating to any alleged or potential Doping Offence to the Referrals Committee;
  - (f) to prosecute alleged Doping Offences before the Referrals Committee and Appeals Body;
  - (g) to enquire into any matter the Doping Control Officer considers relevant to Doping Offences or alleged or potential Doping Offences;

- (h) to take such other action the Doping Control Officer considers appropriate to prevent the commission of a Doping Offence;
- (i) to carry out any other functions conferred on the Doping Control Officer by these Rules.
- (j) to organise the carrying out of alcohol breath tests; and
- (k) to appoint persons to carry out alcohol breath tests, and/or to organise alcohol breath tests, and/or to assist with the carrying out and/or organisation of alcohol breath tests.

The Directors of the IHRB may confer such additional functions on the Doping Control Officer as they in their discretion consider appropriate. The Doping Control Officer shall have all such powers as are necessary for or incidental to the performance of the functions of the office.

(xxii) To publish from time to time in such a manner as they deem appropriate: (a) a level of concentration of alcohol for the purposes of Rule 277(iii) and (b) procedures for the conduct of alcohol breath tests.

(xxiii) To appoint a Senior Racing Official to mediate in disputes between Owners and Trainers in respect of outstanding training accounts where both parties are agreeable for the Directors of the IHRB to do so.

**21.** When a Horse has been examined or tested and Samples taken pursuant to Rule 18 or to Rule 20(xviii) and such examination or test or an analysis of such Samples shows the presence of a Prohibited Substance as set out in the Schedule of Prohibited Substances, the Directors of the IHRB shall have the power to refuse to allow the Horse to run if duly entered in any race until the decision of the Referrals Committee.

**22.** (i) The Directors of the IHRB have power, in cases of emergency or expediency to modify or to suspend any Rule or Regulation or to introduce any new Rule or Regulation for such period or periods as they shall think fit without giving previous notice, but should they so do they shall instruct Horse Racing Ireland to report the fact in the two subsequent issues of the Irish Racing Calendar.

(ii) The Directors of the IHRB may enlarge or abridge any of the times fixed by these Rules or Regulations issued pursuant to these Rules for the taking of any step or the doing of any act and may also declare any step taken or any act done to be sufficient, even though not taken or done within the time or in the manner prescribed by these Rules or any Rules or Regulations for the time being in force and the Directors of the IHRB may direct that non-compliance with any of the Rules or Regulation in force shall not render what was done or not done void.

**23.** The Directors of the IHRB take no cognisance of any disputes or claims with respect to bets.



- 24.** The Directors of the IHRB may in their absolute discretion authorise the acceptance of all documents excluding Naming forms by electronic means. Where Rules already provide that transmissions on the Racing Administration System (RAS) are deemed to be in writing for the purpose of those Rules, documents submitted by electronic means will also be deemed to be in writing.
- The Directors of the IHRB reserve the right at all stages and circumstances and in any particular case to require production of the original documents to the Office of the IHRB within such time limit as they may in their absolute discretion prescribe.
- 25.** (a) Any person who is or has been an Owner, Shadow Owner, Trainer, Rider, Authorised Rider's Agent, Jockey's Valet or Assistant, holder of a Racing Establishment Employees Card, Registered Agent or otherwise involved in racing shall on a request from the Directors of the IHRB, or the Licensing Committee, or the Referrals Committee, or the Appeals Body or a Senior Racing Official who is investigating a matter which may be referred to or is pending before the Licensing Committee, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, furnish such information, documentation or other material as is in that person's possession or procurement which might reasonably be required for the purpose of the investigation and shall answer such questions as the Senior Racing Official may reasonably put to him.
- (b) A person who is mentioned in paragraph (a) above and who is required by or on behalf of the Directors of the IHRB, Stewards, Licensing Committee, Referrals Committee or Appeals Body or any of them to attend an investigation, enquiry, referral or hearing of an appeal under these Rules shall so attend, unless prevented from so doing by a reasonable cause and bring such information, documentation or other material which such person has been requested to supply.
- "information" within the meaning of this Rule shall include, but not be limited to bank records and telephone records, which shall include itemised details of all calls made during specified periods which may be or are relevant to an investigation.
- (c) Save in respect of telephone records and/or bank records which are dealt with under paragraphs (d), (e) and (f), failure to furnish such information, documentation or material or to answer questions by a Senior Racing Official under paragraph (a) of this Rule or to attend an enquiry or hearing and to bring such information, documentation or other material as required under paragraph (b) of this Rule shall constitute a breach of this Rule and shall render the person liable to sanction under these Rules by the Licensing Committee, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body as the case may be.

- (d) A request for the furnishing of telephone records and/or bank records may only be made where the making of the request has been deemed to be reasonable by an Adjudicating Officer.

The Adjudicating Officer on receiving a request from the Directors of the IHRB, a Senior Racing Official or the Licensing Committee, Referrals Committee or Appeals Body shall consider such request within a period of twenty-one days. If the Adjudicating Officer is satisfied that there is a prima facie case for requesting the person concerned to furnish the telephone records and/or bank records requested he shall notify the person concerned that he is so satisfied and require the person to furnish the information within twenty-one days or such longer period as the Adjudicating Officer shall fix.

The Adjudicating Officer shall be appointed by the Directors of the IHRB for a term of three years (and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further period of three years) and shall be a barrister or solicitor who has practised for a minimum of ten years and who shall never have been a member of either the Turf Club or INHS Committee nor served as an Official of either of them. In the event of the Adjudicating Officer being unable to act the Directors of the IHRB may appoint a person who would be qualified for appointment as the Adjudicating Officer to act as a temporary Adjudicating Officer who shall have all the powers of the Adjudicating Officer.

- (e) Failure by a person mentioned in paragraph (a) to furnish such telephone records and/or bank records as he or she may be required to provide by an Adjudicating Officer in accordance with paragraph (d) shall constitute grounds for an application by the Directors of the IHRB or their agents to a court or courts of competent jurisdiction to compel such person to provide such telephone records and/or bank records. The Directors of the IHRB also reserve the right to pursue such a person for the costs of making such an application as a contractual debt, including the legal costs of the Directors of the IHRB and any third parties.
- (f) The Directors of the IHRB having obtained such telephone records and/or bank records may require such person as mentioned in paragraph (a) to answer questions by a Senior Racing Official or to attend an enquiry or hearing and to bring such information, documentation or other material as required under paragraph (b) of this Rule. Failure to do so shall constitute a breach of this Rule and shall render the person liable to sanction under these Rules by the Licensing Committee, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body as the case may be.

- 26. The Directors of the IHRB may delegate to Senior Racing Officials any investigative or administrative but not executive powers, including the

power to refer to and present cases before the Referrals Committee, the Licensing Committee and the Appeals Body.

### **Appeals against Decisions**

**27.**

- (i) If it appears to the Keeper of the Match Book or the Registrar of the I.N.H.S Committee that a sanction imposed was unduly lenient or if no sanction was imposed, following a finding of a breach of Rule
  - (a) by the Stewards on a Raceday, he may apply to the Referrals Committee to review the sanction or the decision not to impose a sanction or
  - (b) by the Licensing Committee or by the Referrals Committee he may apply to the Appeals Body to review the sanction or the decision not to impose a sanction.
- (ii) On the review of a sanction or in the case where no sanction was imposed for a breach of Rule the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, as the case may be, shall be entitled where it considers the sanction imposed to be too lenient or where no sanction was imposed to:
  - (a) impose a greater sanction than that originally imposed or
  - (b) impose a sanction where no sanction was imposed
  - (c) confirm the sanction or the decision not to impose a sanction if it is satisfied that the sanction originally imposed or the decision not to impose a sanction was correct

Any sanction imposed by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body under this Rule shall be one which could have been imposed at the original hearing

- (iii) If it appears to the Keeper of the Match Book or the Registrar of the I.N.H.S Committee that new evidence is available which was not presented to the hearing in a case where no breach of the Rules was found:
  - (a) by the Stewards on a Raceday, he may ask the Referrals Committee to conduct a fresh hearing in the matter at which such new evidence shall be adduced or
  - (b) by the Referrals Committee, he may ask the Appeals Body to conduct a fresh hearing in the matter at which such new evidence shall be adduced.
- (iv) In a case where new evidence is being adduced:
  - (a) the Referrals Committee, on finding that a breach of the Rules has occurred, may impose a sanction which could

have been imposed by the Stewards at the original hearing  
or

- (b) the Appeals Body, on finding that a breach of the Rules has occurred, may impose a sanction which could have been imposed, as the case may be, by the Stewards or the Referrals Committee.
- (v) An application under paragraph (i) of this Rule shall be made on written notice to the person on whom the sanction, or no sanction, was imposed within 14 days, or in the case of paragraph (iii) within 3 months, from the day on which the decision was made at the enquiry by the Stewards, or as the case may be, by the Licensing Committee or Referral Committee.
- (vi) The Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body may refuse an application to review a sanction or a decision not to impose a sanction or a failure to find that a breach of the Rules had been committed

## **Part IV**

### **OFFICIALS**

#### **General**

- 28.** The following Officials shall be appointed for every meeting by the Directors of the IHRB, Viz.:- Stewards' Secretary, Clerk of the Course, Handicapper, Clerk of the Scales, Starter, Judge, Inspector of Courses, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Assistant, Medical Officer and Security/Investigation Officer, each of whom, as a qualification for his office, requires a licence to be granted annually by the Directors of the IHRB. Such other Officials as maybe deemed necessary shall be appointed by the Directors of the IHRB to perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Directors of the IHRB and their appointment shall be published in the Irish Racing Calendar. No Official shall hold the offices of both Judge and Starter at the same meeting. From time to time the Directors of the IHRB may appoint Trainee Officials, whose appointment shall be published in the Irish Racing Calendar. Trainee Officials shall be assigned duties at selected racemeetings, with the permission of the Stewards. Trainee Officials have full authority to act as Officials.
- 29.** In case of emergency, the Stewards may, before or during a meeting, appoint an unlicensed substitute to fill any of the above named offices for that meeting only.
- 30.** Deleted
- 31.** All complaints against any of the Officials appointed under Rule 28 or 29 shall be made to the Stewards, during the course of the meeting where the cause of complaint arose and through the Clerk of the Course. All such complaints shall be in writing signed by the complainant and be accompanied by a deposit of €130. Should the Stewards decide that the complaint was made without good grounds the deposit of €130 shall be forfeited. In every case the complaint and report of the decision shall be forwarded immediately to the Directors of the IHRB by the Clerk of the Course through the Office of the IHRB. Nothing contained in this Rule shall in any way limit the power of the Directors of the IHRB to make or investigate at any time complaints against any of the Officials appointed under Rules 28 or 29.

#### **Clerk of the Course**

- 32.** The Clerk of the Course, or his authorised substitute is the person responsible to the Stewards for the general arrangements of the

Meeting and shall see that all courses are properly measured and marked and he shall:-

- (i) Assist the Registry Office with the publication of a daily official card of the races, containing the conditions of each race and the time for each race to be run as published in the Irish Racing Calendar, the names of the horses engaged with a number attached to each and such further particulars as the Stewards may require. In carrying out his duties, he should liaise very closely with the Racecourse Executive both prior to the meeting and on the day of the meeting including the obtaining of confirmation from the Racecourse Executive that the Starting Stalls, if in operation, are in proper working condition.
- (ii) See that a Parade Ring is provided in the paddock. All horses running at the meeting shall be saddled in the paddock unless special permission to saddle elsewhere has been obtained from the Stewards. Prior to each race, horses which are about to run therein shall parade in the Ring a reasonable time before the signal to mount is given. In the case of any horse not being brought into the Parade Ring the trainer shall be reported to the Stewards. A horse shall not be admitted to the Paddock unless he is on the racecard as a possible runner or advertised for sale. The Parade Ring shall be reserved strictly for those horses which are about to run unless special prior permission has been granted by the Stewards. No person shall, without special leave from the Stewards, be allowed access to the Parade Ring except Officials of the Meeting, handicappers, owners, trainers and riders of horses about to run in the next race and any person refusing to leave shall be reported to the Stewards.  
Note - For the purpose of this Rule the Stewards shall determine whether or not the Racecourse Stabling forms part of the Paddock.
- (iii) Confirm with the Racecourse Executive that a clean number cloth, of a pattern approved by the Directors of the IHRB, is provided for every horse.
- (iv) Arrange to display by means of a board or by closed circuit television and/or by way of an announcement on the public address system any changes to the published official racecard.
- (v) Make a return to the Office of the IHRB of any substitute Steward or official appointed, of all complaints to and decisions of the Stewards, of all fines inflicted and of all horses sold or claimed, and these matters may be published in the next available Irish Racing Calendar, unless otherwise ordered by the Directors of the IHRB.
- (vi) Have available for the information of the Stewards:
  - (a) A list of persons declared "Disqualified Persons".
  - (b) A list of suspended Jockeys, Qualified Riders and Trainers.
  - (c) A copy of the latest available Forfeit List.
  - (d) A list of persons who are prohibited from acting as authorised agents in accordance with Rule 20(viii)

- (vii) Ensure
  - (a) that two Medical Doctors are in attendance
  - (b) that two Veterinary Surgeons are in attendance and that a humane killer is available for their use
  - (c) that two ambulances are present
  - (d) that when hurdle races or steeplechases are to take place, the Safety Official is present
  - (e) That no horse which, or the owner of which, is in the Forfeit List is allowed to start in any race
- (viii) Notify the Stewards if any of the services referred to in paragraph (vii) above are not in place, forty minutes before the time fixed for the running of the first race. Racing shall not take place until all such services are in place.
- (ix) Be the person having the ultimate responsibility for deciding to bypass a fence or hurdle, having full authority to invoke such bypassing procedures for whatever reason and to take steps he feels necessary in order to address any emergency which might occur during the course of a race including the stopping of a race in accordance with Rule 224. He shall be assisted in carrying out bypassing procedures by the Safety Official.  
When bypassing is taking place, one of the fence attendants or Racecourse staff shall proceed up the track to warn oncoming riders by waving an Orange Flag.

### **Handicapper and Handicapping Appeals**

- 33.** The Handicapper shall apportion the weights for every handicap and no alteration shall be made after publishing save as provided by Rule 19E 7(i) or except in the case of a genuine error with the express permission of the Directors of the IHRB.

An Appeal may be brought against any decision of the Handicapper to the Handicapping Appeals Body, by the Owner or Trainer of the horse. The appeal shall be in writing signed by the Appellant, shall contain the grounds of the appeal, be accompanied by a deposit of €380 and forwarded within 3 working days of the decision being made to the Office of the IHRB.

On receipt of an Appeal the Handicapping Appeals Body shall seek observations on the appeal from the Handicapper involved and shall transmit such observations to the Appellant who shall be entitled to submit a response in writing within 48 hours. The Handicapping Appeals Body shall consider the Appeal, the Handicapper's Observations and the Appellant's Response (if any), but will not be required to hold any oral hearing before making its decision which shall be transmitted in writing to the Appellant and the Handicapper.

If a horse is declared to run or runs in any race before the Handicapping Appeals Body has made its decision, the horse must carry the weight or penalty originally allotted and the Appellant shall have no redress as a consequence of running.



### **Stakeholder**

- 34.** The Stakeholder, or his appointed agent, shall have power to withdraw a horse until such horse's entrance money or stake for that race and the forfeits for every horse belonging to the same owner or standing in his name, the jockey's fee, and any arrears claimed under these Rules, have been paid.
- 35.** (i) The Stakeholder shall, save as provided in paragraph (ii) hereto and in Rule 268 hereof, at the expiration of sixteen days after the meeting, render an account and pay over on request all stakes and added money to the person or persons entitled to them.
- (ii) Where a horse either is to be or has been the subject of an examination or test pursuant to Rule 18 the Stakeholder shall not pay over any part of the stakes or added money to which any person or persons would (but for this paragraph) be entitled from:-
- (a) The race in respect of which such examination or test was ordered on the said horse and/or
- (b) Any race thereafter in which such horse has run, unless and until authority to do so has been given by the Directors of the IHRB.

### **Clerk of the Scales**

- 36.** The Clerk of the Scales, or his authorised substitute, shall :-
- (i) Weigh in the riders in accordance with the Rules set out in Part XVII and XX of these Rules.
- (ii) Furnish the Starter with a list of runners.
- (iii) If extra weight or any variation from the weight appearing on the card be declared at Scale for any horse, exhibit such weight with the number, also any alteration of the colours.  
In all races the trainer is the person responsible for declaring to the Clerk of the Scales the correct weight a horse shall carry and shall be responsible that the rider is weighed out with his weight and that the horse carries this weight in the race.
- (iv) In all cases, except under the provision of Rule 230(i), weigh in the riders of the horses placed by the Judge and at his discretion any other riders in the race and report to the Stewards any rider not presenting himself to be weighed in.
- (v) Ensure that the weighing scales is in working order.
- (vi) At the close of each day's racing, send a return to the Registry Office of the weights carried in every race and the names of the riders, specifying overweight (if any) and any difference (in lbs) between what a rider weighed out and weighed in at shall be published in the Irish Racing Calendar.

### **Starter/Starts**

- 37. In the event of the stalls not functioning properly, the Starter has the power to start the race by flag. Immediately after the race the Starter shall report the reasons for adopting this course of action to the Stewards.
- 38. Deleted
- 39. Deleted
- 40. The Starter shall report to the Clerk of the Scales, for transmission to the Office of the IHRB, the time at which each race was started and report to the Stewards by whom, or by what cause, any race was significantly delayed in starting, including a false start. He shall also report to the Stewards any rider refusing to comply with his instructions in any respect.

### **Judge**

- 41.
  - (i) The Judge or his authorised substitute (for the purpose of this Rule “the Judge”), must occupy the Judge’s box at the time the horses pass the winning post. The Judge must remain in the Judge’s box until all horses, which are in a position to finish, have passed the winning post and his discretion in this matter is final. No horse which passes the winning post after the Judge has left the Judge’s box shall be placed.
  - (ii) Unless he needs to examine the photo finish image, the Judge must announce his decision without delay and report to the Clerk of the Scales the numbers of the first six horses (or if prize money is advertised beyond fifth place the numbers of the extended placed horses) which have passed the winning post, the order in which they have passed and the distance which separated them. The finishing positions of the horses and the distances which separate them will be indicated and measured exclusively by their noses.
  - (iii) Such decision of the Judge shall be final, except as provided under Rule 41 (ix), or unless an objection to the winner or any placed horse is made and sustained.
  - (iv) To assist the Judge in determining the horses positions as they pass the winning post a minimum of two digital photo finish cameras, approved by the Directors of the IHRB, will normally be used to cover the whole width of the track at the finish. The Regulations dealing with the Photo Finish Camera are contained in the Appendix C “Regulations Relating To The Use Of The Photo Finish Camera”

- (v) This Rule shall not prevent a Judge from correcting any mistake before the "Winner All Right" announcement, in accordance with Rule 229, has been made.
- (vi) The Judge shall, at the close of each day's racing sign and send a report of the result of each race to the Office of IHRB.
- (vii) If for any reason the Judge is precluded from carrying out his duties, or is unable to do so, the Stewards in accordance with Rule 29 shall appoint a substitute to act as a Judge for the meeting.
- (viii) If the Judge or his substitute is not in the Judge's box or is unavailable to place the horses as they pass the winning post, the Stewards or a person appointed by them shall use such information as they, at their discretion deem necessary, to determine the result of the race, otherwise the race may be declared void.
- (ix) A Senior Racing Official may, within one month of the running of a specified race, either on his own authority or at the Judge's request or on an objection, refer any decision of the Judge, in respect of that race, to the Directors of the IHRB or the Referrals Committee.

#### **Stewards' Secretary**

- 42.** The Stewards' Secretary shall advise the Stewards, where appropriate, on the interpretation of the Rules of Racing and the I.N.H.S. Rules as far as they relate to the conduct of a race meeting. The Stewards' Secretary will also carry out at a race meeting any other duties as defined from time to time by the Directors of the IHRB including the role of a Steward as specified in Rule 8.

#### **Veterinary Officer**

- 43.** The IHRB Veterinary Officer is responsible for supervising the sampling unit and for the clinical examination of horses on the racecourse and for the provision of advice on veterinary matters to the Stewards. The Veterinary Officer will also carry out any other duties as defined from time to time by the Directors of the IHRB.

#### **Racecourse Executives**

- 44.** It is the responsibility of the Racecourse Executive to provide for Stewards, Racing Officials, Trainers, Owners, Riders and the general attendance the appropriate facilities for the reasonable conduct and/or enjoyment of the Race meeting.

Such responsibility can be exercised through a designated employee e.g. Manager or Secretary. The Racecourse Executive does not have authority over any Racing Official. Such authority is exercised through the Stewards or appointed Officials, e.g. Keeper of the Match Book. The Racecourse Executive, through the Manager, will also carry out such specific duties as may be required from time to time by the Directors of the IHRB.

Each Racecourse Executive shall on the first day of January in each year advise the Office of the IHRB in writing of the names of its Racecourse Manager and of any deputy that may act as Manager in the absence of the nominated Manager. In the event of any change of Manager a Racecourse Executive shall advise the Office of the IHRB of the name of the new manager within seven days of his appointment.

## **PART V**

### **RACE MEETINGS**

#### **General Regulations**

45. Deleted.
46. All Racecourses must be licensed and all Race Meetings recognised by the Directors of the IHRB. Such licence can be withheld or withdrawn by them should their Inspector of Courses report unfavourably as regards the construction of the fences or the course proposed to be run over, or for any other reason.
47. The conditions of every race before closing and the time of each race to be run shall be advertised in the Irish Racing Calendar. The programme for each meeting shall be published on the Racing Administration System (RÁS). Any subsequent correction or alteration to the conditions of a race shall be published in the next available edition of the Irish Racing Calendar and by any electronic means prior to the meeting taking place. Alterations shall not be made in the time advertised for the running of the races except:-
- (a) As necessitated by division of a race or races.
  - (b) In accordance with Rule 217 in the event of a walk-over.
  - (c) In conjunction with the Clerk of the Course and the Racecourse Executive.
48. The preceding Rule shall not preclude the addition of more money to a race, or of a new race to the programme of a meeting subsequent to the publication of the last Irish Racing Calendar issued previous to the meeting being held.
49. The Directors of the IHRB may, at their discretion, prohibit the advertisement of any race or meeting in the Irish Racing Calendar.
50. (i) (a) All advertisements in the Irish Racing Calendar shall state that the meeting is subject to the Rules of Racing and/or the I.N.H.S. Rules, the days on which it is to be held, the dates for closing the entries for the races, the dates for calculation of weights and rating qualifications for the handicaps and the dates for the declaration of forfeits and declarations of runners.
- (b) All advertisements shall state the name of the Clerk of the Course and Handicapper or Handicappers.
- (ii) Deleted
- (iii) An advertisement before the first meeting to be run each year at each Racecourse shall state the names of three or more persons as Stewards and of the Judge, Starter, Clerk of the Course, Handicapper, Stakeholder and Clerk of the Scales. In addition the names of those appointed as Medical Officers, Veterinary

Surgeons, Secretary and others having an Official capacity at the meeting shall be published at that time.

### **Programmes, Riders Allowances**

51. Deleted

52. In programmes for Steeplechases, Hurdles Races and I.N.H. Flat Races:-

(i) Deleted

(ii) Deleted

(iii) (a) In all steeplechases, hurdle races and I.N.H Flat races riders who have not ridden the winners of 60 races collectively under any recognised Rules of Racing or Steeplechasing are to receive the following allowances:  
7lb until they have won 25 races;  
thereafter 5lb until they have won 50 races;  
thereafter 3lb until they have won 60 races.

The allowance to riders under this Rule shall be claimed in all races with the exception of:

1. Weight For Age Races designated in the conditions of the race as Graded or Listed races.
2. Opportunity Races

(b) A rider shall be entitled to claim the same riding allowance specified in Rule 52 (iii) throughout the day of racing as he/she was entitled to claim at the beginning of that day and shall be entitled to claim such allowance at any race meeting within the next two days.

If however, the deadline for declaration of runners to the Registry Office is more than one day in advance of the race meeting, a rider shall be entitled to claim such allowance at any race meeting within the next three days.

**Note:** If a rider has reached on a Wednesday the maximum number of winners permissible, the existing allowance can still be claimed on the immediate Thursday and Friday but the new allowance must be claimed on the Saturday, or, if a rider has reached on a Thursday the maximum number of winners permissible, the existing allowance can still be claimed on the immediate Friday, Saturday and Sunday but the new allowance must be claimed on the Monday.

(c) Claiming Riders must notify the Office of the IHRB immediately after riding a winner outside of Ireland.

(iv) Deleted

### **Fences and Hurdles**

- 53.** In all steeplechase courses there shall be at least ten fences (exclusive of hurdles) in the first two miles and at least five fences in each succeeding mile and two at least of such fences shall be constructed as regulation fences. The remainder shall be built as plain fences.
- 54.** In all hurdle racecourses there shall not be less than four flights of hurdles in the first mile, with an additional flight of hurdles for every quarter of a mile or part of one beyond that distance. A template allowing for an overhang of twenty inches shall be provided at each flight of hurdles; hurdles shall be erected and re-erected with the use of this template to give an overhang of neither more nor less than twenty inches with the perpendicular height of the top bar not less than three feet one inch.
- 55.** Deleted

## **PART VI**

### **Conditions**

61. Deleted
62. In the event of any part of the conditions of a Race being omitted from the advertisement or in the event of the conditions being ambiguous the Directors of the IHRB shall give such directions as may seem to them in the circumstances to be just.



## **PART VII**

### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO HANDICAPS AND CERTAIN OTHER RACES**

#### **Handicaps**

66. (i) (a) A horse is handicapped on its best form and will be allotted a Rating accordingly. It is at the discretion of the handicapper when a horse's running justifies its Rating being altered. Runs below its best form do not necessarily mean the Rating will be altered.
- (b) When a horse is qualified to run in a Race and the Rating Band of that Race contains the lowest qualifying rating for the race type and the horse has a current rating below the minimum qualifying rating for the Race, that horse will be regarded as having a current rating equal to the minimum qualifying rating in the Rating Band of the race.
- (c) A horse which has been returned in training with a licensed Trainer in Ireland with a flat handicap Rating of less than 60 from a Turf Authority, that has gained its Rating by virtue of its performance while trained outside Ireland and that has never run in Ireland may, at the discretion of the Handicapper, be qualified to run in an Irish Flat Handicap, without running in a Flat race in Ireland, with a handicap rating of not less than 60 in the first instance.

In the event that the Handicapper does not exercise this discretion in a particular case, the horse may become eligible to run in handicaps by qualifying for an Irish handicap Rating in accordance with Rule 67 or where in the opinion of the Handicapper, having run once or twice in Ireland, the horse merits a Handicap Rating.

A horse trained outside of Ireland, with a flat handicap Rating of less than 60 from a Turf Authority, will not be qualified to run in an Irish Flat Handicap.

- (ii) Where under Rule 67 the handicapper at his discretion does not allot a weight to a horse qualified to be entered for a flat race, the horse shall be marked N.H. (not handicapped) and the owner will not be charged any entrance fee. The handicapper is not required to handicap a horse even though it has run three times and finished in flat races, unless he feels able on the basis of those runs to make a reasonable assessment of the horse's ability.
- (iii) Where under Rule 68 the handicapper at his discretion does not allot a weight to a horse qualified to be entered for an I.N.H.S. race, the horse shall be marked N.H. (not handicapped) and the owner will not be charged any entrance fee. The handicapper is

not required to handicap a horse even though it has run three times in hurdle races or in the case of steeplechases has run twice, unless he feels able on the basis of those runs to make a reasonable assessment of the horse's ability.

- (iv) If a horse is entered for a flat handicap and does not meet the qualifying provisions of Rule 67 or is entered in a handicap hurdle or handicap steeplechase and does not meet the qualifying provisions of Rule 68, the handicapper shall mark the horse N.Q. (not qualified) and the entrance fee will remain payable.
- (v) When the top weighted horse ("the top weight") declared to Horse Racing Ireland is more than 7lb clear of the next weighted horse, following any raising of the weights in
  - (a) Flat Handicaps where
    - the top of the Rating Band is 100 or more or
    - in flat handicaps without a published Rating Band and with an Advertised Value of €20,000 or more,or
  - (b) I.N.H.S. Handicaps where
    - the top of the Rating Band is 140 or more or
    - in I.N.H.S. handicaps without a published Rating Band and with an Advertised Value of €20,000 or more,

the race will be re-calculated omitting the top weight.

This alternative handicap will come into effect in the event of the withdrawal of the top weight in accordance with Rule 194(iii)(a), provided there is still a horse remaining in the race which was weighted below the minimum weight to be carried in the race following any raising of the weights in accordance with paragraph (vii) of this Rule.

- (vi) If any penalty is incurred after declaration under Rule 194, then the penalty incurred by that horse must be added to its weight as calculated at the time of declaration and published on the racecard. Should the race have an alternative handicap provision, which is being activated, the penalty in that instance must be added to the alternative weight furnished by the Registry Office and published on the racecard.
- (vii) If after the time of declaration in flat handicaps there are horses weighted below 8st 4lbs or the minimum stipulated weight in the conditions of the race, following any ballot or elimination, then the weights of all horses declared must be raised by an equal amount to maximise the relativity of individual weights in relation to the original handicap weights, but they must not be adjusted so as to raise the top weight declared beyond the top weight in the original handicap or the stipulated top weight in the conditions of the race, whichever is the lowest.

- (viii) If after the time of declaration in I.N.H.S. handicaps there are horses weighted below 9st 10lbs or the minimum stipulated weight in the conditions of the race, following any ballot or elimination, then the weights of all horses declared must be raised by an equal amount to maximise the relativity of individual weights in relation to the original handicap weights, but they must not be adjusted so as to raise the top weight declared beyond the top weight in the original handicap or the stipulated top weight in the conditions of the race, whichever is the lowest.
- (ix) For the purposes of raising the weights in paragraphs (vii) and (viii) of this Rule, the weight of any horse listed as a Reserve shall not activate the raising of the weights.

**67. For Flat Handicaps.**

- (i)
  - (a) A horse shall only be eligible to run in a handicap which before the time of entry has run and finished at least three times in flat races run under the Rules of Racing in Ireland, with the following exceptions:-
  - (b) Horses which, before the time of entry, have won a flat race, may at the discretion of the handicapper, be handicapped (subject to Rule 66(i)(c)).
  - (c) Horses which, before the time of entry, have run and finished at least three times in flat races
    - (i) run under these Rules or
    - (ii) run under the Rules of a Specified Authority or
    - (iii) some of which have been run under these Rules and some of which have been run under the Rules of a Specified Authority

may be eligible to run in a handicap at the discretion of the handicapper subject to Rule 66(i)(c).

N.B. In the case of nursery handicaps only, a horse must be returned in training with a Licensed Trainer in Ireland at the time of entry.

In this Rule a "flat race" does not include:

- an Irish National Hunt Flat Race
- a National Hunt Flat Race run in Great Britain.
- a flat race, for Amateur Riders, run under the Rules of a Specified Authority
- a flat race confined to AQPS French Bred horses

- (d) A horse shall not be allotted an initial handicap rating where in the opinion of the handicapper its performance would justify a rating below 45.
- (ii) The top weight at the calculation of the handicap shall not be less than 9st 10lbs or the top weight stipulated in the conditions of the race.
- (iii) Penalties incurred by winning after the calculation of the weights shall be added to the horses weight as originally published before the raising of the weights.

**68. For Steeplechase and Hurdle Race Handicaps.**

- (i)
  - (a) A horse shall not be eligible to run in a handicap hurdle until it has run at least three times in hurdle races.
  - (b) A winner of a hurdle race (with the exception of a walkover) may be allotted a weight and allowed to run in a handicap hurdle at the discretion of the handicapper.
  - (c) A horse shall not be eligible to run in a handicap steeplechase until it has run at least twice in steeplechases except on application to the handicapper, and, at his discretion a horse may be eligible to run in a handicap steeplechase after it has run once in a Steeplechase in Ireland.
  - (d) A winner of a steeplechase (with the exception of a walkover) may be allotted a weight and allowed to run in a handicap steeplechase at the discretion of the handicapper.
- (ii)
  - (a) The top weight shall be 11st 12lb, unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions of the race.
  - (b) In races where the top of the Rating Band is 140 or more or races with no Rating Band, the top weight shall be 11st 10lb, unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions of the race, although when no top weight is stipulated, the handicapper may at his discretion and in the fairest allocation of the weights increase the top weight beyond 11st 10lb.
  - (c) In races with no rating band, the top weight shall be 11st 10lb, unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions of the race, although when no top weight is stipulated, the handicapper may at his discretion and in the fairest allocation of the weights increase the top weight beyond 11st 10lb.
- (iii) Penalties incurred by winning after the calculation of the weights shall be added to the weight of the horse as originally published before the raising of weights.

### **Apprentice and Flat Jockeys Allowances**

- 69.** The holder of an Apprentice or Flat Jockey's licence shall be permitted to claim the following allowances in flat races:

10lb until they have won 3 races under any recognised Rules of Racing or Steeplechasing, thereafter,

7lb until they have won 30 such races in all, thereafter,

5lb until they have won 65 such races in all, thereafter,

3lb until they have won 95 such races in all.

These allowances shall be claimed in all races under Rules of Racing with the exception of:

- (1) Pattern Races.
  - (2) Listed W.F.A. Races and all W.F.A. Races of the advertised value of more than €40,000.
  - (3) Ladies Races.
  - (4) Apprentice Races.
- (i) A rider shall be entitled to claim the same riding allowance specified in this Rule throughout the day of racing as he was entitled to claim at the beginning of that day and shall be entitled to claim such allowance at any race meeting within the following two days.  
If however, the deadline for declaration of runners to the Registry Office is more than one day in advance of the race meeting, a rider shall be entitled to claim such allowance at any race meeting within the following three days.
- (ii) If a rider has reached on a Wednesday the maximum number of winners permissible the existing allowance can still be claimed on the immediate Thursday and Friday but the new allowance must be claimed on the Saturday, or, if a rider has reached on a Thursday the maximum number of winners permissible the existing allowance can still be claimed on the immediate Friday, Saturday and Sunday but the new allowance must be claimed on the Monday.
- (iii) Claiming Riders must notify the Office of the IHRB immediately after riding a winner outside of Ireland

### **Steeplechases for Hunters**

- 78.** (i) In all cases where the conditions of steeplechases require as a qualification that a Hunters Certificate be registered at the Office of the IHRB, then the registration of such Certificate on the

prescribed form issued by the Stewards of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee, signed by a Master of a recognised Pack of Hounds, or persons appointed by him, must be lodged at the Office of the IHRB with the appropriate fee for registration and publication in the Irish Racing Calendar.

- (ii) The name of the person authorised by the appointed Master to sign Certificates shall be notified to the Office of the IHRB together with a specimen signature of that person.
- (iii) A horse that has run in a Race under any Rules of Racing or Steeplechasing (Hunters Steeplechase, Point to Point Steeplechase, Private Sweepstakes excluded) on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September and before 1<sup>st</sup> November shall not be qualified to run in a steeplechase confined to horses with a valid Hunters Certificate, from the date of running in such race up to 25<sup>th</sup> December.
- (iv) A horse that has run in a Race under any Rules of Racing or Steeplechasing (Hunters Steeplechase, Point to Point Steeplechase, Private Sweepstakes excluded) on or after 1<sup>st</sup> November shall not be qualified to run in a steeplechase confined to horses with a valid Hunters Certificate, from the date of running in such race up to the first Monday in June of the following year.
- (v) Deleted

### **I.N.H. Flat Races**

**79.** For I.N.H. Flat Races the following conditions shall apply :

- (i) The scale of weight for age shall be the same as that for hurdle races as set out in Appendix 1.
- (ii) A horse shall not be qualified to start for an I.N.H. flat race if:
  - (a) It has run in a flat race or steeplechase.
  - (b) It has run in a hurdle race as a three year old.
  - (c) It has run in more than two hurdle races.
  - (d) It has run in six or more races of any kind under the Rules of any Turf Authority. This restriction does not apply to the number of times a horse placed in the first four in an I.N.H. Flat Race or a N.H Flat race run in Great Britain can run in I.N.H. Flat races.
  - (e) It has won a hurdle race.
- (iii) Qualified Riders under I.N.H.S. Rules may ride in all such races.

- (iv) In a limited number of races such jockeys who have not lost the right to claim an allowance will be permitted to ride without penalty and with the appropriate allowance.

## **PART VIII**

### **RACE HORSES**

#### **Pregnant Mares**

- 83.** Mares shall not be allowed to run in races after 120 days of pregnancy. A breach of this Rule shall be deemed an offence and the Trainer shall be liable to sanction by the Referrals Committee.

#### **Age**

- 84.** The age of a horse shall be reckoned as beginning on the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year in which it is foaled.

#### **Identification of Horses**

- 85.** (i) Passports are returnable on demand and are issued subject to the instructions contained therein and as laid down by the Directors of the IHRB for their use. The Regulations dealing with Passports are contained in the Appendix C "Regulations Relating To Passports And Identification Of Horses"
- (ii) The Directors of the IHRB have ordered that when the Passport is required to be presented for inspection, it should be lodged with the IHRB Veterinary Officer or Veterinary Officer Assistant in accordance with the provisions of Rule 90.

#### **Registration of Names of Horses**

- 86.** (i) (a) A horse shall not be qualified to start for any race under these Rules until it has been duly named and registered in accordance with the following sections of this Rule and not before the Monday following registration of the name, except when the name has previously been registered in Great Britain.
- (b) A name will be deemed to be registered following receipt in the Registry Office of an accepted and approved naming application in compliance with the requirements of this Rule.
- (ii) An application to register a name must state the colour, sex, age, sire, dam, dam's sire and country of foaling, such application will not be accepted for registration unless the horse has been registered in the General Stud Book or the Stud Book of a recognised Stud Book Authority or Weatherbys Non-Thoroughbred Register.



- (iii) A name or, by permission of the Directors of the IHRB, a change of, or cancellation of name, can only be registered by application to the Registry Office on the prescribed form.
- (iv) Particulars required for registration of a name for a horse are:
  - (a) For horses foaled in Ireland or Great Britain the application must be accompanied by:-
    - 1 the Passport issued for that horse by the Stud Book Authority. The Passport must show evidence from a Veterinary Surgeon confirming that the horse has been implanted with an identifying microchip.
    - 2 When the authorised person is unable to confirm the markings of the horse shown in the Passport are consistent with the horse, then the said person must provide an up to date certificate of age and markings signed by a Veterinary Surgeon who is neither the Owner nor the Trainer of the horse, nor a person for whom the Trainer of the horse holds a current Racing Establishment Employee Card.
  - (b) For horses foaled outside Ireland or Great Britain the application must be accompanied by:
    - 1 the Passport issued for that horse by the Stud Book Authority of the country of foaling. The Passport must show evidence from a Veterinary Surgeon confirming that the horse has been implanted with an identifying microchip.
    - 2 a certificate of age and markings signed by a Veterinary Surgeon who is neither the Owner nor the Trainer of the horse, nor a person for whom the Trainer of the horse holds a current Racing Establishment Employee Card.
  - (c) Application to register a name for any horse domiciled outside Ireland must be made to the Racing or Stud Book Authority of the relevant country.
- (v) On receipt of an application for a name for a Horse the Registry Office will communicate with Weatherbys and if there is no other horse of the same name and provided that the name is not that of a celebrated horse, or mare, the name will be registered in accordance with paragraph (i)(b) of this Rule and published in the Irish Racing Calendar (registrations supplement) and on the Racing Administration System (RÁS).

- (vi) When a name is registered for a horse foaled outside Ireland a letter code will be added to denote the country of origin.
- (vii) If the same name be simultaneously claimed for two or more horses the order of priority shall be determined by lot at the Registry Office.
- (x) A name may not be changed or cancelled for any horse:
  - (a) Whose name has been registered by any recognised Turf Authority, except with the permission of that Turf Authority, or
  - (b) Which has run under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority, or has run in a Point-to-Point Steeplechase, or
  - (c) Which has been registered either as a Broodmare or as a Stallion in the General Stud Book or in Weatherbys Non-Thoroughbred Register or in the Stud Book or Non-Thoroughbred Register of any recognised Turf Authority.
- (xi) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that an application to register the name of any horse will be refused unless it and its sire and dam are each the produce of a natural service or covering and unless a natural gestation took place in and delivery was from the body of the mare in which the foal was conceived and if a name is registered for a horse produced by other means the registration shall be void.

### **Disqualification of Horses**

**87.** A horse is not qualified to be entered or run for any race:

- (i) Unless it and its sire and dam are each the produce of a natural service or covering and unless a natural gestation took place in, and delivery was from, the body of the mare in which the horse was conceived.
- (ii) If and so long as it is in the ownership or part ownership of a disqualified person, or so long as any disqualified person has any interest in such horse's winnings in such race (except as under Rule 89).
- (iii) If and so long as it is in the stable of, or under the care and management of a disqualified person, but when such a person incurs disqualification under Rule 167 (unpaid Forfeit List) the horse shall be qualified to be entered or run until 14 days have elapsed from the date of publication in the Forfeit List.
- (iv) If and so long as it is (A) in the Forfeit List or (B) in the Official Forfeit List or list of arrears officially notified by a recognised Turf Authority of any country.
- (v) if the conditions exclude the horse from the race.
- (vi) scheduled to be run during any period for which the horse has been restricted from running by the Stewards, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body.

(vii) A horse is not qualified to start for any race:

- (a) If it has been vaccinated or re-vaccinated on a date less than 7 days previous to the race.
- (b) If it has been tubed on a date less than 7 days previous to the race.
- (c) If it has received an intra-articular injection of glucocorticoids on a date less than 14 days previous to the race.
- (d) If it has been administered any substance (by injection, orally or any other method) other than normal feed and water offered by mouth from midnight of the day of the Race Meeting unless an IHRB Veterinary Officer grants a special dispensation.
- (e) If it has been the subject of a neurectomy operation.
- (f) If it is trained by an unlicensed person or following the running of a race is found to have been trained by an unlicensed person when running in such race.
- (g) If the rider nominated to ride is not qualified according to the conditions of the race or following the running of a race the horse is found to have been ridden by a person not qualified to ride in such race.
- (h) If it has been administered any bisphosphonate,
  - (i) on the day of the race or on any of the thirty days before the day of the race in which the horse is declared to run;
  - (ii) and/or if it is less than 4 years of age, with age being taken from the 1<sup>st</sup> January and foaled on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020.
- (i) unless it is currently registered with Weatherbys Ireland within the meaning of the 2014 Regulations and in compliance with Rule 88(i) or in the case of any horse which is trained outside of Ireland registered with the relevant Stud Book Authority.

- 88.**
- (i) An Owner of any horse shall ensure that the registration of such horse with Weatherbys Ireland is kept up to date and that on the occasion of any change of ownership the Statutory Equine (Transfer of Ownership) Form prescribed by the 2014 Regulations is completed and lodged with Weatherbys Ireland within 30 days.
  - (ii) An Owner shall ensure that any horse which that person owns is kept at all times at a Registered Equine Premises and shall on request from the Directors of the IHRB furnish the Equine Premises Registration Number of the premises where such horse is being kept.
  - (iii) It shall be a breach of this Rule for any person to knowingly provide inaccurate or misleading information concerning the

location of a Horse to the Directors of the IHRB or any person appointed by them to investigate such matter.

- 89.** Where the conditions of a race provide for the payment of a bonus to the breeder of a winning or placed horse and a breeder of such a horse is found to be a disqualified person, the horse shall not be disqualified and the bonus shall be paid to the owner(s) provided that they are not the disqualified persons.

#### **Identification and Vaccination Checks**

- 90.**
- (i) The Horse should be presented for identification by an IHRB Official at least one (1) hour prior to the time fixed for the running of the race in which the Horse is declared to run. In exceptional circumstances, the Stewards may allow an additional 10 minutes for late arrival where the Stewards have been notified in advance that a Horse may be late.
  - (ii) The Trainer is responsible for having checked that the markings of the Horse are accurately and completely recorded in the Passport and endorsing the Passport accordingly.
  - (iii) On the first time that the Horse is formally identified by an IHRB Veterinary Officer/Assistant, and/or if the horse is not trained in Ireland, five points of identification will be confirmed, one of which is to be the microchip transponder. The microchip may be used thereafter as confirmation of identity.
  - (iv) If the Horse cannot be positively identified by the IHRB Veterinary Officer/Assistant according to the principles of Rule 90 (iii), the Horse shall be withdrawn by the Stewards and the matter shall be referred to a Senior Racing Official for investigation.
  - (v) If the Horse can be positively identified but there are discrepancies in the markings as recorded in the Passport, the Trainer shall have thirty (30) days to update the Passport. If the discrepancies have not been corrected to the satisfaction of an IHRB Veterinary Officer/Assistant by the expiration of the thirty (30) day period the Horse shall not be eligible to start until the Passport has been corrected to the satisfaction of an IHRB Veterinary Officer/Assistant.
  - (vi) No Trainer shall present a Horse to race where the Horse in question is not the Horse identified in the passport and/or is not the Horse declared to run for the Race in question.
  - (vii) Any Trainer found to be in breach of this rule may be sanctioned under Rule 14.

### **Identity check for winners**

- (vi) When a horse has been placed first and the Winner All Right signal authorised the IHRB Veterinary Officer shall verify the identity of the horse.

### **Equine Influenza Vaccinations**

- (vii) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any horse to enter racecourse property on a designated Raceday unless the trainer has available for inspection by the IHRB Veterinary Officer or Veterinary Officer Assistant, a valid Passport and Vaccination Certificate endorsed in accordance with Rule 91 by a Veterinary Surgeon (who is neither the Owner nor the Trainer of the horse) or by a recognised Turf Authority stating that the horse has received the vaccinations required under this Rule.

### **Administering and endorsing vaccinations**

- 91.** (i) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any Horse to enter Racecourse Property on a designated Raceday unless it is certified by a veterinary surgeon as vaccinated against Equine Influenza in accordance with the following;
  - 1. Primary Course of Vaccination shall comprise of:
    - a. First vaccination;
    - b. Second vaccination between 21 and 92 days after the first;
    - c. Third vaccination between 150 and 215 days after the second.
  - 2. Booster equine influenza vaccination administered at least on an annual basis or such lesser time as the Directors of the IHRB may in an emergency direct.
- (ii) No vaccine can be administered within the previous seven days otherwise the Horse shall not be qualified to start. For the avoidance of doubt there must be six clear days between vaccination and Raceday.
- (iii) The Trainer is responsible for having checked that the equine influenza vaccination certification of the Horse is up to date and completely recorded in the Passport and endorsing same accordingly.

- (iv) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Rule the Stewards will permit any horse to run in a race before receiving the third vaccination of the primary course.
  - (v) The IHRB must be satisfied that the certification of vaccination is in compliance with this Rule 91 before a Horse may enter Racecourse Property or run in a Race and shall be entitled to request evidence of same. The vaccination certification must have been approved by the IHRB by 5pm the last working day prior to the day of declaration.
  - (vi) Vaccinations shall only be administered and /or certified by a registered veterinary surgeon.
  - (vii) Once the Horse has been returned in training or registered for a Hunters Certificate for the first time vaccinations may not be administered and/or certified by a veterinary surgeon who has an involvement in the Horse as an Owner (including Company Ownership, Racing Syndicate or Racing Club), Trainer or Handler.
  - (viii) In exceptional circumstances where it is not possible to update the vaccination certification in the Passport and with the prior permission of the CVO, written confirmation of vaccination status in accordance with Rule 91 may be accepted from a Veterinary Surgeon or a recognised Turf Authority.
  - (ix) The Trainer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this Rule for all horses under their care and control and breaches may be dealt with in accordance with Rule 14.
- 92.** An Emergency Passport may be accepted with written certification that the horse's vaccinations are in order by a Veterinary Surgeon and with prior permission of the CVO.
- 93.** Deleted
- 94.** Deleted
- 95.** (i) When a horse is to travel outside of Ireland for the purposes of running in races, the Trainer must inform Horse Racing Ireland in writing during office hours and no later than the day prior to the deadline for declaration, of the name of the country to which the horse is to travel together with the name of the horse and the race name and date of the first race in which the horse is to run. Horse Racing Ireland will then submit a Racing Clearance Notification (RCN) to the recognised Turf Authority staging the race.  
The above requirement will not apply to horses travelling to Great Britain to race.

**Note:** The RCN will attest that a) the horse is free or not free as the case may be from any restrictions preventing it from racing, b) that the Trainer is duly licensed and c) that the Owner is duly registered and does not appear on the Forfeit List. For the purposes of the RCN a restriction on a horse does not include incomplete records of vaccination.

- (ii) Deleted
- (iii) When a horse is declared to run trained by a trainer not licensed in Ireland or Great Britain a Racing Clearance Notification should be received by Horse Racing Ireland, either by email or fax from the Turf Authority of the country in which the horse is trained, no later than the day prior to the time fixed for declaration under Rule 194. Failure to lodge the RCN shall render the trainer liable to a fine and the Stewards may refuse to allow the horse to run.

#### **Presence of a Prohibited Substance and Substances Prohibited at All Times**

96. (a) When a Horse has been examined or tested and Samples taken pursuant to Rule 18 and such examination or test or an analysis of such Samples shows the presence of any Prohibited Substance, unless the concentration of the Prohibited Substance is below the threshold level for that substance (if any) as set out in the Schedule of Prohibited Substances, it shall be a breach of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules and the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body as the case may be, may direct that:
- the Horse be restricted from running for such time as it shall determine;
  - the Horse be disqualified for the race in question and the stake be forfeited;
  - the Trainer of the Horse be fined not less than €1,000 and/or
  - the Trainer's licence be withdrawn for such period as it may consider appropriate.

However, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, as the case may be, may waive the fine if it is satisfied that the Prohibited Substance was administered unknowingly and that the Trainer had taken all reasonable precautions to avoid a breach of this Rule.

It shall not be a defence that the Prohibited Substance was administered under the supervision of a Veterinary Surgeon as part of a course of treatment prescribed by the Veterinary Surgeon or that the administration of the Prohibited Substance ceased at a time recommended by the Veterinary Surgeon.

(b) When a Horse has been examined or tested and Samples taken pursuant to Rule 20(xviii) 1 and such examination or test or an analysis of such Samples shows the presence of any Prohibited Substance, unless the concentration of the Prohibited Substance is below the threshold level for that substance (if any) as set out in the Schedule of Prohibited Substances, it shall be a breach of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules and the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body as the case may be, may direct that:

- the Horse be restricted from running for such time as it shall determine;
- the Trainer and/or the Owner of the Horse be fined not less than €1,000; and/or
- the Trainer's licence be withdrawn for such period as it may consider appropriate;

However, in cases where the Prohibited Substance found is:

- (i) not a Prohibited Substance which is prohibited at all times including in training as provided for in the Schedule of Prohibited Substances; and
- (ii) can be traced to the clinical treatment of the Horse with an Authorised Medicine which has been properly recorded in the Medicines Register maintained by the Trainer and verified in writing by the stable's Veterinary Surgeon (if applicable),

No further action shall be taken.

(c) When a Horse has been examined or tested and Samples taken pursuant to Rule 18 or to Rule 20(xviii) and such examination or test or an analysis of such Samples shows the presence of a Prohibited Substance which is prohibited at all times as set out in the Schedule of Prohibited Substances, the Referrals Committee or the Appeal Body, as the case may be, may direct that:

- the Horse be disqualified and the stake forfeited in relation to any race or races in which the Horse took part before or following the taking of such Sample and prior to the decision of the Referrals Committee, regardless of the result of a Sample or Samples taken (if any) on the day of such subsequent race or races;
- the Horse be restricted from running for such time as it shall determine;
- the Trainer or the Owner be fined not less than €1,000 and/or



- the Trainer's licence be withdrawn for such period as it may consider appropriate.

(d) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person who

- holds a Licence from the IHRB or
- is an Owner or
- is a Handler within the meaning of the current Regulations for Point to Point Steeplechases or
- is the current holder of a Racing Establishment Employee Card

- (i) to be in possession of or have on their premises or
- (ii) to administer or cause or direct or permit to be administered to a Horse while under their care or

any of the following substances:

- Prohibited Animal Remedies as defined in the Animal Remedies Act 1993 or substances the possession of which is rendered unlawful by Regulations made under that Act;
- substances contained in the schedule of substances prohibited at all times under Regulation R14.

## **PART IX**

### **ENTRIES, FORFEITS, LEVIES, ACCEPTANCES, SALES**

#### **Entries and declaration of Forfeit**

- 97.** Every race and every declaration of forfeit shall close at 12 noon with Horse Racing Ireland and the date shall be fixed in the advertisement of the race as published in the Irish Racing Calendar. Entries may also close with the Racing Calendar Office at Wellingborough or with any Turf Authority recognised by the Directors of the IHRB. All declaration of runners shall close at 10.00 a.m.
- 98.** (i) The list of entries shall be closed at the advertised time and no entry made after that time shall be admitted on any grounds.  
(ii) Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph (i) above;
- (a) In every Race which closes under the 5 Day Entry System where there are less than 10 entries at the time fixed for the closing of entries there will be an automatic supplementary time period of 45 minutes during which additional entries may be made for that race. For the purposes of this Rule not more than 2 entries per trainer shall be taken into account when calculating the number of entries received.  
Entries may not be cancelled within this supplementary time period.
- (b) The Directors of the IHRB in consultation with Horse Racing Ireland shall have absolute discretion to declare a race void in the event of a race receiving less entries at the time of entry than the recommended limit of horses permitted to run in that race.
- 99.** A horse is not qualified to run for any race unless it is duly entered for the same.
- 100.** An entry may, before the time of closing, be altered or withdrawn.
- 101.** (i) The entries and weights for early closing races shall be published at least one week prior to the meeting and the entries and weights for all other races shall be published at least three days prior to the meeting on the Racing Administration System (RÁS).  
(ii) Deleted  
(iii) In any race where there shall be any particular conditions required as a qualification to start such conditions shall extend to the time of starting unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race.

- (iv) The qualifying ratings for handicaps shall be calculated on each Monday at 12 noon. The qualifying rating for each horse shall be equivalent to the horse's current Rating at that time.
- 102.** Allowances under the conditions of the race must, where practicable, be claimed at the time of entry or they shall not be allowed.  
N.B. - "Practicable" in this Rule means when an allowance cannot be nullified or affected by any subsequent event.

### **Form of Entry or Nomination**

- 103.** (i) Entries shall be made in writing by the owner of the horse or his authorised agent and declarations of forfeit in like manner by the owner of the horse holding the engagement, or his authorised agent, subject to the Rules relating to sales with engagements. For the purpose of this Rule a transmission by facsimile, the Racing Administration System (RÁS) or electronic mail shall be deemed to be in writing. However, entries and declarations of forfeit may be accepted by HRI via telephone in exceptional circumstances. Entries and declaration of forfeit shall be accepted by electronic mail provided the mail includes the Trainer's Horse Racing Ireland account number and is received before the closing time specified in Rule 97 at the dedicated mail address published by Horse Racing Ireland for acceptance of such entries and forfeits. Except for Group 1 Races only a horse may not be entered for any race unless and until it has been returned in training by a licensed Trainer.
- (ii) Entries made to the Racing Calendar Office at Wellingborough or any recognised Turf Authority shall in all respects be subject to these Rules, except that registrations under Rules 119, 121, 122, 122A and 123 or of an Authorised Agent, need not be registered in this country provided that in these respects the entry would be valid under the Rules of the Turf Authority to whom the entry is made.
- 104.** The entry shall be in the name of one person except as provided in Rules 105, 121, 122, 122A and 123 and shall state the name of the owner, the name of the horse and the meeting number and race letter.
- 105.** Horses the property of the Irish National Stud Co. Ltd. may be raced under these Rules in the name of the President of Ireland, who shall be deemed to be the lessee of such horses.
- 106.** A horse shall not be entered for any race unless its name has been registered by the Turf Authority of the country in which the horse was foaled.

- (i) When entering a horse whose name has been registered in Ireland it shall only be necessary to state the name and year of foaling of the horse.
  - (ii) When entering a horse whose name has not been registered in Ireland but has been registered with a Turf Authority outside Ireland:
    - (a) If the entry is made to the Registry Office in Ireland it shall be necessary to give the horse's name as registered with the other Turf Authority together with the horse's year of foaling, sex, colour and pedigree.
    - (b) If the entry is made to a Turf Authority outside Ireland with which the name of the horse has already been registered it shall only be necessary to state the name and year of foaling of the horse.
  - (iii) A horse trained in Ireland may not be entered for any race unless the owner is duly registered in accordance with Rule 119.
  - (iv) When an application for registration of a name for a horse not previously registered with a Turf Authority outside Ireland, has been made to the Registry Office, the horse may not be entered for a race prior to the registration of the name.
- 107.** No alteration or addition shall be made in any entry after the time fixed for closing, except in cases expressly sanctioned by these Rules.

### **Correction and Transfer of Entries**

- 108.** In the cases mentioned later in this Rule any accidental error or violation of Rules affecting entries may be corrected on payment of a fee of not less than €65 provided always that the Chief Executive of Horse Racing Ireland is satisfied that there has been no fraud.
- (a) Incorrect or imperfect description relating to the making of entries in Part IX or
  - (b) Omission to register multiple ownership in accordance with Rules 121, 122, 122A and 123;

must be made by the time fixed for the declaration of runners under Rule 194(i).

It shall be a breach of these rules for any horse to run without the prescribed correction having been made. The Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body may impose fines upon, or otherwise deal with, any person responsible for such error.

A horse shall not be disqualified on account of any such error or violation of Rule in the entry, which might have been corrected on payment of a fee.

### **Subscriptions**

- 110.** In the event of the death of an Owner all entries made in his or her name shall not become void and such entries and liabilities shall hold good and be transferred to his or her personal representative.

### **Owner's Q.R. Levy**

- 112.** A levy of €2.50 shall be paid by the Owner to the Qualified Riders Accident Fund in respect of each entry in all I.N.H. Flat Races and in all other races in which the riders are confined to Qualified Riders.

### **Acceptances**

- 113.** Deleted.
- 114.** A horse shall not be considered as struck out of any of its engagements until the owner of the horse holding the engagements or some duly Authorised person shall have given notice in writing at the Registry Office. For the purpose of this Rule a transmission by facsimile or on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) shall be deemed to be in writing. The notification of the death of the horse shall be the equivalent to declaration of forfeit or cancellation of entry.

### **Sale with Engagements**

- 115.** On the sale of a horse holding engagements all engagements shall pass to and become the property of the purchaser. The vendor shall be liable for all entrance money, fees and forfeits due at the date of registration of sale. After the registration of sale the purchaser shall be liable for all entrance money, fees and forfeits, except for those already due at the date of registration of sale, always provided that Rule 165 continues to apply. In the case of a sale by private treaty or Public Auction a document of sale shall be signed by the vendor and purchaser or their authorised agents and lodged in the Registry Office or with the Clerk of the Course for transmission to the Registry Office, before the horse starts for its next engagement and the date of registration shall be the date of lodgement of the document. The vendor of a horse holding engagements cannot strike the horse out of any such engagements after the registration of sale. An engagement in a Private Sweepstakes or Match cannot be transferred and shall be rendered void on the death of the Owner.

## **PART X**

### **OWNERSHIP**

#### **Register of Owners**

- 119.** (i) Horse Racing Ireland shall maintain a Register of Owners of horses. The name of an owner may only be registered by application to the Registry Office on the prescribed form, which will be signed by the applicant unless otherwise ordered by Horse Racing Ireland. If at the time of, or subsequent to the date of registration, the application is found not to have been signed by the applicant personally, the registration of the owner shall automatically become void. All other registrations of the ownership of horses entered into by that owner at that time or subsequently shall be cancelled. The appropriate fee must accompany each application. No company other than a Recognised Company may be registered as an owner. Persons whose names are recorded on or before 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1980 in the Registry Office as being an owner within the meaning of these Rules shall remain automatically registered on the Register.

In considering an application for registration, Horse Racing Ireland shall be entitled to seek such information or to make such enquiries as they shall consider relevant. If at the time of, or subsequent to the date of registration, such information as may be supplied is found to be incorrect or misleading, the registration may be cancelled as may all other registrations which rely on that registration.

If a registration is cancelled for any of the above reasons, it will be necessary to make a new application and the appropriate registration fees, where applicable, will be charged. In such instances, the Directors of the IHRB shall determine what further action, if any, they deem to be appropriate.

Horse Racing Ireland shall have complete discretion whether to approve and register any person as a Registered Owner, save that they shall not approve and register any person unless they are satisfied that he/she is not a Disqualified Person.

Registration shall be effective 2 working days following acceptance of the appropriate forms.

If any Registered Owner shall become a Disqualified Person, the Registration shall become void and if Horse Racing Ireland shall register the name of a Disqualified Person, the Registration shall be void.

Unless Horse Racing Ireland shall otherwise determine, the registration of a Registered Owner shall be automatically renewed each year without payment of fee.

Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the personal representative of a deceased (Registered) Owner running a horse solely under the description "Executor(s), Administrator(s) or Personal Representative of deceased".

Unless otherwise determined by Horse Racing Ireland a personal representative need not apply to be put on the Register provided that the deceased was a Registered Owner at the time of death.

### **Assumed Names**

- 120.** It shall be a breach of these Rules for an owner to make use of an assumed name for the purpose of entering or running horses and any horse entered under any assumed name shall be disqualified and the owner shall be subject to sanction by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body.

### **Multiple Ownership, Lease, Contingency**

- 121.** (i) (a) Ownership Forms, Colour Forms, Lease Forms, Partnership Forms, Contingency Forms and Syndicate Forms will only be accepted for registration if they are signed by the principal(s), except in the case of Recognised Companies and Syndicates where the forms must be signed by the Registered Agents or in the case of a Club where the forms must be signed by one of the Trustees.
- (b) Sale Forms, Lease Forms, Partnership Forms and Syndicate Forms will only be accepted for registration where the horse's name has been registered under Rule 86.
- (ii) Horse Racing Ireland may at any time impose such conditions as they think fit as a condition of recognition in relation to the entry and running of a horse which is owned by a Recognised Company, including the provision of Guarantees by the directors, shareholders or other officers of the Recognised Company.
- (iii) In the event of a horse sold with contingencies, leased, syndicated or the subject of any other arrangement a document stating the names of all the parties interested shall be signed by the principal(s) or their Authorised Agent and lodged at the Registry Office and shall state fully the terms of such sale with contingencies, lease, syndicate or other joint arrangement before any such horse shall be entered or start for a race.
- (iv) All partnerships, sales with contingencies, leases, syndicates and other joint arrangement, shall be published in the Irish Racing Calendar and on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) and any termination or severance must be notified at once to the Registry Office.
- (v) In all the above cases the appropriate registration fee shall be paid on each horse.
- (vi) If a horse is entered for any race without such registration having been lodged the omission may be corrected under Rule 108, at any time before the horse runs for that race, provided that the Directors of the IHRB are satisfied that the omission was accidental.

- (vii) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any horse to be entered or run in a race where the correct ownership details have not been lodged in the Registry Office.

### **Partnership**

- 122.** (i) In the case of Partnerships a document stating;
- (a) the name and address of every partner of whom there shall not be more than four having an interest in a horse.
  - (b) the signatures of all partners and the relative proportions of such interest.
  - (c) the first named partner in whose name and colours the horse shall run in accordance with Rule 104 and the name of any one or other of the partners whose names are to appear on the racecard.  
Alternatively, a collective partnership name, which must be approved by Horse Racing Ireland, may appear on the racecard as the owner but such partnership name will merely denote the collective ownership of the horse. The partnership name will be deemed unique to the particular named members for the period the partnership registration is in existence and the colours of the first named partner will appear on the racecard.
  - (d) the method of accounting, which may be conducted through the account of either:
    - the first named partner on the partnership form or
    - each partner relative to their share.
- (ii) A partnership form must be lodged with Horse Racing Ireland or with the Clerk of the Course for transmission to Horse Racing Ireland for any horse the property of a partnership before it can be entered or start for any race. All partners, who shall be registered owners, shall be jointly and severally liable for every stake or forfeit and they shall not assign their share or any part thereof in a horse without the consent of the other partners. In the event of the cancellation of a partnership each partner must confirm their agreement to the cancellation in writing. Where there is a change to the composition or terms of an existing registered partnership a new partnership form must be completed and signed by all the relevant shareholders and confirmation in writing from any previously registered partner who no longer has an interest in the horse, if applicable, must be received by Horse Racing Ireland before any such new partnership can be registered and such new registration will incur a fee.
- The Partnership registration remains in force until cancelled in writing by all parties. Owners' account will be debited with the appropriate re-registration fee unless notice in writing that the partnership is cancelled before 31<sup>st</sup> December.



## **Syndicate**

- (iii) In the case of Syndicates a document stating;
  - (a) the name and address of each member, of whom there shall not be less than five and not more than twenty sharing an interest in a horse.
  - (b) the signatures of all the members confirming that they are not disqualified persons and the relative proportions of their interest in the horse.
  - (c) the name of the appointed Registered Agent, who must be a member of the syndicate.
  - (d) the name of the Syndicate, which will be deemed unique to the particular named members and their relative shareholding, for the period a syndicate registration is in existence.
  - (e) such further information as Horse Racing Ireland may from time to time require.
  - (f) The Registered Agent will be required to remove any member from the syndicate if that person is subsequently deemed a disqualified person.
- (iv) A Syndicate shall only be entitled to exercise its powers of an owner through its Registered Agent, who shall for the purposes of these Rules be treated as the sole owner, and be subject to all the liabilities, duties and privileges of ownership. Other than running a horse under the name of the syndicate no privilege of ownership shall attach to any member of the syndicate other than the Registered Agent.
- (v) The horse may be entered and run in either the name of the Registered Agent or the Syndicate name.
- (vi) Horse Racing Ireland shall have complete discretion whether to approve and register any person as a Registered Agent save that they shall not approve and register any person unless they are satisfied that:-
  - The person is not a Disqualified Person
  - The person has been duly appointed to act as a Registered Agent by the Syndicate
- (vii) Before a horse the property of a Syndicate can be returned in training under Rule 148(vi) or start for any race the Syndicate must have been registered in accordance with these Rules.
- (viii) If at any time after the Syndicate has been registered there is any variation in the membership, or to the shareholding in the syndicate, written notification on a form approved for such purpose, must be lodged with the Horse Racing Ireland for approval. Such notification must be signed by any outgoing or incoming member or by any member whose relative shareholding is being changed and witnessed by the Registered Agent. Any

such alterations to a syndicate will apply to all horses registered in that syndicate name.

- (ix) Without prejudice to the foregoing Horse Racing Ireland may at their absolute discretion at any time and without assigning any reason therefore withdraw their approval of a syndicate or any change to it and cancel any syndicate registration or remove any member from the syndicate registration in the event of that person being found to be a disqualified person.

### **Lease**

- (x) In the case of a Lease a document stating;
- (a) the names, addresses and signatures of both the lessor and the lessee.
  - (b) the terms of the lease.
  - (c) such further information as Horse Racing Ireland may from time to time require.
  - (d) the lessee will be deemed to be the sole owner for racing purposes for the term of the lease.
- (xi) A Lease in a horse for a day may be registered by any of the undermentioned:
- An Individual
  - Group of People
  - Company

Provided that no such individual or any persons associated with the Group or Company are Disqualified Persons as defined under Rule 1, and provided that the following documents are completed and lodged with the Registry Office before the time of declaration of runners under Rule 194:

- A lease specifying that the horse is leased for one day only and nominating the race. The lease form must be signed by both the lessee, or in the case of a Group or Company a nominee, and the lessor. The horse will run in the name of the lessee but carry the colours of the Owner in whose name the entry was made. All monies won will be credited to the lessor and all fees shall be debited to the lessor.
- A declaration recognising and agreeing to be bound by the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules.
- A form of Authorised Agent signed in favour of the Trainer.
- In the case of a Group, a list of names and addresses of members of the Group signed and certified as being correct by a member of the Group who shall be the nominated person. The horse may run in the name of the

Group provided always that Horse Racing Ireland shall have full and final approval of the name.

- In the case of a Company, proof of Legal Registration under the relevant Laws governing such registration, the Chief Executive Officer or any member of the Company approved by him in writing shall be the nominee who shall sign all documents on behalf of the Company.

Without prejudice to the foregoing, Horse Racing Ireland may at their absolute discretion refuse to register a 'Lease for a Day' or withdraw their approval for such a registration at any time without assigning any reason therefore.

### **Recognised Company**

- 122A.** (i) A horse may be entered in the name of a Company provided it is a Recognised Company. In order to become a Recognised Company a Company must furnish the following documentation to the Registry Office for the approval of Horse Racing Ireland:
- (a) Such evidence as to the incorporation of the Company and that it remains in good standing as may be directed by Horse Racing Ireland.
  - (b) A copy of the Memorandum and Articles or Constitution of the Company.
  - (c) Details of the Shareholders and Directors of the Company.
  - (d) A copy of the latest audited Balance sheet and Profit and Loss Account.
  - (e) Such further information (if any) as Horse Racing Ireland may direct.
- (ii) Horse Racing Ireland may in their absolute discretion at any time withdraw their recognition of a Recognised Company and cancel the declaration of such Company as a Recognised Company.
- (iii) Without prejudice to the foregoing, Horse Racing Ireland may cancel the registration if:
- (a) Any Director of the Company or person with 10% or more shareholding is or becomes a disqualified person or is adjudicated a Bankrupt.
  - (b) Any officer of the Company fails to furnish to Horse Racing Ireland such information as they may demand within a reasonable time.
  - (c) The Company is being wound up or a Receiver, or Receiver and Manager, has been appointed.
  - (d) Any Registered Agent of the Company is or becomes a Disqualified Person.

- (iv) A horse owned by a Recognised Company may not be entered or run in any race unless the Company has appointed a Registered Agent and has lodged such appointment in the Registry Office.
- (v) A Recognised Company shall only be entitled to exercise the powers of an owner through its Registered Agent who will be deemed to be the owner for the purposes of these Rules.
- (vi) Horse Racing Ireland shall have complete discretion whether to approve and register any person as a Registered Agent save that they shall not approve and register any person unless they are satisfied that:
  - (a) He is not a Disqualified Person.
  - (b) He is not an Undischarged Bankrupt.
  - (c) He has been duly appointed to act as a Registered Agent by the Recognised Company.
- (vii) Horse Racing Ireland may in their absolute discretion at any time and without assigning any reason therefor, withdraw their approval of any Registered Agent and cancel his registration without prejudice to the foregoing, registration will automatically be cancelled if:
  - (a) The Registered Agent is or becomes a Disqualified Person.
  - (b) The Registered Agent is adjudicated a Bankrupt.
  - (c) The Recognised Company ceases for any reason to be registered as such.
- (viii) Registration of a Registered Agent will be cancelled at the request of the Recognised Company if such request is made in writing accompanied by a Resolution of a meeting of the Board of Directors of such Recognised Company duly certified by the Chairman of such meeting, recording the Company's Resolution to cancel such registration, or such other information as may be deemed necessary.
- (ix) A horse may be entered and run in the name of the Recognised Company but there will be no objection to the horse being entered or running in the name of the Registered Agent provided such declaration and particulars of horses are notified in advance to the Registry Office.
- (x) On the registration in the Registry Office of a Recognised Company a fee shall be payable.

### **Recognised Club**

- 123.**
- (i) A Recognised Club is a club whether proprietary or members, which has been approved and registered as a Recognised Club by Horse Racing Ireland
  - (ii) Horse Racing Ireland shall have complete discretion whether to approve and register any Club as a Recognised Club but shall only approve and register such a Club where:
    - (a) the Rules of the Club, as amended where required by Horse Racing Ireland, have been approved by Horse Racing Ireland. Such Rules must include provisions for the appointment of Trustees and setting out the powers and duties of the Trustees, which must empower the Trustees to comply with paragraph (ix) of this Rule.
    - (b) a list of the current members of the Club, complete as at midnight on the day before lodgement has been lodged at the Registry Office.
    - (c) the appropriate fee for registration as determined from time to time by Horse Racing Ireland has been lodged.
  - (iii) Any proposed amendment addition to or deletion from the approved Rules must be submitted to and approved by Horse Racing Ireland which may at any time require the Club to furnish an up-to-date list on members.
  - (iv) Horse Racing Ireland may at any time at its absolute discretion, and without assigning any reason for its decision withdraw its approval of the club and cancel its registration as a Recognised Club.
  - (v) Horses must be entered in the name of one of the Trustees but the horse may run in the name of the Recognised Club.
  - (vi) The Trustees shall for the purposes of the Rules be regarded as the joint owners of any horses running in the name of a trustee or in the name of the Club, and are subject to all the liabilities duties and obligations of joint ownership under these Rules.
  - (vii) Before the Club can enter or run any horse the ownership of that horse must be vested in the Trustees, of whom there must be not less than two, all of whose names must be approved and registered with Horse Racing Ireland. Horse Racing Ireland may at its absolute discretion refuse to approve a Trustee, or withdraw its approval and cancel the registration of any Trustee.

- (viii) The privilege of running the horse under the name of the Club is the only privilege of ownership that will attach to members of the Club other than the Trustees.
- (ix) If any member of the Club becomes a disqualified person the Trustees shall cancel the membership of that person.
- (x) If a Trustee becomes a disqualified person then Horse Racing Ireland shall cancel the Registration of the Club. A Club may only apply for re-registration if it can satisfy Horse Racing Ireland that such Trustee is no longer a member of the Club and that a new Trustee, acceptable to Horse Racing Ireland has been appointed as a replacement.
- (xi) Horse Racing Ireland takes no cognisance of any disputes arising between the Trustees and the members of the Club.

## **PART XI**

### **RIDERS AND JOCKEYS**

#### **Licences and Permits to Ride**

- 124.** (i) In order to ride in Races under the Rules of Racing a person must:
- (a) be the holder of a current Jockey's Licence to ride issued by the Directors of the IHRB, or
  - (b) be the holder of a Qualified Rider's Permit who has obtained permission from the Directors of the IHRB to ride in a particular race or races or
  - (c) be the holder of a current Jockey's Licence issued by a foreign Turf Authority and who complies with the provisions of Rule 125(vi).
- (ii) In order to ride in Races under the Rules of Racing which are confined to Qualified Riders a person must:
- (a) be the holder of a Qualified Rider's Permit issued by the Directors of the IHRB, or
  - (b) be the holder of a Qualified Rider's Permit or its equivalent, issued by a foreign Turf Authority and who complies with the provisions of Rule 125(vi).
- (iii) In order to ride in Races under the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules a person must:
- (a) be the holder of a current Jockey's Licence issued by the Directors of the IHRB, or
  - (b) be the holder of a current Qualified Riders Permit issued by the Directors of the IHRB, or
  - (c) be the holder of a current Jockey's Licence issued by a foreign Turf Authority and who complies with the provisions of Rule 125(vi) or
  - (d) be the holder of a permit to ride or its equivalent, issued by a foreign Turf Authority and who complies with the provisions of Rule 125(vi).

The holder of a permit to ride issued by a foreign Turf Authority may for the purpose of qualification to ride in races be deemed to be a Qualified Rider.

- (iv) A licence to ride shall not be issued, nor shall permission to ride be granted under these Rules by the Directors of the IHRB to any person who is under the age of sixteen years but to ride in Steeplechases or hurdle races, this person must be at least seventeen years of age.
- (v) A licence to ride will not be granted to any person who is the owner or part owner of any horse running under the Rules of Racing, the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules or the Rules of any other Turf Authority.
- (vi) A person applying for a Licence or a Qualified Rider's Permit issued by the Directors of the IHRB must be passed fit by a Medical Officer appointed by the Directors of the IHRB, prior to the issue of such licence or permit.
- (vii) Persons aged 40 years and over, when applying for a Jockey's Licence under the Rules of Racing or the renewal of such a licence and persons aged 35 and over when applying for a Jockey's Licence or a Qualified Rider's Permit under the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules or the renewal of such a licence or permit, must be passed fit by a Medical Officer appointed by the Directors of the IHRB, prior to the issue of such licence or permit.
- (viii) As and from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 or such later date as the Licensing Committee may in any individual case permit, a person applying for a Jockey's Licence or a Qualified Rider's Category C Permit, or the renewal of such licence or permit must be certified fit to ride by the Medical Officer following Neuro-psychological testing carried out in accordance with the provisions of Regulation R11.
- (ix) As and from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 or such later date as the Licensing Committee may in any individual case permit, a person applying for a Qualified Rider's Category A or B Permit or the renewal of such permit must be certified fit to ride by the Medical Officer following Neuro-psychological testing carried out in accordance with the provisions of Regulation R11.
- (x) Deleted.
- (xi) As and from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 a person applying for an Apprentice Jockey's Licence for the first time must obtain a Minimum Riding Weight set by the Medical Officer following testing carried out in accordance with the provisions of Regulation R20.



- (xii) As and from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 an Apprentice Jockey's Licence shall not be renewed for any person unless
  - (a) that person has completed the Jockeys Educational Course within the current or previous licensing year or
  - (b) the Medical Officer has approved a Minimum Riding Weight for that person under the provisions of Rule 154(vii)(b).

**Note:** The Regulations dealing with the issue of licences are contained in the Appendix C "Regulations Relating To The Issue Of Licences".

### **General Rules for Riders under Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules**

- 125.** (i) Any person who receives a Licence or Permit or permission to ride shall:  
Do so in strict compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the IHRB and in accordance with Instructions from time to time issued by the Directors of the IHRB, and shall make himself conversant with the contents of the Irish Racing Calendar concerning riders. However, the Licensing Committee have absolute discretion to restrict any Rider from riding in any particular race or races run under these Rules.
- (ii) A person holding a Licence or Permit to ride issued by the Directors of the IHRB shall not be allowed to ride in a race while on the Medical Alert Sheet. The Regulations dealing with Riders unfit to ride are contained in the Appendix C "Regulations Relating To Riders Declared Unfit To Ride."  
Riders who are licensed by foreign Turf Authorities which issue Medical Record Books will be required to produce Medical Record Books.
- (iii) Jockeys' Licences are granted for a period of twelve months from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December, on application with full name and address to the Office of the IHRB. A list of Licensed Jockeys shall be published in the Irish Racing Calendar following registration.
- (iv) Every Jockey licensed to ride under the Rules of Racing shall pay €225 (yearly) and every Apprentice shall pay €125 (yearly) for his Licence, of which the following deductions will be made, €84 and €45 respectively as his subscription to the Drogheda Memorial Fund, €60 and €34 respectively for the benefit of the Jockeys Accident Fund.
- (v) Every Jockey licensed to ride under I.N.H.S. Rules shall pay €260 (yearly) for his Licence, of which the following deductions will be

made, €84 in respect of his subscription to the Drogheda Memorial Fund, €93 for the benefit of the Jockeys Accident Fund.

- (vi) (a) A Rider who currently holds a licence or permit to ride issued by a foreign Turf Authority shall not be permitted to ride in Ireland unless he signs a declaration at scale agreeing to be bound by the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules and stating the country from which he holds a current licence or permit, the type of licence or permit held, and that he is free from injury and not subject to any suspension or medical restriction imposed by a Turf Authority at the time of signing.
  - (b) Any Rider who currently holds a licence or permit to ride issued by a foreign Turf Authority shall be entitled to ride in any race under these Rules for which his licence or permit would qualify him to ride, if it were being run under the Rules of the Turf Authority which issued his licence or permit, subject to such restrictions or conditions as the Licensing Committee may consider appropriate.
  - (c) A Rider shall not ride on any Raceday on which he has been suspended from riding by the Stewards, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, subject to the provisions of Rule 270 or on any Raceday which coincides with a race day in a foreign jurisdiction on which he has been suspended from riding by the foreign Turf Authority, subject to the provisions of Regulation R18.
  - (d) The Directors of the IHRB in their absolute discretion may refuse to permit a Rider to ride in Ireland who holds a licence to ride issued by a foreign Turf Authority which has not agreed to implement in full the provisions of Article 10 of the International Agreement on Breeding Racing and Wagering.
- (ix) Any Rider, if so ordered by the Stewards or the Directors of the IHRB, may be examined at any time by the Medical Officer appointed by them.
  - (x) Any Rider who has been declared unfit to ride by the Medical Officer appointed by the Directors of the IHRB may not ride for such period as is specified in the declaration, or if no period is specified until he/she is passed as fit to ride by the Medical Officer.
  - (xi) A Rider shall not commit or be concerned in any breach of these Rules or Regulations and any Rider who is proved to the satisfaction of the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body to have been in breach of Rule 273 may have his Licence withdrawn.

- (xii) A person who is the holder of a Jockeys Licence may only act as an Authorised Agent in respect of a horse which he himself trains.

### **Jockeys' Agent**

- 126.** A Jockey, and a Trainer under Rule 153(ii) may appoint an Authorised Rider's Agent on payment of a fee in accordance with Rule 282.

### **Jockeys' Retainers**

- 127.** In the absence of special agreement a jockey's retainer terminates at the end of the racing season. Half the agreed retainer fee must be paid in advance and the remainder at the termination of the retainer. If a jockey becomes a disqualified person the agreement automatically becomes void and only that proportion of the retaining fee is payable up to the time of disqualification.
- 129.** Employers retaining the same jockey have precedence according to the priority of their retainers, but if an owner or his accredited representative has definitely released a jockey for a certain race he is not entitled to claim him back under his retainer.
- 130.** The Directors of the IHRB may adjudicate between persons claiming the services of any jockey and on disputes between jockeys and their employers and have power to cancel any agreement between them.

### **Jockeys' Fees**

- 131.** (i) Whenever a Jockey is nominated under the provisions of Rule 195 (i) to ride a horse which is declared to run and provided he presents himself at the scales ready to ride at the weight at the hour appointed, he is to be paid even though he should not be put up.  
Where the Stewards grant permission for the replacement of the Jockey nominated to ride a horse which is declared to run, the replaced Jockey is to be paid provided he/she is at the scales ready to ride at the weight at the hour appointed even if he may not be put up.
- (ii) Deleted.
- (iii) In the event of a Jockey failing to present himself to be weighed in, in accordance with Rule 227(i), and the horse that he rode is consequently disqualified, the Stewards may order the forfeiture of the riding fee. Such forfeiture may be in addition to any other penalty imposed under these Rules.
- (iv) For each horse ridden by a Jockey the owner shall pay to the Stakeholder a defined contribution to the Jockeys' Accident Fund and every Jockey and Apprentice (through his Master) shall pay for each mount a defined contribution to the Jockeys' Accident Fund in accordance with Rule 295 paragraph 3.

### **Jockeys' Valet**

- 132.** (i) No person shall act as a Jockeys' Valet unless he shall have obtained a Licence from the Directors of the IHRB or be a person nominated by a licensed Jockey's Valet to act as an Assistant at Race Meetings or be a substitute nominated in accordance with this Rule. A Jockey's Valet may nominate a substitute to act as Valet at a Race Meeting, where neither he nor his Assistant is available to attend. Such substitute shall provide the Clerk of the Course with the prescribed form duly completed at least one hour prior to the time scheduled for the start of the first race. A Disqualified Person shall not be nominated as an Assistant or substitute. The provisions of paragraph (ii) below shall apply to any person nominated as an Assistant or substitute.  
Licences are subject to an annual fee of €100, are granted for a period of twelve months from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December and must be applied for in writing.
- (ii) During the term of his licence a Jockey's Valet and any Assistant nominated by him and any substitute nominated by him shall comply with Rule 273(xiv) 3 and must abide by any conditions attaching to the licence as may be applied from time to time and must not do anything which in the opinion of the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body or either of them, is likely to be prejudicial to the interests of the IHRB or is likely to cause damage to the interests of horse racing in Ireland whether or not such an act shall otherwise amount to a breach of these Rules, Regulations or any instructions made hereunder.  
Any Jockeys' Valet found, to the satisfaction of the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, to have contravened the requirements of this paragraph is liable to have his licence withdrawn or any Assistant or substitute found to be in breach of this paragraph is liable to have his nomination revoked.
- (iii) If a Jockeys' Valet becomes a Disqualified Person, such person's licence is thereby automatically revoked.

### **Authorised Rider's Agent**

- 133.** (i) (a) No person shall act as an Authorised Rider's Agent until he shall have obtained a licence from the IHRB. Licences are subject to an annual fee of €250, are granted for a period of twelve months from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December and must be applied for in writing.  
The Directors of the IHRB or the Referrals Committee may in their absolute discretion at anytime withdraw their approval of any Authorised Riders' Agent. Any agent whose

licence is so withdrawn may appeal to the Appeals Body against such withdrawal.

- (b) The Directors of the IHRB shall maintain a register of riders and their appointed Authorised Riders' Agents. Such appointment shall be registered on an annual basis by application on the prescribed form to the Office of the IHRB. A fee as set out in Rule 282(iii) must accompany each application.
- (ii) An Authorised Rider's Agent shall comply with Rule 273(xiv) 3 and must abide by any conditions attaching to the Licence as may be applied from time to time and must not do anything which in the opinion of the Stewards, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body or any of them, is likely to be prejudicial to the interests of the IHRB or is likely to cause damage to the interests of horse racing in Ireland whether or not an act shall otherwise amount to a breach of these Rules, Regulations or any instructions made hereunder.  
Any Authorised Rider's Agent found, to the satisfaction of the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, to have contravened the requirements of this paragraph is liable to have his Licence withdrawn.
- (iii) If an Authorised Rider's Agent becomes a disqualified person, such person's Licence is thereby automatically revoked.

### **Qualified Riders Permits**

#### **135.**

"Qualified Riders" under I.N.H.S. Rules are:

- (i) Persons who have been duly approved and to whom current Permits to ride as Qualified Riders have been issued by the Directors of the IHRB.  
The names of persons wishing to renew their Permits should be submitted to the Office of the IHRB before the date of the first race in any year in which the person intends to ride and the Permit must be issued before they may ride in a race. The names of persons wishing to apply for a first time Permit and the names of their referees, who must be Licensed Trainers, should be submitted to the Office of the IHRB at least 14 days before a Permit may be issued.  
Permits will be issued annually to cover the period from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> August.
- (ii) The annual Registration Fees, payable before riding, and out of which in every case €1.30 shall go to the Drogheda Memorial Fund, are as follows:

For Qualified Riders granted permission to ride in races in Category A €145 (which entitles each rider to membership of the Qualified Riders Association and out of which in each case €47 will go to the Qualified Riders Accident Fund, €7 to the Jockeys Emergency Fund.

For Qualified Riders granted permission to ride in races in Category B €160 (which entitles each rider to membership of the Qualified Riders Association out of which in each case €57 will go to the Qualified Riders Accident Fund, €7 to the Jockeys Emergency Fund.

For Qualified Riders granted permission to ride in races in Category C €190 (which entitles each rider to membership of the Qualified Riders Association out of which in each case €72 will go to the Qualified Riders Accident Fund, €7 to the Jockeys Emergency Fund.

- (iii) A levy of €10 shall be paid by a Qualified Rider to the Qualified Riders' Accident Fund in respect of each ride.  
No payment shall be paid by Persons not ordinarily resident in Ireland to whom permission to ride has been granted by the Directors of the IHRB.

- (iv) Qualified Riders may ride as follows:

- (a) Category A1; In Irish National Hunt Flat Races and in flat races in which riders Qualified under Rule 124(ii) are permitted to ride.
  - Category A2; In Point to Point Steeplechases only.
  - Category A3; In Irish National Hunt Flat Races, Point to Point Steeplechases and in flat races in which Qualified Riders under Rule 124 are permitted to ride.
- (b) Category B; In races specified in paragraph (a) above and in Hunters Steeplechases' in Hurdle Races and in Steeplechases confined to Qualified Riders.
- (c) Category C; In races specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) above and in twenty one races open to Jockeys (other than I.N.H Flat races) in Ireland in any one season. When riding horses owned by themselves or their immediate family i.e. wife, son or daughter, father or mother, brother or sister, or grandparents or a horse owned in partnership between such persons, the ride will not count towards the twenty-one rides allowed.

- (v) If any Qualified Rider rides in a race under I.N.H.S. Rules in which Jockeys are permitted to ride (other than an I.N.H. Flat race) the owner for whom he rides shall pay into such Fund or Funds administered by the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee as they shall from time to time decide, a sum equal to the appropriate Jockey's riding fee.
- (vi) The above payment under paragraph (v) shall not apply where the horse concerned is the sole property of the rider, his wife, son or daughter, father or mother, brother or sister, or grandparents, or is owned in partnership between such persons.
- (vii) A claim to exemption from the payment under this Rule, indicating that the horse is the property of the rider or his family as specified in sub-paragraph (vi), must be made, in writing, to the Clerk of the Scales at or before the time of weighing out or the owner will be charged with the equivalent of the appropriate Jockey's riding fee.
- (viii) Should any Qualified Rider subsequently receive any jockey's licence, or take payment directly or indirectly for riding in a race or should he appear in the Forfeit List, or become a disqualified person, his qualification is liable to be revoked by the Licensing Committee, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body.

**136.** A person who holds or who last held a Jockeys licence under these Rules, or who holds or last held a jockeys licence under the Rules of any Turf Authority, shall not be qualified to become a Qualified Rider under I.N.H.S. Rules where that person has:

- (a) ridden more than twenty five winners as a Jockey under these Rules and or as a jockey under the Rules of any Turf Authority prior to application to become a Qualified Rider.
- (b) previously had an application to revert to amateur status approved by the Licensing Committee or by any Turf Authority outside of Ireland.

An application from such person must be forwarded to the Office of the IHRB stating the licence type held and period(s) when licence was issued by the Directors of the IHRB or by any Turf Authority and the total number of winners ridden. Such application shall be decided upon by the Licensing Committee.

## **PART XII**

### **TRAINERS, STABLE EMPLOYEES AND APPRENTICES**

#### **Trainers under the Rules of Racing**

- 145.** (i) Every person who has under his/her care, training, management or superintendence, a horse, shall obtain a licence renewable annually on 1<sup>st</sup> March from the Directors of the IHRB before a horse trained by him/her in Ireland is qualified to run for any race under the Rules of Racing. The Regulations dealing with the issuing of licences are contained in the Appendix C "Regulations Relating To The Issue Of Licences". He/she shall pay in respect of such licence, or renewal thereof, the sum of €450 of which €1.50 shall be placed to the credit of the Drogheda Memorial Fund and in addition, the sum of €18 per annum for each horse for which he/she receives permission to train from Horse Racing Ireland.
- (ii) A Member of the Turf Club shall obtain a Restricted Licence to train only those horses which are the sole property of himself, or his wife (or in the case of a woman, herself or her husband), mother, father, son, daughter brother, sister or in a partnership between such persons, renewable annually on 1<sup>st</sup> March, from the Directors of the IHRB before a horse trained by him/her shall be qualified to run for any race under the Rules of Racing. He/she shall pay in respect of such Restricted Licence or renewal thereof the sum of €415 of which €1.50 shall be placed to the credit of the Drogheda Memorial Fund and in addition the sum of €18 per annum, for each horse for which he/she receives permission to train from Horse Racing Ireland.
- (iii) All Licence holders must also subscribe to the Irish Racing Calendar annually.

#### **Trainers under I.N.H.S. Rules**

- 146.** (i) Every person who has under his/her care, training, management or superintendence, a horse, shall obtain a licence renewable annually on 1<sup>st</sup> March, from the Directors of the IHRB before a horse trained by him/her in Ireland is qualified to run for any race under the I.N.H.S. Rules. The Regulations dealing with the issuing of licences are contained in the Appendix C "Regulations Relating To The Issue Of Licences". He/she shall pay in respect of such licence or renewal thereof the sum of €450 of which €1.50 shall be placed to the credit of the Drogheda Memorial Fund and in addition the sum of €18 per annum for each horse for which he/she receives permission to train from Horse Racing Ireland.
- (ii) A Member of the I.N.H.S. Committee shall obtain a Restricted Licence to train only those horses which are the sole property of



himself, or his wife (or in the case of a woman, herself or her husband), mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister or in a partnership between such persons, renewable annually on 1<sup>st</sup> March from the Directors of the IHRB before a horse trained by him/her shall be qualified to run for any race under the I.N.H.S. Rules. He/she shall pay in respect of such Restricted Licence or renewal thereof the sum of €415 of which €1.50 shall be placed to the credit of the Drogheda Memorial Fund and in addition the sum of €18 per annum for each horse for which he/she receives permission to train from Horse Racing Ireland.

- (iii) All Licence holders must also subscribe to the Irish Racing Calendar annually.
- (iv) A Hunter Chase Licence to train may be applied for by completion of the appropriate application and compliance with the criteria as may be set by the Licensing Committee. A Hunter Chase Licence is renewable on 1<sup>st</sup> March and will expire on 28<sup>th</sup> February annually, unless terminated earlier. The cost of the Licence or renewal thereof shall be €100. The Holder of such Licence to train is not required to subscribe to the Irish Racing Calendar.

#### **General Rules for Trainers under Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules**

- 147.** (i) Any person who receives a Licence to train a horse shall:  
Do so in strict compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the IHRB and in accordance with instructions from time to time issued by the Directors of the IHRB;  
AND  
shall make himself conversant with the contents of the Irish Racing Calendar.
- (ii) Any person, who is not a Licensed Trainer, who owns, trains, enters or runs a horse within the jurisdiction of the IHRB without having first obtained a Licence or Permission from the IHRB or other recognised Turf Authority where such Licence or Permission is required, is liable to be fined, and/or may be made a disqualified person at the discretion of the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body and any such horse run in such circumstances or manner shall be disqualified.  
Notwithstanding anything herein before contained in this Rule Horse Racing Ireland shall have power and authority to declare or deem any entry from outside the jurisdiction of the IHRB, valid in such circumstances, or conditions as they may deem appropriate.
- (iii) Any horse which runs in a race whilst under the care of a trainer licensed by an overseas Turf Authority and which remains in this country may continue to run in races in this country for the duration of the period specified on the Racing Clearance Notification or in the case of a horse in the care of a trainer

licensed in Great Britain when no Racing Clearance Notification is required, for a period of twenty eight days from the date of its first run. Such horse shall remain the responsibility of and in the care and control of, the Overseas Trainer during this time. In such instances it shall be the responsibility of the Overseas Trainer to inform Horse Racing Ireland of the premises where the horse is stabled during the period it remains in Ireland and to make arrangements with the proprietor of the premises to facilitate any inspection that may be made in accordance with Rule 20(xviii). It shall be breach of these Rules for the Overseas Trainer not to do so and render him liable to sanction by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body. If at the end of the relevant period specified above, the horse remains in Ireland it must not run in any race while under the care of the Overseas Trainer but must be returned in training by a licensed trainer in Ireland in accordance with Rule 148(vi). Any horse which runs in violation of this Rule shall on objection under Rule 262 be liable to disqualification.

- (iv) When a horse has been suspended for veterinary reasons under Rules 14(iii), 194 or any other of these Rules the Trainer shall not run the horse under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority during the term of such suspension. Should the horse so run then the Trainer shall be in breach of this Rule and the matter referred to the Referrals Committee.
- (v) When a Trainer is unable to be present at some or all of a racemeeting at which he has declared runners he shall appoint an Authorised Representative to represent him in relation to all matters connected with those runners. Written notification of the appointment shall be lodged with the Clerk of the Scales before the rider is weighed out for the relevant race. Alternatively, a Trainer may authorise a representative on an annual basis by lodging the appropriate authorisation form with the Office of the IHRB. A person who is the holder of a Jockeys Licence may only act as an Authorised Representative when he does not hold any riding engagements at the meeting at which he is authorised to represent the Trainer. The Trainer must make the Authorised Representative fully aware of the riding instructions and the representative shall be obliged to represent the Trainer at any Stewards' Enquiry, if required to do so and such evidence as he shall give in relation to the riding instructions shall be binding on the Trainer.

Failure to lodge the appropriate authorisation form appointing a representative shall be a breach of these Rules and shall render the Trainer liable to a fine of not less than €130.

In cases where an enquiry is called and the riding instructions are relevant to the nature of the enquiry and the trainer has not either, appointed a representative or the representative has not been fully informed of the riding instructions, the Trainer shall be in breach of these Rules and the matter may be referred to the Referrals Committee

- (vi) A horse may only be trained from the Training Establishment specified on the Trainer's most recent licence application. If a Trainer wishes to train horses in an establishment other than the one specified in the Trainer's most recent licence application, such training shall not commence until after the second establishment has been inspected and approved by the Directors of the IHRB or the Licensing Committee.

- 148.**
- (i) A Trainer shall be responsible (except where otherwise provided in these Rules) for everything connected with the welfare, training and running of all Horses under the care of that Trainer and shall be liable to any sanction available to the Stewards, the Referrals Committee, the Licensing Committee or the Appeals Body, as the case may be, unless the Trainer provides a satisfactory explanation.
  - (ii) For the purpose of Rule 20 (xviii) any Trainer, Owner or other person who in the opinion of the Keeper of the Matchbook or Registrar of the INHS Committee unreasonably refuses any appointed person access to a Training Establishment or any location where a Horse may be found for the purposes of inspecting examining or testing such a Horse and/or fails to comply with reasonable requests made by such appointed person, including in relation to inspection of the Medicines Register, may be guilty of a breach of these Rules and the matter shall be referred to the Referrals Committee for consideration.
  - (iii)
    - (a) A Trainer shall ensure that he and each of his staff having access to medicines is fully conversant with the rules and regulations relating to Prohibited Substances, the administration of medicines to Horses and the current statutory Animal Remedies Regulations and the Guidelines for Trainers Regarding the Responsible Use of Veterinary Medicines. A Trainer shall comply and shall ensure that his staff comply with those Guidelines and rules and regulations and shall be responsible for the safe keeping and administration of medicines. It shall be a breach of these Rules for him not to do so.
    - (b) Each Trainer must keep a completed Medicines Register in the manner prescribed in respect of each training establishment and must ensure that the use of all medicines is carefully recorded in the Medicines Register including the date and method of administration, treatment or substance administered, amount administered (if applicable), duration of treatment and name and signature of person administering and must be kept up to date at all times. The Medicines Register must be made available for inspection when requested to do so by the Directors of the IHRB, the Referrals Committee, the Licensing Committee or the Appeals Body as the case may be or by persons authorised

by any of the foregoing. The Medicines Register must be kept for a minimum period of one year after the last entry. Failure to keep a completed Medicines Register in the manner prescribed or to make the Medicines Register available for inspection when requested to do so shall be a breach of these Rules and the matter shall be referred to the Referrals Committee for consideration.

- (iii) When the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body are of the opinion that a Trainer has failed to exercise adequate supervision (not amounting to misconduct) over the Horses or employees under his charge they may withdraw or refuse his licence to train Horses.
- (v) (a) A Trainer shall ensure that any Horse declared to run in any Race is not suffering from an active skin disease including, but not limited to, ringworm.

If visible evidence of a recent skin disease exists, a Horse will not be permitted to run in any Race unless a veterinary certificate accompanies the Horse to the Race Meeting and is furnished to the IHRB Veterinary Officer on arrival. This certificate must confirm that an examination of the Horse was carried out by a veterinary surgeon within the 3 days prior to the Raceday and that the skin disease is no longer active nor contagious

Once accepted, this certificate will remain valid for subsequent occasions the Horse is declared to run while visible evidence of a skin disease remains.

If a certificate is not furnished as above to the IHRB Veterinary Officer or if the IHRB Veterinary Officer is of the opinion that there is a material negative change to the skin condition since the date of certification they shall refer the matter to the Stewards who may order that the Horse be withdrawn.

Samples may be taken by the IHRB Veterinary Officer from any Horse where evidence of recent skin disease exists. If a subsequent analysis of these Samples proves positive for the presence of a contagious skin disease, the matter will be referred to the Referrals Committee who may impose a sanction including a fine.

- (b) Trainers must ensure that any riders riding horses under the Trainer's care use approved safety equipment (Skull Cap, Body Protector, Riding Boots) of a serviceable standard when riding out at all times. Any Trainer contravening this Rule will be reported to the Licensing and/or the Referrals

Committee and shall be liable to a fine of not less than €200 for each rider found to be in breach.

- (c) A Trainer shall be responsible for the qualification of his horses and the correct weight that they should carry in any race. If a horse is declared which is subsequently found with an incorrect weight or be 'not qualified', the Trainer shall be liable to any sanction available to the Stewards, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, unless the Trainer provides a satisfactory explanation.
- (d) When a horse trained in Ireland runs in a race outside the country the Trainer must notify the Registry Office of the details of such racecourse performance. This notification must be lodged within 48 hours of the race being run or, before the horse is subsequently entered for any race, whichever is the earlier. Failure to do so will result in the Trainer being liable to a fine of not less than €130.
- (e) In the event of a horse holding an engagement and winning after the time of entry it is the responsibility of the Trainer to ascertain whether there is a mandatory or discretionary penalty in the conditions of the race and to declare any such penalty and correct weight when making declaration under Rule 194. In the event of the horse winning after the time of closing of declarations the penalty must be declared to the Clerk of the Scales by the Trainer or his Authorised Representative. Any breach of this Rule shall render the Trainer liable to sanction.
- (f) A Trainer shall be responsible for the proper schooling of horses trained by him for all types of starts and should make every effort to ensure that his horses do not cause undue difficulty or delay at the start of races. It is recognised that there may be some horses which will have been properly schooled and passed a stalls test but because of their temperament or character will always need special handling under race conditions. In such cases the Trainer should make the Starter aware of this on the day of the race. Requests for permission to load horses last will not be granted on the day of the meeting unless the horse is currently on the list of horses which have caused difficulty at the start.
- (g) When a rider as a result of a fall on the Racecourse is adjudged to be concussed and consequently prohibited from riding by the Racecourse Doctor, then during that period, he should not ride work or be asked to ride work for any Trainer. Any breach of this Rule shall render the Trainer liable to sanction.
- (h) In order to facilitate the carrying out of inspections of Training Establishments and/or the examination of horses and the taking of Samples from horses in such Establishments a Trainer shall arrange that, in the absence of the Trainer from the Establishment, some responsible

person will be in attendance at the establishment who will be in a position to facilitate those carrying out the inspection or testing on behalf of the IHRB.

- (vi) No trainer shall take a horse for training into his/her care without the permission of Horse Racing Ireland. Application for permission to train a horse must be made to the Registry Office on the appropriate form or on the Racing Administration System (RÁS), stating the name and address of the Owner/Owners, the name, pedigree and year of foaling, before entries can be accepted. Application for permission to train a horse that has last been returned in training in Ireland must be lodged at the Registry Office on the appropriate form, at least one day before entries can be accepted. Application for permission to train a horse that has never previously been returned in training must be lodged on the appropriate form at the Registry Office at least seven days before entries can be accepted. However in all such cases when the application is made on the Racing Administration System (RÁS), entries may be made thereafter, providing all the relevant information required is submitted correctly and the horse has not been named within the previous seven days. Where a horse has been imported or re-imported into Ireland and has raced outside Ireland, the application for permission to train must be lodged at the Registry Office on the appropriate form or made on the Racing Administration System (RÁS), including the complete record of the horse's performances outside of Ireland, at least two working days before entries can be accepted. Trainers must notify the Registry Office on the appropriate form or on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) immediately a horse leaves his/her yard, furnishing such information as Horse Racing Ireland may require, or when a horse dies or is gelded. Any breach of this Rule will incur the penalty of a fine of not less than €130 per horse in addition to any other penalties permitted under these Rules. N.B. Permission to train un-named horses or horses the owner of which has not registered authority to act in favour of the Trainer will not be granted.

### **Stable Employees**

- 149.** (i) No Trainer shall engage and retain any Stable Employees in respect of whom a current Racing Establishment Employee Card has not been issued by or on behalf of the Directors of the IHRB.
- (ii) Racing Establishment Employee Cards for Stable Employees shall be issued only upon the application of the Trainer concerned and every such application must be made on the appropriate form within 5 days of commencement of employment. Racing Establishment Employee Cards are the property of the Directors of the IHRB, they are returnable on

demand and may be granted subject to conditions, refused or cancelled at any time by the Directors of the IHRB at their absolute discretion. When an employee leaves the employment of any Trainer, the Card must be returned to the Office of the IHRB within 5 days. Failure to return a Termination of Employment form together with the card within the specified time, shall be a breach of these Rules and the Trainer will be reported to the Licensing Committee and may be subject to a fine of not less than €130.

- (iii) A Trainer should not engage any Stable Employee who has previously been employed in a training stable without referring to his last racing employer and receiving a reference. Failure to do so may result in the Stable Employee's previous trainer making a complaint through the Office of the IHRB which may be reported to the Directors of the IHRB.
- (iv) Every Licensed Trainer employing persons eligible under the terms of the Benefit Scheme established by the Directors of the IHRB and the Irish Racehorse Trainers Association for persons engaged in the Racing Industry shall subscribe to that scheme and payments due under the terms of the Scheme constitute sums due under these Rules.
- (v) Any employee prevented by this Rule from obtaining or retaining employment shall have the right of appeal to the Referrals Committee.

### **Apprentices**

- 150.** (i) An Apprentice shall be subject to the provisions of Rule 149.
- (ii) A Trainer wishing to take on an Apprentice, who shall not be under the age of 16 years, shall complete a Form of Application for Apprenticeship and forward it to the Office of the IHRB.

The Licensing Committee having considered the particulars furnished and any information from further enquiries they may wish to make, may approve the apprenticeship and issue a licence to ride provided the following minimum conditions listed on the deed of apprenticeship form are complied with:

- (a) A first time deed of apprenticeship must comprise an initial term of three years with termination on the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the third year. (Thereafter the term may be on a yearly basis.)
- (b) Apprentices who have not completed the Racing Academy Centre of Education (R.A.C.E's) Trainee Jockey Traineeship Course must complete their External Apprentice F.E.T.A.C. Course in advance of being licensed in their second season. Failure to complete the F.E.T.A.C. Course shall result in the licence not being renewed.
- (c) All Apprentices will be required to attend a Professional Development Course in R.A.C.E. in advance of being

- licensed in their second season. Failure to complete the Course shall result in the licence not being renewed.
- (d) The deed of apprenticeship shall specifically include the terms and conditions of employment for the Apprenticeship and shall relate to the rates of pay currently covered by the Agricultural Workers Joint Labour Committee.
  - (e) The deed of apprenticeship when signed must be lodged at the Office of the IHRB.
- (iii) The deed of apprenticeship to be signed by the Apprentice and Trainer and Guardian, where appropriate, is the definitive contract governing the relationship between the two parties.
- (iv) The apprenticeship may be terminated in accordance with the conditions set forth in the deed, which shall be in such form as the Licensing Committee may from time to time decide. When an apprenticeship is terminated the Trainer must immediately inform the Office of the IHRB of the termination.
- (v) Failure by either party to honour the terms and conditions of the deed of apprenticeship will be regarded as a breach of these Rules.
- (vii) The IHRB reserves the right to ask on an annual basis for proof from Trainers that they are adhering to the terms and conditions in the deed.
- (viii) An Apprentice shall not during the term of the apprenticeship with a Trainer be taken into the stable of another Trainer as an Apprentice, or be employed by him in any capacity, without the written consent (to be lodged at the Office of the IHRB) of the Trainer to whom he is apprenticed.
- (ix) A transfer or alteration in the terms and conditions of the deed of apprenticeship shall only be effective with the written agreement of the two parties and with the approval of the Licensing Committee.
- (x) Any application for a licence, entitling an Apprentice to ride shall be made by the Trainer to whom he is apprenticed.
- (xi) Where a dispute arises between the parties to the deed of apprenticeship or a complaint is made by one party against the other party the following procedures shall apply:  
Initially the dispute or complaint will be referred to the secretary of the Licensing Committee.  
If at that level, the matter is not resolved, then the dispute or complaint is referred to the Referrals Committee whose powers are specified in Rule 19A of the Rules of Racing. Any finding of



the Referrals Committee may, under Rule 256 be appealed to the Appeals Body.

- (xii) In the event of the Trainer's death or retirement the deed of apprenticeship may, with the approval of the Licensing Committee, be transferred temporarily or for the remainder of the year to another Trainer and meanwhile, pending this transfer, the Apprentice's licence to ride shall remain valid for one calendar month.
- (xiii) A person who has held a Flat Jockey's Licence issued by any Turf Authority shall not be entitled to enter into an Apprenticeship.
- (xiv) A person shall not be eligible to hold a licence as an Apprentice after the 31<sup>st</sup> December in the year in which that person has reached the age of 25 years or has lost the right to claim an allowance under Rule 69.

**151.** Apprentices may ride in all flat races other than I.N.H. Flat Races unless they are excluded from riding by the conditions of the race.

**152.** A 10lb claiming apprentice shall not be qualified at any time to ride;

- (i) Two year olds;
  - (a) running for the first time
  - (b) trained by any trainer, other than those trained by his master, unless he has ridden in 25 or more races not less than 5 days prior to the day of his intended mount.
- (ii) Horses aged three years old and upwards that are trained by any trainer, other than those trained by his master, unless he has ridden in 3 or more races not less than 5 days prior to the day of his intended mount or unless the race is confined to Apprentice Riders.

**Example:** If a 10lb claiming apprentice has his third ride on Monday the first day he can ride for a trainer other than his master is Sunday (unless the race in question is confined to Apprentice Riders).

- 153.**
- (i) Trainers must ensure that where their apprentice has a riding arrangement the apprentice is present on the racecourse in adequate time to fulfil that engagement.
  - (ii) Trainers may appoint an Authorised Rider's Agent to book rides for apprentices other than a 10lb claiming apprentice, who shall not use an Authorised Rider's Agent The Trainer shall be responsible for ensuring the Apprentice is qualified to ride in races for which he is booked.

- (iii) When an Apprentice has ridden a winner he shall present his Winning Ride Card to the Clerk of the Scales who shall enter the win on the card, which entry shall be initialled by the Clerk and the Apprentice.
  - (iv) Trainers shall, on the termination, cancellation or transfer of an Apprentice's Indentures or when the Apprentice leaves the Trainer's employment, return the Apprentice's Winning Ride Card to the Office of the IHRB.  
Trainers shall also return cards when requested to do so by the Office of the IHRB. Winning Race Cards are issued to Trainers on behalf of their apprentices but remain the property of the IHRB.
  - (v) Trainers or their Authorised Representative must be present when a Trainer's Apprentice who is riding for the Trainer is weighed out. They must also attend any Stewards' Enquiry in which an apprentice who is under the age of 18 is involved. Trainers or their Authorised Representatives should present themselves at the Weigh Room whenever an Enquiry, at which their attendance is compulsory, is announced.  
Apprentices are entitled to request the attendance of their Master and the Trainer or his Authorised Representative for whom they have ridden at any Enquiry in which an Apprentice is involved.  
In the event of the Trainer or his Authorised Representative not being available to attend a person deemed acceptable to the Apprentice and the Stewards may accompany the Apprentice at the enquiry.
  - (vi) As the purpose of Apprentice races is to give race riding experience to apprentices it is the duty of Trainers to ensure that the Apprentice should be mounted, as far as practicable, on reasonably manageable horses. A horse which requires to be led to the start will not be regarded as reasonably manageable and consequently Stewards will not permit a horse to be led to the start of any race when ridden by a 10lb claiming Apprentice Rider.
  - (vii) When a 10lb claiming apprentice is booked to ride in a race it is the responsibility of his master to ensure that the intended mount is a suitable ride for the Apprentice.
- 154.**
- (i) As and from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 an Apprentice licensed in Ireland shall not be permitted to ride in any race until a Minimum Riding Weight has been approved for that Apprentice by the Medical Officer.
  - (ii) As and from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 each Apprentice's Minimum Riding Weight shall be approved by the Medical Officer and published in the Irish Racing Calendar, following completion of the Jockeys

Educational Course or set by the Medical Officer following testing carried out in accordance with Regulation R20.

- (iii) Where an Apprentice weighs in or weighs out for a race one or more pounds overweight a report of such overweight shall be made by the Clerk of the Scales to the Medical Officer.
- (iv) Following two such reports within a 60 day period from the Clerk of the Scales of overweight carried by an Apprentice, the Medical Officer may review that Apprentice's Minimum Riding Weight and/or refer that Apprentice to the IHRB Dietician for a consultation and advice but the Apprentice shall be permitted to continue to ride.
- (v) The Stewards, on receiving such a report from the Clerk of the Scales, may refer an Apprentice to the Medical Officer for consideration of a review of that Apprentice's Minimum Riding Weight.
- (vi) The Medical Officer shall have discretion to set a new Minimum Riding Weight for an Apprentice, if in the opinion of the Medical Officer there are concerns about the health or physical condition of that Apprentice, subject to the right of appeal of that Apprentice to the Appeals Body.
- (vii) (a) Apprentices may make application at monthly intervals to the Medical Officer to review their Minimum Riding Weight.  
  
Apprentices must present themselves to be weighed in to the Medical Officer or his designated deputy in a fully hydrated state ( $USG \leq 1.020$ ).
- (b) A Minimum Riding Weight may be approved by the Medical Officer for an Apprentice who was licensed in another racing jurisdiction and who was unavailable to complete the Jockeys Educational Course within the current or previous licensing year pending the completion by that Apprentice of the next available Jockey's Educational Course.
- (viii) Individual Minimum Riding Weights will be reviewed before 31<sup>st</sup> December each year or earlier at the discretion of the Medical Officer.
- (ix) Apprentices who ride out their claim before the age of 22 must still attend the Jockeys Educational Course until they reach the age of 22.

*NOTE An apprentice's claiming allowance (if any) must be added to the Minimum Riding Weight of the apprentice to calculate the lowest weight in a race at which that apprentice can ride.*

## **PART XIII**

### **COLOURS**

- 155.** Racing Colours must be registered annually, or for a five or ten year period, or for the life of the person registering, on payment of the appropriate fee. Colours so registered shall not be taken by any other person. Colours registered annually will be automatically re-registered at the appropriate fee unless such registration is cancelled in writing. All disputes as to the right to particular colours shall be settled by the Directors of the IHRB.
- 156.** The Trainer of any horse running in colours not registered by the owner or which have not been declared to Horse Racing Ireland for publication on the race card in accordance with Rule 194(ii)(a) shall be fined not less than €50, nor more than €100 by the Stewards.

## **PART XIV**

### **ENTRANCE MONEY, FORFEITS AND STAKES**

- 158.** Entrance money, forfeits, stakes, fee on declaration and arrears must be paid in cash (if so required) to the Stakeholder or his authorised representative and entrance money must (if so required) be paid at the time of entry.
- 159.** Entrance money shall go to the race fund of the meeting, unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race.
- 161.** Owners, which include all partners in a partnership remain liable to pay the entrance money or forfeit fee even whether a horse is qualified or not qualified to be entered or run in a race or where it is entered mistakenly for a wrong race.
- 162.** A person taking over an entry made under another person's name, where forfeit must be declared by a particular time shall, if he does not declare forfeit by that time, be considered to have taken the engagement upon himself and it shall be transferred to his name.

## **PART XV**

### **THE UNPAID FORFEIT LIST**

- 165.** An Unpaid Forfeit List shall be kept at the Registry Office and shall be published at least twice annually in the Irish Racing Calendar. It shall include Arrears as defined in these Rules and the name or names of the persons or Companies by whom and/or the names of the horses in respect of whom the Arrears are due.
- 167.** On the publication of the name of a person in the Unpaid Forfeit List such person, so long as their name remains on the Forfeit List, shall be deemed to be a Disqualified Person. When the Directors of the IHRB receives notification from a foreign Turf Authority of a person whose name is on the Official Forfeit List published by that Turf Authority such person, so long as their name remains on that Official Forfeit List, shall be ineligible to register as an Owner under Rule 119 or to enter into any registration or to hold a licence under these rules. If such a person is already a registered Owner or involved in any registration under these rules the matter shall be referred by a Senior Racing Official to the Referrals Committee under Rule 274(i). On the publication of the name of a Recognised Company or Club in the Unpaid Forfeit List the registration of such companies or Club shall automatically be cancelled.
- 168.** Any person whose name appears on the Unpaid Forfeit List shall continue to be bound by the Rules of Racing and Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules during any period of disqualification arising from such publication.

## **PART XVI**

### **WEIGHTS, PENALTIES AND ALLOWANCES**

#### **Weight For Age Scales**

- 171.** The Weight For Age Scales which appear in Appendices 1 and 2 are published under the sanction of the Directors of the IHRB as a guide to Clerks of Courses and others in the framing of weights in races run under the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules and the tables shown express the number of pounds that is deemed the average horse in each group falls short of maturity at different dates and distances.

#### **Weights**

- 172.** For Flat Races, other than I.N.H. Flat Races:  
A horse shall not carry less than 8st 4lbs in any race unless an allowance under Rule 69 is claimed.
- 173.** For Steeplechases, Hurdle Races and Irish National Hunt Flat Races:  
A horse shall not carry less than 9st 10lb in any race unless an allowance under Rule 52(iii) is claimed.

#### **Penalties**

- 174.** In estimating the amount a horse has won in any one or more races account shall only be taken of winning prize money gained by it for its Owner. Cups and trophies or any moneys gained from Matches, Private Sweepstakes, bonus schemes or any other source by its owner, trainer, rider, stable or breeder shall not be taken into account. In all cases the horse's own stake or entrance shall be deducted from the amount. Such stake or entrance fee shall be calculated as if the horse was entered at the first entry stage. No cognisance shall be taken of second entry fees or supplementary entry fees or of any other deductions made.  
Any conversion to Euro shall be calculated in accordance with the Exchange Rates published by Horse Racing Ireland in the Irish Racing Calendar applicable to the year in which the prize money was won.
- 175.** Penalties for winning a fixed sum shall be understood to mean for winning it in one race, unless specified to the contrary.
- 177.** Extra weight shall not be incurred in respect of a horse winning a Match or Private Sweepstakes and any horse so doing shall not be debarred on that account from claiming any allowance or from taking part in any race.
- 178.** Penalties are not cumulative unless so declared by the conditions of the race.



- 179.** When any race is in dispute both the horse that came in first and any horse claiming the race shall be liable to all penalties attaching to the winner of that race till the matter be decided;  
Except in the case of a Handicap when a horse shall not carry a penalty if the Handicapper has already taken into account the horse's performance in the race which is the subject of the dispute.
- 180.** (i) When a race is the subject of an enquiry and such race is not claimed by any other horse the horse placed first by the Judge shall carry any penalties attached to the winning of that race until the matter is settled.  
(ii) Any horse subsequently placed first shall carry the penalties incurred by winning that race with effect from the time the enquiry has been completed and the decision given.  
(iii) Should the horse referred to in subsection(ii) have run before the decision has been given, it shall not be disqualified for failing to carry such penalties or for running in a race for which it was not qualified as a result of such enquiry.  
(iv) A horse which has been placed first as a result of an enquiry shall not carry a penalty in a Handicap if the Handicapper has already taken into account the horse's performance in the race which was the subject of the enquiry.
- 181.** Winnings shall include all prizes, including a walk over, but shall only refer to the winner of a race. Winnings in flat races shall apply to all flat races at a recognised meeting in any country except:  
(i) Private Sweepstakes or Matches in any country  
and  
(ii) I.N.H flat races and flat races run under the Steeplechasing Rules of any recognised Turf Authority.
- 182.** All penalties and allowances shall be calculated according to the amount of the value of each race as reported in the Irish Racing Calendar and pending such publications, the valuation to be determined in accordance with Rule 174 and unless otherwise stated in the conditions of the races shall be calculated up to the time of starting.
- 183.** In flat races, the assessments for qualification, penalties and allowances for races published in the International Cataloguing Standards Book are as follows:  
(i) For countries whose major races are published in Part I only or in both Part I and Part II;  
(a) Races will be regarded as Pattern races of the Group or Grade indicated.

(b) If no Group or Grade is indicated races will be regarded as Listed races.

(ii) For countries whose major races are published in Part II only;

Races will be regarded as Listed races, whatever the indicated Group or Grade.

(iii) For countries whose major races are published in Part III or who do not have races published in the International Cataloguing Standards Book;

Only races as indicated as being Group 1 or Grade 1 races will be regarded as Listed races.

**184.** If in the conditions of a race, a fixed penalty has to be carried for winning a race, horses which have run a dead heat shall carry the penalty fixed as if the race has been won outright.

### **Allowances**

**185.** Allowances are cumulative unless otherwise specified.

**188.** Allowances must be claimed at the time of entry where practicable (see Part IX), but omission to claim is not a ground for disqualification and a claim for an allowance to which a horse is not entitled does not disqualify unless carried out at scale.

Claims for selling allowances must in all cases be made in writing before the race finally closes, or the claim shall not be allowed.

## **PART XVII**

### **DECLARATION, DIVISION, BALLOTING, NON RUNNER, WEIGHING OUT**

#### **The Weigh Room**

- 193.** Admission to the Weighroom is restricted to Stewards, Officials, Owners, Trainers (or their Authorised Representatives), Stable Employees, Riders, Valets, and other essential service providers. Photography or filming is prohibited without prior permission of the Stewards.
- Any person who is requested to leave the Weigh Room by a Racing Official shall do so immediately. Any refusal shall be reported to the Stewards.

No person without special leave from the Stewards shall be admitted to Rider's Dressing Rooms except Officials, Riders and Valets. Trainers or their representatives wishing to engage or interview riders must do so outside the confines of the Dressing Room. Any person in breach of the Rule shall be reported to the Stewards.

#### **Declaration**

##### **Division of Races, Elimination and Balloting Out of Horses**

- 194.** A horse shall not be permitted to run in any race for which it has not been declared to run in accordance with this Rule.
- (i) Every declaration of a runner must be made to Horse Racing Ireland by 10 a.m. on the day fixed for declarations in the Programme of the Meeting as advertised in the Irish Racing Calendar. Such declarations shall be subject to withdrawal or alteration up to the time fixed for declaration.
- In every Weight For Age Race where there are less than 5 declared runners at the time fixed for declaration there will be an automatic supplementary time period of 15 minutes during which additional declarations may be made for that race. Such declarations will only be accepted by telephone.
- No withdrawal of declaration may be made within this supplementary time period.
- Acceptance of declaration of runners to Horse Racing Ireland are confirmed when such declarations are subsequently published on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) or other approved media information services.
- (ii) (a) All declarations, withdrawals and alterations made under this Rule shall state the name of the horse, the name of the meeting and the name of the race, and shall be in writing signed by the owner or his Authorised Agent, or in the case of horses trained outside Ireland, by the Trainer or provided

that a signed Authority is held by them, by an Official of the Turf Authority under whose Rules the Trainer is licensed, or by facsimile transmission, telephone, or on the Racing Administration System (RÁS). In addition, when a declaration to run is made under Rule 194 (i), a declaration as to the correct weight a horse shall carry must be made by the trainer.

If any penalty is incurred after declaration under Rule 194 (i), then the penalty and the correct weight must be declared by the trainer to the Clerk of the Scales or to the Non-Runner Line not less than one and a half hours before the time fixed for the running of the first race.

In the event of an Owner having more than one declared runner in a race, it shall be the responsibility of the Trainer to declare to Horse Racing Ireland, for publication on the race card, a distinguishing cap for the owner's colours in respect of any declared horse or horses under his care in that race that is not carrying the owner's registered colours.

(b) When a race is divided, the following provisions shall be observed:

- If an owner or trainer shall have two or more horses declared as runners or left in the race at the time at which the division is being made, such horses shall, so far as is possible, be placed in different divisions of the race, and the division in which each of such horses shall be placed shall be determined by lot drawn at the Registry Office.
- The remainder of the horses declared as runners for the race or left in at the time at which the division is being made shall be divided between the different divisions of the race, such divisions to be determined by lot drawn at the Registry Office.

(c) Where the number of horses declared exceeds the number which the Directors of the IHRB permit to run in a race, Horse Racing Ireland shall reduce the number of declared runners to the recommended limit by ballot or elimination. The elimination and balloting of horses shall be conducted in accordance with criteria published by HRI and any future alteration to the published criteria shall only be made following consultation with the Directors of the IHRB.

- Balloting or elimination at the Overnight Declaration stage will take place amongst those Horses which are liable for ballot or elimination. Horses with the lowest ballot or elimination numbers will be the first to get into a race.

- Where a race is the subject of a ballot or elimination under this Rule, not more than three extra Horses will be included as Reserves. The names of the Reserves will be published on the race card in order of priority, and, if the Trainer wishes to exercise the option to run, the Horse must be declared in accordance with Rule 194 (iii)(b) Owners with Horses designated as Reserves will only be charged entrance, forfeit (if applicable) and declaration fees, if they exercise their option to run. Reserves which run are no longer deemed balloted or eliminated on that day.
- (d) If a horse is to run in Headgear or a Tongue Strap, a declaration that it is to do so must be made to Horse Racing Ireland by the time fixed under Rule 194 (i) for declaration for that race except when there is a supplementary time period for a race where such declarations may be made by telephone for additional declared horses.

NOTE- Alteration or declaration of Headgear or tongue straps for a horse declared prior to any supplementary time period may only be made up to the time fixed for declaration and may not be made during any supplementary time period for the race.

Acceptance of declarations of Headgear to Horse Racing Ireland are confirmed when such declarations are subsequently published on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) or other approved media information services.

The trainer shall be responsible for ensuring the declared Headgear is worn by the horse.

The Regulations dealing with the use of Headgear are contained in the Appendix C "Regulations Relating To The Weigh Room And Parade Ring

The use of Equine Nasal Strips on a horse is not permitted.

- (e) If a horse is fitted with the incorrect equipment entering the Parade Ring which has not been declared or is missing the declared equipment the Trainer shall be subject to a fine of €65 and the error may be rectified. If it is not possible for the horse to wear the declared Headgear it shall not be permitted to run.
- When a horse has been declared to run in Headgear, the declared Headgear shall be worn by the horse on departing the Parade Ring, on the way to the start and during the race.

- Where a horse has been declared to run with a Tongue Strap, it shall be fitted to the horse prior to entering the Parade Ring. The Trainer shall be fined €65 for failure to comply with this Rule. The Tongue Strap shall be worn by the horse departing the Parade Ring, on the way to the start and during the race. If it is not possible for the horse to wear the Tongue Strap then permission not to do so must be given by the Stewards or their representatives following consultation (where practical) with the trainer or his Authorised Representative.
- (f) When no declaration of Hood, Blinkers, Eyecover, Visor, Eye shield, Sheepskin Cheek Pieces, or Tongue Strap has been declared they must not be worn by the horse on the way to the start or during the race and if it is not possible for the horse to race without them it shall not run save where a Trainer requests permission from the Stewards for a horse to wear a hood, which must be red in colour, in the parade ring and on the way to the start, but it must be removed by the Trainer (or their representative):
- i) before the horse is loaded into the stalls; or
  - ii) before the horses are called in by the Starter, and it must not be worn during the Race.
- (g) A horse which has been properly declared but which has been inadvertently omitted from the accepted list of declared runners can only be included in a list when Horse Racing Ireland is notified without delay of the omission and Horse Racing Ireland is satisfied that the addition of the horse omitted from the list will not present any administrative difficulties.
- (h) Should a Trainer make an error in the declaration of Headgear or Tongue Strap the error may be corrected by notification to the Racing Department of Horse Racing Ireland by telephone of any such correction by 12 noon on the day fixed for the declaration of runners.

If Horse Racing Ireland has incorrectly recorded any declared Headgear or Tongue Strap or failed to record any declared Headgear or Tongue Strap, the error can be corrected for publication on the race card providing Horse Racing Ireland is notified without delay of the error and Horse Racing Ireland is satisfied that the correction of the error will not present any administrative difficulties.

If Horse Racing Ireland has incorrectly recorded any declared Headgear or Tongue Strap or failed to record any declared Headgear or Tongue Strap, providing time permits, the Stewards may grant permission for the

declared Headgear or Tongue Strap to be worn on the horse if they are satisfied that evidence presented to them clearly attributes the error to Horse Racing Ireland.

If for any reason a horse runs in violation of subsection (d), (e) or (f) or runs in the incorrect Headgear the trainer shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 14 (i) and (ii) and the horse shall not be disqualified.

### **Non Runner**

- (iii) (a) In the event of a horse being unable to fulfil its engagement on any Raceday (except any horse listed as a reserve) notification must be made by telephone on the Non-Runner Line to the Office of the IHRB not less than one and a half hours before the time fixed for the running of the first race. If the time fixed for withdrawal has passed, and a horse is subsequently withdrawn by the trainer or their authorised representative the Clerk of the Scales must be notified in writing.
  - (b) In the case of a horse listed as a Reserve and where a trainer exercises the option to run, a declaration to run must be made by telephone on the Non-Runner Line to the Office of the IHRB not later than 10am for meetings (other than floodlit meetings) during the months of November, December and January, and not later than 11am for all other meetings including floodlit meetings.
  - (c) When a Reserve has been declared and a rider was not nominated at the time of closing for the overnight nomination of riders then it will be necessary for the trainer to nominate a rider by telephone on the Non-Runner Line to the Office of the IHRB by the time fixed for declaration of reserves in (b) above.

Failure to nominate a rider shall render the declaration of the reserve invalid.
  - (d) In the case of a horse listed as a Reserve and where a trainer has not declared the horse to run by the time fixed for declaration of reserves in (b) above, the horse shall automatically be withdrawn.
- (iv) Where a horse has been withdrawn from a race after the time fixed for withdrawal under Rule 194 (iii)(a), the Trainer is liable to be fined €200 for the first occasion and not less than €320 for each subsequent occasion in any one calendar year unless:

- (a) a declared reserve has been denied a run in which case a fine of not less than €320 is liable to be imposed on the Trainer or
- (b) the top weight in a race where an alternative handicap could apply is withdrawn in which case the Trainer will be dealt with under the provisions of Rule 14.

The Trainer of any horse which fails to run on any day at any meeting for which it has been declared to run to the Registry Office is liable to be fined by the Stewards or the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body and in the case of a race with an advertised value of €60,000 or more, not less than €200 and not more than 1% of the advertised value of the race or the guaranteed value of the race. If however, the Trainer is able to satisfy the Stewards or the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body that the reason for non-running is a valid one, the fine may be remitted.

**Note:** An application may be made to the Keeper of the Match Book to remit or reduce the fine imposed and lift any restriction on running if a valid excuse which was not made known to the Stewards of the day can be produced.

- (v) Restrictions imposed by the Stewards on horses withdrawn for reasons listed in (a), (b), (c) and (d) below, are as follows:

#### **Blood Disorder, Respiratory Infection**

- (a) Where a horse is withdrawn from an engagement on the grounds of a blood disorder or respiratory infection then it shall not be permitted to run in any other race for 13 days, commencing on the day following the race meeting.

**Note:** An application may be made to the Keeper of the Match Book or in his absence to another Senior Racing Official to revise the 13 day restriction imposed on running where the diagnosis of respiratory infection is subsequently proven, to the satisfaction of the Keeper of the Match Book or Senior Racing Official, to be incorrect.

#### **Coughing, Nasal Discharge, Allergy**

- (b) Where a horse is withdrawn from an engagement on the grounds of coughing or nasal discharge or allergy then it shall not be permitted to run in any other race for 6 days, commencing on the day following the race meeting.



### **In Season**

- (c) Where a horse is withdrawn from an engagement on the grounds of being “in season”, it shall not be permitted to run for 3 days, commencing on the day following the meeting.

### **Illness, Stress, Injury**

- (d) Where a horse is withdrawn from an engagement on the grounds of illness, stress or injury then it shall not be permitted to run in any other race for 3 days, commencing on the day following the race meeting.

When withdrawals are made for reasons outlined in paragraphs (a), and (b) above a veterinary certificate is not required and when made for reasons outlined in paragraphs (c) and (d) above no fine shall be imposed provided a veterinary certificate in the manner prescribed in paragraph (vi) below is lodged within three days (on which the Office of the Directors of the IHRB is open for general business) of the race to the Office of the IHRB. Failure to lodge a veterinary certificate within 3 such days shall render the Trainer liable to a fine of €200. If a Trainer fails to lodge a veterinary certificate on more than three occasions in one calendar year, an automatic additional fine of €500 will be imposed and he may be reported to the Referrals Committee.

- (vi) All veterinary certificates relating to non runners must state the date and time of the veterinary examination, the meeting and date in which the horse was declared to run and the condition which rendered the horse unfit. The veterinary certificate must be signed by the Veterinary Surgeon who is neither the owner nor the trainer of the horse.

The Directors of the IHRB using their powers under Rule 20 (xviii) shall exercise their right on occasion to appoint a Veterinary Officer to enter the training establishment of any licensed trainer on the day of the race, when the horse is withdrawn due to veterinary advice, to determine the validity of the reason for not running. Upon arrival at the training establishment, the trainer or his representative shall make available to the Veterinary Officer, the necessary identification documents for the horse and the veterinary certificate outlining the reason for not running. Such veterinary certificates must be available for inspection on the day of the race at the training establishment from the time the horse is withdrawn. If for any reason the veterinary certificate in the prescribed format is not available or there is a variance of opinion as to the validity of the reason or if the reason for not running as notified to the Clerk of the Scales in accordance with Rule 194 (iii) (a) cannot be validated by the Veterinary Officer, the matter will then be

referred to the Keeper of the Match Book who may subsequently refer the matter to the Referrals Committee.

- (vii) Sanctions imposed by the Stewards on Trainers and restrictions imposed on horses withdrawn for reasons listed in (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) below are as follows:

#### **Off Feed**

- (a) Where a horse is reported to be “off feed” a fine of €200 shall be imposed on the trainer and the horse shall not be permitted to run in any other race for 3 days, commencing on the day following the race meeting.

#### **Ground Conditions**

- (b) Where a horse is withdrawn due to “ground conditions”, a fine of €200 shall be imposed on the trainer and the horse shall not be permitted to run in any race for 2 days, commencing on the day following the race meeting, unless permission for the withdrawal is granted by the Stewards.

#### **Declared in Error**

- (c) Where the excuse “declared in error” is offered, a fine of €200 shall be imposed on the trainer for the first occasion and not less than €320 for each subsequent occasion in any one calendar year. A horse which has been declared in error shall not be permitted to run in any other race for 2 days, commencing on the day following the race meeting.

#### **Non Appearance or No Excuse**

- (d) Where a horse fails to fulfil an engagement and the trainer does not appear or does not offer an excuse through a representative then a fine of €400 shall be imposed on the trainer and the horse shall not be permitted to run in any other race for 2 days, commencing on the day following the race meeting.

#### **Other Reasons for Non Running**

- (e) Where a horse is withdrawn for any reason other than those previously stated in this Rule a fine of not less than €200 shall be imposed on the trainer and the horse shall not be permitted to run in any other race for 2 days, commencing on the day following the race meeting. The reason “runs tomorrow” shall not be regarded as a valid excuse.

### **Permission or Order of the Stewards**

- (f) Where for any reason a horse is withdrawn from an engagement by permission of the Stewards no fine or suspension will be imposed.

When a horse is withdrawn by order of the Stewards, following consideration of an opinion from the IHRB Veterinary Officer under Rule 18(b), it may be suspended under Rule 14(iii) for a period of not less than 3 days, commencing on the day following the racemeeting.

When a horse is withdrawn by order of the Stewards for any other reason it shall be at their discretion whether any sanction shall apply.

When withdrawals are made for reasons outlined in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) (e) and (f) above, a veterinary certificate is not required.

- (viii) The declaration for a horse shall be for only one race for any one day of any one meeting and a horse shall not be declared for more than one race on the same day at more than one meeting by the time fixed for declarations to the Registry Office. However, should a horse be declared to run for more than one race on the same day it shall be withdrawn automatically from all races by the Registry Office. Notwithstanding the foregoing, should a horse remain declared to run for more than one race it shall be withdrawn by the Stewards from all races. Should any horse run in violation of this provision it is liable after enquiry to be disqualified by the Stewards, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body and the Trainer shall be liable to sanction.
- (ix) Where a horse is withdrawn for any reason it may not be reinstated by the Stewards unless they are fully satisfied that the withdrawal was due to the unauthorised or the mistaken action of any party.
- (x) Where a horse declared to run, does not run, and is liable to be suspended by the Stewards, the Trainer shall assume the mandatory suspension has been applied. The onus will be on the Trainer to ascertain whether any excuse submitted was accepted by the Stewards.
- (xi) Where a trainer is persistently sanctioned for breaches of paragraph (vii) of this Rule he may be reported to the Licensing Committee.

### **Overnight Nomination of Rider**

- 195.** (i) In every race for each declared horse there shall be a nomination of Rider by 12 noon on the day fixed for declaration of horses in the programme of the meeting as advertised in the Irish Racing Calendar. It is the responsibility of the Trainer to ensure a Rider is nominated to Horse Racing Ireland by that time. This closing time may be extended by Horse Racing Ireland for administrative purposes and where possible the extended closing time shall be published in the Irish Racing Calendar and/or on the Racing Administration System (RÁS).

If a Rider expects to carry overweight of 2lbs, that probable amount shall be declared to Horse Racing Ireland by the time of closing for nomination of riders. The responsibility for such declaration rests with both the Trainer and the Rider.

It shall not be mandatory for a rider to carry all or any of the declared overweight if the rider can weigh out with less than that declared or at the proper weight.

It is the responsibility of the Rider to ensure that he or she:

- (a) is qualified to ride in the race
- (b) claims any weight allowances correctly
- (c) weighs out at the correct weight in accordance with the conditions of the race, after any allowance has been claimed.

Subject to Rule 198(vii), if a Rider is unable to weigh out at the designated weight, such Rider may be in breach of this Rule and may be referred to the Stewards who may order the substitution of the Rider and/or deal with the matter under Rule 14(i).

- (ii) Nomination of riders to horses may be withdrawn or altered prior to expiry of the time fixed for making such nomination as set out in paragraph (i) above. The most recent nomination of rider to horse will automatically replace any previous nomination.
- (iii) Subject to paragraph (iv) nomination of riders to horses for any race or withdrawals or alterations thereof shall only be made by Telephone, Facsimile Transmission or on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) by;
  - (a) the Trainer of the horse
  - (b) a Jockey licensed by the Directors of the IHRB in Ireland
  - (c) an Authorised Riders' Agent

A nomination of rider shall not be accepted from any of the categories above unless they are in possession of a Horse Racing Ireland Account Number and a Personal Identification Number (P.I.N.).

- (iv) In the case of horses trained outside Ireland, nomination of riders to horses or withdrawals or alterations thereof will only be accepted by Horse Racing Ireland if made by;
  - (a) the Trainer, rider or their respective agents
  - (b) by Telephone or Facsimile Transmission signed by one of the persons specified in (a) above.
- (vi) Reserves – Where a horse is listed as a Reserve the trainer has the option of nominating a rider in accordance with Rule 195(i). If such Reserve is subsequently allowed to run then the nominated rider must ride and any request for a substitution will only be granted by the Stewards if;
  - (a) the rider is incapacitated through injury or illness or
  - (b) fails to present himself/herself at scale within the time fixed under Rule 196 (i) or
  - (c) the substitute rider's original mount is a non-runner

Where a horse is listed as a Reserve and no rider was nominated in accordance with Rule 195 (i) and the trainer declares his intention to run, as per Rule 194 (iii) (c) he must nominate a rider. If the rider expects to carry overweight of 2lbs, that probable amount shall be declared to the Non-Runner Line by the time fixed for declaration of reserves in Rule 194 (iii) (b). The responsibility for such declaration rests with both the Trainer and the Rider who shall be liable to sanction.

- (vii) The Regulations dealing with the Overnight Nomination of Riders are contained in the Appendix C "Regulations Relating To The Overnight Nomination Of Riders".

## **Weighing Out**

- 196.** (i) Every rider must be weighed for a specific horse by the Clerk of the Scales at the appointed place, not less than a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the race. In exceptional cases the Stewards may extend the time allowed for weighing or declaring weight.
- (ii) If a rider after he has weighed for a specified horse, and before he has been under the Starter's control is prevented by accident or illness from riding in the race, another rider may be substituted with the consent of the Stewards, provided there is no unreasonable delay.
- (iii) When the complete list of runners and riders have been exhibited no alteration or addition except as allowed for in section (iv) of this Rule or in Rule 34 can be made without the permission of the Stewards, whose reasons for such permission shall be reported to the Office of the IHRB.
- (iv) The substitution of a rider after the time fixed for nomination of rider under Rule 195 (i) will only be allowed by the Stewards on the day, if they are satisfied that the reason for the substitution is a valid one, and that the circumstances resulting in the request for a substitution could not have been foreseen prior to the time fixed for nomination of rider.  
The request for a substitution will only be granted by the Stewards if the rider booked is incapacitated through injury or illness on the day or fails to present himself/herself at scale within the time fixed under Rule 196(i).
- (v) When a rider fails to present himself to be weighed out within the time fixed under sub paragraph (i) of this Rule, a fine of not less than €200 is liable to be imposed on the rider, unless he provides a satisfactory explanation to the Stewards.  
An application may be made to the Chief Executive Officer of the IHRB to remit or reduce the fine imposed if a valid excuse which was not made known to the Stewards can be presented.
- (vi) The Clerk of the Scales is required to satisfy himself that Apprentices are qualified to ride under Rules 151 and 152 before weighing them out for races other than those confined to Apprentices.
- 197.** Every rider shall declare to the Clerk of the Scales at the time of weighing out the weight that the horse which he is to ride is to carry, and if such declared weight be in excess of the correct weight the horse shall not on that account be liable to disqualification.  
Every rider shall wear a body protector and his weight shall be calculated at 3lb less than the weight registered on the scale.
- 198.** (i) The saddle, together with any weight cloth, pad or clothing (excluding number cloth) to be carried by a horse while racing must be put into the scales and included in the rider's weight. Lead must only be carried in a Lead Cloth or Saddle Pouch.

Under no circumstances are riders permitted to carry lead on any part of their person. Any breach of this Rule shall render the rider liable to sanction.

- (ii) No whip or substitute for a whip, bridle, rings, plates or anything worn on a horse's legs, cap or skull cap as required under Rule 198 (iv), Hood, Blinkers, Eyecover, Visor, Eyeshield, Sheepskin Cheek Pieces, Tongue Strap, muzzle, martingale, breastplate, or number cloth shall be allowed in the scales either in weighing out or weighing in. The number cloth must be presented by either the Rider or the Trainer or his Authorised Representative to the Clerk of the Scales at the time of weighing out. The Regulations dealing with number cloths are contained in the Appendix C "Regulations Relating To The Saddling Of Horses".
- (iii)
  - (a) A rider shall be responsible for the fit condition of the saddle which he uses in any race. The saddle comprises the saddle itself, the girths, surcingle, stirrup irons and leathers or webs.
  - (b) A rider shall not weigh out or attempt to weigh out for, or ride or attempt to ride in, any race under Rules of Racing or I.N.H.S. Rules (including Point to Point Steeplechases), with stirrup irons which are not approved by the Directors of the IHRB. The Regulations dealing with stirrup irons are contained in the Appendix C "Regulations Relating To Riders' Equipment". A rider who fails to comply with the foregoing shall be reported to the Stewards and dealt with under Rule 14 (i).
  - (c) A Rider, from the time of weighing out to the time of weighing in, shall not use or be in possession of any timepiece, electronic appliance or optical instrument unless permission has been granted by the Chief Executive Officer of the IHRB.
- (iv) A rider shall not ride in any race under Rules of Racing or I.N.H.S. Rules (including Point to Point Steeplechases) unless he is wearing a skull cap of the pattern approved by the Directors of the IHRB. The Regulations dealing with skull caps are contained in the Appendix C "Regulations Relating To Riders' Equipment. A rider who fails to comply with the foregoing shall be reported to the Stewards and dealt with under Rule 14 (i). The rider shall be responsible that such skull cap is in condition suitable for the purpose for which it is intended. The skull cap and the rider's cap shall not under Rule 198 (ii) be included but the remainder of the rider's clothing must be put in the scales and included in the rider's weight.
- (v) A Rider shall not weigh out or attempt to weigh out for, or ride or attempt to ride in, any race under Rules of Racing or I.N.H.S. Rules (including Point to Point Steeplechases) unless he is wearing a Body Protector. A rider who fails to comply with the foregoing shall be reported to the Stewards and dealt with under Rule 14 (i).

- (vi) No article which under this Rule should have been put in the scales may be added after weighing out and every article which has been put in the scales on weighing out shall be carried by the horse.
- (vii)
  - (a) Any Rider weighing out with overweight of 2lbs, where such overweight has not been declared under Rule 195(i) or where the overweight to be carried exceeds 2lbs, shall first obtain permission from the Stewards to do so. Such rider may be subject to sanction under these Rules.
  - (b) A rider shall not be weighed out to carry 3lbs or more overweight, except under very exceptional circumstances.
  - (c) The Stewards shall furnish a report to the IHRB of the circumstances which led them to grant permission to any rider to carry 2lbs or more overweight.
  - (d) Overweight shall be calculated from the weight allotted to the horse in the race after deduction from this weight of any allowance which the rider may be entitled to claim.

**199.** Every horse running in a race shall carry a number-cloth bearing a number corresponding with its number on the racecard. The Trainer is responsible to ensure the correct number is worn and that the number is clearly visible. Failure to comply with this Rule shall not disqualify a horse but the Trainer responsible may be liable to a fine or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Stewards.



## **PART XVIII**

### **STARTING**

- 204.** The horses must be started by the Official Starter or his authorised substitute.
- 205.** (i) All horses must be at the post ready to start at the appointed time. Any trainer or rider who fails to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined by the Stewards.
- (ii) Fences, hurdles or other obstacles shall not be jumped prior to the start of any race.
- 206.** (i) All riders on arrival at the starting post must immediately place themselves under the Starter's control, and a horse, when once under his control, shall not leave the starting area until the race has started, except in the case of an accident. The Regulations dealing with Starts are contained in the Appendix C "Regulations Relating To Starts And Starting Stalls".
- (ii) The Starter, or his authorised substitute, must satisfy himself that the correct numbers of declared runners for each race are present at the start and he shall give all orders necessary for securing a fair start by flag, tape or starting stalls.
- 207.** (i) For flat races, starting from stalls, the draw allotting positions to all declared runners including Reserves which each Rider shall take at the start shall be determined by lot to be drawn in the Registry Office subsequent to the completion of the Declaration process. Subject to the provisions of paragraph (iii) of this Rule, the Horses shall take their places at the start in the order drawn for them.
- (ii) When looking at the starting stalls from the rear the rider who was drawn No. 1 shall be placed;
- (a) on left handed tracks, in the first stall used on the left of the starting stalls or
- (b) on right handed tracks, in the first stall used on the right of the starting stalls
- and the other riders shall take their places in consecutive numbers from the rider drawn No. 1.
- (iii) For practical reasons horses may not necessarily start from their allotted stall positions. The Starter shall have complete discretion to order changes to the positions and when there are non runners and when time permits, to move one or more of the declared runners over to fill any gaps in the stalls which would otherwise exist.
- (iv) A horse shall not be disqualified on account of not starting from its allotted stall position.

- (v) If any race for which a draw has been made is not subsequently started from stalls the draw positions shall have no relevance for starting.

**208.**

**In all races started from flag or tape**

- (i) The Starter shall direct that the horses be positioned, at such reasonable distance behind the red and white marker poles as the Starter thinks necessary. The Starter shall give orders for a white flag to be raised by the advance flagman whereupon he shall ask the riders to move forward in a controlled manner.
- (ii) The Starter has power to order that an unruly horse be removed and placed at such distance to one side of, or behind the other runners, that it cannot gain any advantage itself, or cause a danger to, or prejudice the chances of other horses and riders engaged in the race.  
Permission may be given by the Starter for a horse to be held and led in, or the Starter may himself order an unruly horse to be held and led in.
- (iii) A Rider shall not;
  - (a) Proceed past the marker poles positioned at the start or attempt to line up or take a position for the start before being instructed to do so by the Starter
  - (b) put a horse into a trot or canter with a view to taking any advantage before the race is started
  - (c) turn or face their horse backwards from the starting line, having being instructed by the Starter to come forward
  - (d) hang behind the other runners unless they have informed the Starter that the horse is to be "dropped in"

**In all races started from stalls**

- (iv) The Starter shall assign the horses to the places drawn by lot (under Rule 207) and shall then order the stalls handlers to commence loading the horses into their allotted stalls. It shall be the responsibility of the rider to ensure that the horse enters the correct allocated stall. The Starter and/or his assistant shall give orders for a white flag to be raised by the advanced flag man when the loading is almost complete.

### **In all races**

- (v) A Rider shall;
  - (a) take all reasonable measures to take part in the race when it has been started
  - (b) comply with any instruction from the Starter.
- (vi) The Starter has power to order or to allow a horse to be withdrawn if in his opinion it is unfit to race. If any unruly horse unduly delays the start or refuses to enter its allotted stall or in the opinion of the Starter may present or cause damage to other horses or riders or prejudice their chances, the Starter may order such horse to be withdrawn. If withdrawn, it shall be deemed not to have started and the behaviour shall be reported to the Stewards. If the race in question was being started from stalls, then the horse shall not be permitted to start for a race started from stalls until such time as it has been re-certified for a starting stalls certificate.
- (vii) Any rider found to be in breach of this Rule shall be liable to sanction by the Stewards under Rule 14.

### **209.**

- (i) Should the tapes be broken by a horse or his rider or should the Starter consider that through any faulty action of the starting tape or starting stalls or any other cause a fair start has not been effected he shall declare it "false start" and he shall signal to the advance flagman by waving a red flag. On this signal the advance flagman shall raise and wave the white flag. The riders shall thereupon return to the start.
- (ii) The Starter's decision as to the fairness of a start shall be subject only to the power of the Stewards under Rule 10 of these Rules. In the absence of a signal by a red flag from the Starter the advance flagman shall lower the white flag when the horses have started.
- (iii) If a start shall be declared "false start" by the Starter, the horses shall be started again as soon as practicable.
- (iv) In the event of any horse running the course or part of the course from a start declared to be "false start" under paragraph (i) of this Rule or from a void start, the horse may, with the consent or by order of the Stewards be withdrawn from the race.

- (v) Any horse that has not started in a race, due to a starting stalls malfunction or starter error, may be declared a non-runner by the Stewards.

## **PART XIX**

### **RUNNING, WALKING OVER, DEAD HEATS, RACE STOPPING**

#### **Running**

- 211.** (a) When Marker Poles are in place the riders of all horses running in flat races must ride in a straight line from their draw positions until reaching the Marker Poles, unless in the opinion of the Stewards there were exceptional circumstances. This does not apply to any horse at the rear of the field which has dwelt of its own accord or is restrained with a view to covering it up. A rider is liable to sanction for any contravention of this Rule even if no interference is caused.
- (i) The Marker Poles will be positioned at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course but generally they will be positioned not more than one hundred yards (91 metres) from the start.
- (b) When a horse is to run in a race with ear plugs such plugs must not be removed during the course of the race.
- (c) A horse shall not carry or wear any equipment during the running of a race that is not present on the horse in the parade ring prior to the race. The use of any form of tight binding on a horse's tail as a method of preventing internal bleeding or any other disorder is strictly forbidden and any Trainer using such method shall be liable to sanction by the Stewards in accordance with the provisions of Rule 14.
- (d) If in the opinion of the Stewards riders in any race do not make sufficient effort to ride at what is, having regard for all the circumstances including the distance of the race, a reasonable racing pace, such action will be deemed to be at variance with the spirit of competitive horseracing and contrary to the proper conduct of riders at a racemeeting. Riders found to be in breach of this Rule will each be liable to a fine not exceeding €250 for a first offence and a fine of up to €500 for a second offence. Any subsequent offence within three years shall be dealt with by the Stewards in accordance with Rule 14.

#### **212.**

#### **Running and Riding Generally**

##### Introduction:

Having regard to the importance, for the health (including financial health) of the sport and industry of racing and breeding, of each Horse competing in each Race being seen to have been given a full opportunity of obtaining the best possible place there is an overall obligation on all persons who have any involvement with the running

and riding of a Horse in a Race to ensure that the Horse concerned runs on its merits and is also seen, to a reasonable and informed member of the racing public, to have been run on its merits. In that context it is the obligation of all such persons to ensure that the racecourse is not used as a training ground and that all Horses, including Horses having their first run, must be ridden, and be seen to be ridden, to attain the best possible place and must not be deliberately eased before passing the winning post without good reason. In the light of the overriding obligation referred to and the need for it to be seen to be the case that all such persons have taken all reasonable and permissible measures in relation to the running and riding of the Horse concerned to ensure that it has been given, and has been seen to have been given, a full opportunity of obtaining the best possible place, the following specific rules are required. Rules 212, 212A, 212B and 212C are to be considered part of a single rule.

Regard shall be had to this introduction in construing and applying this rule.

## **212A.**

### **Running and Riding Offences**

- (i) Any person involved in the running and/or riding of a horse in a race who deliberately or recklessly causes or permits a horse to run other than on its merits shall be guilty of an offence under this sub-rule;
- (ii) Any Rider or other person who either rides a Horse in a Race or causes, contributes to or permits the running and/or riding of a Horse in a Race in such a way that the Horse cannot be seen to have been the subject of a genuine attempt to obtain from the Horse timely, real and substantial efforts to achieve the best possible place shall be guilty of an offence under this sub-rule. In cases involving a Horse other than the winner, it shall not be a defence to an allegation that this sub-rule has been breached to assert that the Horse actually achieved its best possible position in respect of the Horses in front where the Rider has not been seen to make the efforts required by this sub-rule.
- (iii) Any person involved in the running of a Horse in a Race where the Horse concerned, following examination by the IHRB Veterinary Officer, is found to be in a condition which the person concerned knew or should have known would preclude its chance of winning or achieving its best possible placing having regard to its ability or any person involved in the running/or riding of a Horse in a Race for the purpose of giving the Horse concerned a school shall be guilty of an offence under this sub-rule.
- (iv) Any Rider who fails to obtain his best possible placing as a result of negligent misjudgement (including a misjudgement of the winning post or the number of circuits, easing his mount without good reason or stopping riding) shall be guilty of an offence under this sub-rule.

- (v) The Stewards shall impose a sanction on any person found in breach of this rule and may also suspend a Horse in accordance with Rule 212C (d) from running for up to 90 days as a consequence of the actions of any person connected with the running of the Horse.

#### **212B.**

##### **Improvement in Form**

Where, having considered the running of a race together with any other relevant materials which may be available to them, the Stewards are not satisfied that the obligations set out in the introduction to these rules have been complied with they shall conduct a Stewards Enquiry into any relevant matter concerning the running and riding of the horse concerned. In particular, where the Stewards, having considered the performance of a horse in a race, are of opinion that the relevant performance showed a significant improvement on the performance of that horse in a previous race or races, sufficient to raise a concern as to whether the relevant horse ran on its merits in such previous race or races, the Stewards shall seek a report from the Trainer or his Authorised Representative or conduct a Stewards Enquiry relating to previous performances. In conducting a Stewards Enquiry under this sub-rule the Stewards shall have regard to all relevant circumstances and evidence including any explanation provided by the trainer or rider of the horse concerned on any relevant occasion. Having considered all relevant evidence the Stewards may conclude that:-

- (i) No breach of these rules has been established; or
- (ii) The evidence should be noted; or
- (iii) There has been a breach of Rule 213; or
- (iv) The matter should be referred to the Referrals Committee for further consideration.

#### **212C.**

##### **General Matters under Rule 212**

- (a) Where the Stewards note the evidence in accordance with Rule 212B(ii), a Senior Racing Official may reopen the matter by reporting on any relevant issues to the Referrals Committee. For the avoidance of doubt such Senior Racing Official may refer additional evidence or materials, beyond those which were considered at the relevant Stewards Enquiry, to the Referrals Committee.
- (b) For the purposes of this rule the running and riding of a horse in a race will be taken to include the giving of instructions concerning the manner in which a horse should be ridden and any matter sufficiently connected with a race which might reasonably be considered to have the potential to affect the placing of a horse in a race.

- (c) Without prejudice to the generality of the requirement that the Stewards or in an appropriate circumstance the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body should take into account all relevant circumstances and evidence in the conduct of any Stewards Enquiry, referral or appeal hearing under this rule the following matters may be taken into account:-
- (i) Where veterinary evidence is offered on behalf of a person at a Stewards Enquiry, referral or appeal hearing, whether a reasonable opportunity was afforded to the IHRB Veterinary Officer to validate the veterinary evidence concerned at a time when such evidence was capable of being so validated and prior to the relevant Stewards Enquiry, referral or appeal hearing;
  - (ii) Whether any explanation tendered for the running and riding of the horse concerned on any relevant occasion was tendered at the earliest possible time at which it was reasonable to expect such explanation to have been proffered either as a result of the holding of a Stewards Enquiry under this or any other rule or on foot of the obligations of disclosure contained within Rule 213 and these rules generally; For the avoidance of doubt the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body may decline to consider evidence or materials proffered by an appellant which was not proffered at a Stewards Enquiry or at a referral hearing, as the case may be, when reasonable notice of such fresh evidence is not given in advance of the hearing before the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body.
  - (iii) Any evidence of betting patterns from which it may be reasonable to draw an inference concerning the advance knowledge of persons connected with a horse as to the likely performance of the horse concerned in a relevant race (including any previous race in which the horse concerned has run); and
  - (iv) Any evidence of a pattern in the running and/or riding of horses associated with a person the subject of any Stewards Enquiry or investigation or from whom a report under Rule 212B has been received from which it may be reasonable to draw an inference concerning the running and riding of the horse or horses which is or are the subject of the Stewards Enquiry, referral or appeal hearing concerned. For the avoidance of doubt the Stewards, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body may consider the running and riding of a horse or horses in a number of races at a single hearing and may find a breach of this rule and where satisfied, that it is appropriate to infer that at least in some of the races concerned the horse or horses were run or ridden in breach of this rule without necessarily determining that any particular race involved such breach.



- (v) Any evidence that may be submitted by the Handicapper.
  - (d) Where the Stewards, having considered the performance of a horse in a race and any other relevant circumstances, find that the horse was run and/or ridden in breach of any of the sub-rules set out in Rule 212A or was not capable of meaningfully competing in the race concerned the Stewards may consider that the horse concerned should be restricted from participating in any race for a period not exceeding 90 days and, if so considering, may direct that such a restriction shall apply to the horse.
  - (e) For the avoidance of doubt it shall be open to the Stewards, the Referrals Committee and the Appeals Body, when considering any matter before them under this rule, to consider, in the alternative, whether the evidence and materials presented disclose a possible breach of rule different to the one initially under consideration. Subject to notifying any person potentially affected, and giving to such person such reasonable opportunity as might be required in the circumstances of the case to deal with the question of whether there has been a breach of a different provision of this rule, the Stewards, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body shall have power to make a finding of a breach of a different provision of this rule notwithstanding that the specific breach in respect of which such finding is made was not the same as the breach initially under consideration.
- 213.**
- (i) Where a horse is found before leaving a racecourse to have had a nasal or internal haemorrhage, this matter should be reported to the Stewards' Secretary or Veterinary Officer on duty in the stables.
  - (ii) The Rider, the Trainer or in his absence the Trainer's Authorised Representative or the Owner shall report in the first instance to the Clerk of the Scales or his assistant or a Stewards' Secretary or the Veterinary Officer on duty, anything which might have affected the running of their horse in a race. This report should be made as soon as possible after the race and failure to do so prior to any Stewards Enquiry that may be held shall render the person liable to a sanction by the Stewards unless they are satisfied that the report could not have been made earlier.
  - (iii) Should anything which might have a bearing on the past or future running of the horse come to the notice of the Owner or Trainer after the horse has left the course, it must be reported as soon as possible to a Stewards' Secretary, the IHRB Veterinary Officer or the Office of the IHRB.
  - (iv) Any person who fails to make a report under paragraphs (i), (ii) or (iii) above shall be liable to a sanction by the Stewards or the Referrals Committee
- 214.**
- (i) When interference has been caused:

- (a) By dangerous riding in any part of a race the horse shall, on an objection under Rule 262 (iv) which under Rule 264 includes a Stewards Enquiry, be disqualified.
- (b) By careless or improper riding or by accident in any part of a race the horse shall, on an objection under Rule 262 (iv) which under Rule 264 includes a Stewards Enquiry, be placed behind the horse or horses with which it has interfered if the Stewards are satisfied that the interference improved its placing in relation to the horse or horses with which it interfered. If they are not so satisfied they shall overrule the objection and/or order that the placings shall remain unaltered.

With regard to (b) above, when deciding whether they are so satisfied the Stewards shall make no allowance for any ground which the incident may have cost the horse causing the interference.

- (ii) For the purpose of the application of Sub-Rule (i) (b) the placing of a horse interfered with shall be that decided by the Judge.
- (iii) The Rider of any horse who, in the opinion of the Stewards has been guilty of dangerous, careless or improper riding at any time whilst on the racecourse and whether before or after any race shall be guilty of an offence.
- (iv) When in the opinion of the Stewards any Rider is guilty of careless or improper riding or has committed a breach of Rule 212 the Stewards may, in lieu of suspension or fine, caution him as to his future conduct in races.
- (v) For the purpose of this Rule the following definitions apply:

### **1. Dangerous riding**

A Rider is guilty of dangerous riding if he causes serious interference by;

- (a) purposely interfering with another horse or rider

or

- (b) riding in a way which is far below that of a competent and careful Rider and where it would be obvious to such a competent and careful Rider that riding in that way was likely to endanger the safety of another horse or Rider.

### **2. Careless riding**

A Rider is guilty of careless riding if he fails to take reasonable steps to avoid causing interference or causes interference by inattention or misjudgement.

### **3. Improper riding**

Improper riding covers cases of improper use of the whip or striking other Riders or horses and may also include other forms of misconduct in the course of riding such as riding that would be dangerous as defined above but for the fact that it did not cause serious interference.

- (vi) Before attempting to pass another horse on the inside, where the course is unrailed, a Rider should be satisfied that his horse has the speed to do so. Before reaching the next obstacle, doll or section of running rail, he must be clear of the horse he has overtaken on the inside and it is his responsibility to ensure that he does not cause interference to the overtaken horse. Interference caused in this manner will be deemed a breach of this Rule.

The Rider being overtaken on the inside is entitled to hold his line to the inside of the next obstacle, doll or section of rail but he must not move his horse across in an attempt to interfere with the overtaking horse. Interference caused in this manner will be deemed a breach of this Rule and may be considered intentional interference.

### **Special Rules relating to Races**

- 215.** (i) If the horse runs the wrong side of a direction post, flag or doll, or in a Steeplechase or Hurdle race, misses a fence or hurdle, his Rider shall turn back and ride the course correctly from such point or he shall pull up. He shall not otherwise continue in the race nor shall he rejoin the race during a later circuit.
  - (ii) Where a Rider fails to pull up in the circumstances detailed in paragraph (i) above or disregards the above requirements, the horse shall on an objection under Rule 262 (iv), be disqualified and the Rider reported to the Stewards.

In the event of all riders remaining in the race taking an incorrect course, the Stewards shall act in accordance with Rule 10(ii).
  - (iii) If however for reasons of safety, a fence or hurdle is omitted during the running of a race, such fence or hurdle shall be deemed to be an incorrect course and shall be omitted for the remainder of the race. Any horse jumping such fence or hurdle shall be disqualified and the Rider reported to the Stewards.
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- 216.** (i) During the running of a race a rider who has parted company with his mount at an obstacle or at any other section of the course shall not re-mount and continue to race. If he does so, the horse shall be disqualified and the rider shall be liable to sanction by the Stewards or the Referrals Committee.
  - (ii) If any flag, post or boundary mark be placed in the course or altered after the riders have been shown over the ground or had the course pointed out to them, it shall not be considered binding or of any effect unless such addition or alterations shall have been particularly named, previous to starting, to all the riders in

the race, by one of the Stewards, the Clerk of the Course, or by their representatives.

- (iii) If any flag, post or boundary mark shall have been knocked down, removed, or effaced, without the authority of the Stewards, during, or subsequent to, the first race of the day, the riders shall nevertheless be bound to keep in the proper course; but a horse shall not be disqualified for not having gone the right course at such point, unless it shall appear to the Stewards, upon investigation, that the rider of such horse, by so doing, gained any material advantage over the other riders who kept on the right course, or endeavoured to do so. Any rider who may have broken, knocked down or effaced any flag, post or boundary mark shall report the same to the Clerk of the Course, immediately on his return to the Scales, failure to so may render him liable to a fine by the Stewards.

### **Walking Over**

- 217.** In walking over for a race, in no case shall it be necessary for a horse to “walk-over” the entire course, but if at the time fixed for weighing out only one horse shall have been weighed out, that horse shall be ridden past the Judge’s box and shall then be deemed the winner. Where only one horse has been declared under Rule 194(i) the same procedure shall be followed at such time as the Directors of the IHRB may order.

### **Dead Heats**

- 218.** When horses run a dead-heat the dead-heat shall not be run off.
- 219.** Each horse that divides a prize for first place shall be deemed a winner (for penalties see Rule 174).
- 221.** When a dead-heat is run for second place and an objection is made to the winner of the race and sustained the horses which ran the dead-heat shall be deemed to have run a dead-heat for first place.  
When a dead-heat is run for third place and objections are made to the winner and second horse placed in the race are sustained the horses which ran the dead-heat shall be deemed to have run a dead-heat for first place.
- 222.** If the dividing owners cannot agree as to which of them is to have a cup or other prize which cannot be divided the question shall be determined by lot by the Stewards who shall decide what sum of money shall be paid by the owner who takes such cup or other indivisible prize to the other owner or owners.

- 223.** On a dead-heat for a match the match is off.

### **Race Stopping**

- 224.** When a flag of a predetermined colour and design is raised during the course of a race it shall signal the race to be stopped in the interest of safety. In such cases the race may be declared void.

### **Slips and Falls**

- 225.** When a horse has slipped or fallen on the flat in a race the Stewards shall enquire into the reason and order the examination of the horse. If, in their opinion, inadequate or inappropriate shoeing of the horse was a contributory factor to the slip or fall the Trainer may be liable to a fine of not less than €130.

The Regulation dealing with the shoeing of horses is contained in Appendix C "Regulations Relating to the Weigh Room And Parade Ring" - Shoes and Calkins.

### **Advantaging another Runner**

- 226.** (a) A Rider must not
- (i) make a manoeuvre in a race with the apparent intention of advantaging another Horse in Common Ownership or trained by the same Trainer whether or not such a manoeuvre causes interference or causes his Horse to fail to achieve its best possible placing, or
  - (ii) contravene any provision of this Rule with the intention or with the consequence of giving advantage to another Horse in Common Ownership or trained by the same Trainer.

Nothing in (i) or (ii) above prohibits bona fide pacemaking where no such manoeuvre is made.

- (b) Where it is determined that a Rider is found to be in breach of part (a) of this rule, the Trainer of the Horse may also be found to be in breach of this Rule unless he provides a satisfactory explanation.
- (c) Common ownership means that the Horses in question share one or more owners in common.

## **PART XX**

### **WEIGHING IN**

- 227.** (i) Immediately after pulling up, the riders of the horses placed by the Judge in each race must ride their horses to the place appointed for unsaddling and dismount there, except as provided for in paragraph (ii) of this Rule. The other riders may dismount within a reasonable distance. Every rider, including those who have failed to finish the race, must present themselves to be weighed by the Clerk of the Scales at once and must bring with them to the Scales everything that the horse carried in the race except as provided in Rule 198(ii).
- (ii) In cases where the Judge in consulting the Photo Finish Image, has not announced his decision before the riders return to weigh in, they may dismount either inside or within a reasonable distance of the place appointed for unsaddling the winner. In such cases the Clerk of the Scales shall weigh in all riders until such time as the Judge's decision is announced.  
N.B. Unless in an emergency or when no other place is appointed all riders must unsaddle in the Parade Ring.
- (iii) The Directors of the IHRB may from time to time authorise the use of a second scales for weighing in, which may be located in an area other than in the Weighroom. The weight shown on such scales shall be deemed to be the weighing in weight unless the rider/s weighed on such scales fail to draw the correct weight. In such circumstances the rider/s shall immediately be brought to the Weighroom to be reweighed on the scales originally used for weighing out and the weight shown shall be deemed to be the weighing in weight.
- (iv) The Clerk of the Scales shall notify the Chairman of the Stewards of the details of all riders who weigh in 1lb or more light under either the Rules of Racing or the I.N.H.S. Rules.
- 228.** If a Rider is prevented from riding back to weigh in by reason of accident or illness, by which he or his horse is disabled, he must return by Ambulance, where available, to the weigh room. A rider failing to adhere to this procedure shall be liable to be reported to the Stewards.
- 229.** When the Riders have weighed in to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Scales at not less than the weight at which they weighed out, except for the allowance under Rule 231(i), the Stewards shall authorise the "Winner All Right" announcement on the public address system and/or by any other means available.

Provided they shall not authorise this until:

- (i) The period allowed for objecting under Rule 262(iv) has elapsed and/or
- (ii) Any objection which may have been lodged on grounds in accordance with Rule 262(iv), has been decided.
- (iii) No objection on any grounds other than those in Rule 262(iv) shall be entertained prior to the "Winner All Right" announcement. After the announcement has been made, no alterations shall be made to the winner or placed horses.
- (iv) When an objection has been lodged, an announcement should be made on the public address system stating briefly the grounds of the objection and when an objection has been determined the Stewards decision shall be announced.
- (v) Trainers (or their representatives) who have had runners in a race and riders who have ridden in a race, must remain on the racecourse and available to the Stewards until 10 minutes after the 'Winner All Right' announcement has been made. They should not become involved in post race schooling or any other activities until it is clear that they will not be required to attend a Stewards' Enquiry.

- 230.**
- (i) If a Rider be too ill to weigh in, his horse shall not be disqualified on that account, provided that the rider weighed out at not less than his proper weight.
  - (ii) If a Rider does not present himself to weigh in, his horse shall be disqualified, unless he can satisfy the Stewards that there were justifiable reasons for his failure to present and provided that the rider weighed out at not less than his proper weight.
  - (iii) If a horse carries less than the weight it should carry in accordance with the conditions of the race it shall on an objection under Rule 262(v) be disqualified.

**231.**

- (i) If a Rider cannot draw the weight at which he weighed out the Clerk of the Scales shall allow him 1lb. If he cannot then draw the weight, his horse will be disqualified.
- (ii) A horse shall not be disqualified for a race in respect of any overweight carried,
- (iii) A Rider who weighs in at more than 1lb above the correct weight shall be reported to the Stewards and may be subject to sanction under these Rules.
- (iv) For the purpose of paragraph (iii) of this Rule, the correct weight means the weight at which the rider is weighed out by the Clerk of the Scales, rounded down to the nearest 1lb unit.

- (v) Where practicable, all riders recorded with overweight shall be weighed in by the Clerk of the Scales irrespective of their final placing.

**233.** The rider of a walk-over need not be weighed in.

### **Accidents to Riders**

**234.** Any rider who has parted company with his mount at an obstacle or at any other section of the course during the running of a race shall report as soon as possible to the Medical Officer. Failure to do so shall leave the rider subject to sanction by the Stewards or the Referrals Committee.



## **PART XXI**

### **PRIZE MONEY**

#### **Prizes**

- 236.** Prize money shall be distributed in accordance with the “Prize Money Distribution Tables” published by Horse Racing Ireland. Any alteration to the constituent part of the deductions from prize money will be arrived at after consultation with the Directors of the IHRB and any alteration to the deductions for the charitable Funds administered or jointly administered by the Stewards of the Turf Club and the Stewards of the INHS Committee will only be arrived at with the agreement of both sets of stewards.
- 244.** When a walk-over is the result of arrangement by the Owners of horses engaged, neither a cup nor any portion of the advertised money shall be given, and the persons entering into such arrangement may be fined or otherwise dealt with by the Stewards.
- 248.** If a race be never run or be void, stakes, forfeits and entrance money will be returned.
- 249.** A race may be declared void if no qualified horse covers the course according to rule.

## **PART XXII**

### **DISPUTES, OBJECTIONS, APPEALS, RIDER SUSPENSIONS**

- 256.** The decision of the Stewards on any matter may be the subject of an appeal to the Appeals Body by any Owner, Trainer or Rider of any horse running in the race or any person dealt with by or making a complaint to the Stewards.
- Notice of appeal accompanied by a deposit of €500 and giving the specific reasons for the appeal signed by the appellant must be given within forty eight hours of the decision to the Keeper of the Match Book or Registrar of the I.N.H.S. Committee or to the Clerk of the Course. Such appeal shall be by way of a full re-hearing and the decision of the Appeals Body shall be final.
- The Appeals Body may confirm or reverse the decision of the Stewards wholly or partly as they think fit but they cannot increase any penalty imposed beyond the limits imposed on the Stewards of a meeting under Rule 14.

An appeal against any decision taken by the Referrals Committee or the Licensing Committee in respect of any person or any other matter may be made to the Appeals Body within 7 days of the original Committee decision. Notice of appeal accompanied by a deposit of

€500 and giving the specific reasons for the appeal must be lodged with the Keeper of the Match Book or the Registrar of the I.N.H.S. Committee. Such appeal will be determined by the Appeals Body on the basis of a written or mechanically or electronically recorded transcript of the hearing. When the Appeals Body are so determining the appellant is entitled to legal representation.

- (i) When an appeal is determined by the Appeals Body on the basis of a written transcript, the transcript to be used shall be certified as being a true record of the matter and shall be so certified by the Chairperson of the Referrals Committee or the Licensing Committee as the case may be. Should the Chairperson be unable for any reason to certify the transcript then either (a) the Chairperson shall delegate authority to do so to another member of the Committee or (b) should the Chairperson be unable or fail to make such appointment then the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the board of the IHRB as appropriate shall appoint a member of the Referrals Committee or the Licensing Committee for this purpose.
- (ii) Where the interests of justice so demand the Appeals Body on the hearing of any appeal (a) either on the application of any party or (b) on their own initiative can hear such further oral evidence as they may decide and subject to such terms and conditions as they in their absolute discretion may determine.

**257.** Notes, recordings or statements may be taken at any enquiry on a Racecourse or elsewhere, in written form or mechanically or electronically recorded or by any other means and such notes, recordings or statements may be considered by the Licensing Committee or the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body at any hearing or appeal or any other matter whatsoever brought before them for their decision. They may also view a video recording or film of any race under consideration by them. In considering the running of a horse, they may have regard to the form generally of that horse including any relevant comparison of its performances in different races.

The Licensing Committee, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body may appoint a legal assessor to be present during the hearing of any matter to be determined under this Rule. Such person shall be a qualified Lawyer and shall be available to assist any person or persons determining such matters. Such assistance shall be given in relation to the conduct of the hearing and shall be given in the presence of all persons attending the hearing.

**258.** The decision of the Stewards or the Referrals Committee in respect of any dispute, claim, complaint or objection (subject to the provisions as to appeal contained in Rule 256 or any other Rule) or of the Appeals Body in the case of appeal, or in any matter coming before them shall upon all matters involving the interpretation, construction and effect of

these Rules or of the Constitution of the Turf Club, or of the Constitution of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee or of the articles and conditions under which races are run, and of all other matters arising under these Rules be final and conclusive and shall not, save as in these Rules set forth, be subject to any appeal.

- 259.** Any person appearing before the Licensing Committee, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, as an alternative to legal representation, may have his or her case presented by a designated Official of any Association duly recognised by the IHRB. Such facility is an alternative to the presentation of a case either by the person involved or by a solicitor or barrister retained by such person or appellant.
- 260.** (a) In the event of an appeal against a decision of the Stewards, the Licensing Committee or the Referrals Committee being withdrawn or dismissed, or the period of suspension being varied any suspension imposed will start, either on the date originally imposed or, in exceptional circumstances on such date as the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body shall direct.
- (b) An appeal against a suspension shall not be withdrawn within 72 hours of the commencement of the suspension date without the consent of the Keeper of the Match Book or the Registrar of the I.N.H.S. Committee.
- 261.** If a horse runs in a race for which it is not qualified, the horse is liable on objection to be disqualified from such race by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body and any trainer so running a horse shall be guilty of a breach of these rules and be liable to sanction by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body which may also impose such other sanction on the horse as it deems appropriate.

### **Objections, When and How Made**

- 262.** (i) If an objection on the grounds that a horse is not qualified to run in a race be made on the day of the meeting, then the Stewards shall require its non qualification to be proven to their satisfaction before the race is run and in the absence of such proof they may allow the horse to run, but the matter shall be referred to the Referrals Committee for investigation.
- (ii) An objection as to the distance of a course officially designated must be made before a race.
- (iii) An objection to any decision of the Clerk of the Scales must be made at once.
- (iv) An objection to a horse on the grounds;
- a) of interference; or
  - b) of the horse not having run the proper course; or
  - c) that an incorrect horse ran; or
  - d) of any other matter occurring in the race; or

- e) of any matter specified in Rule 216(i) or 230; or
- f) that the rider could not draw the weight at which he weighed out in accordance with Rule 231(i).

must be made at or before the riders of the winner and placed horses have weighed in, or before the Stewards have authorised the "Winner All Right" announcement and all placed horses required by the conditions of the race, whichever is the later, unless under special circumstances the Stewards are satisfied that it could not have been made within that time.

- (v) An objection must be made within one month after the conclusion of the meeting on the grounds:
  - (a) Of misstatement, omission or error in the entry under which a horse has run or;
  - (b) that the horse has run in contravention of Rules relating to Multiple Ownership or;
  - (c) that the weight at which a Rider weighed out was less than his correct weight or
  - (d) that the horse or Rider was not qualified under the conditions of the race.
  - (e) that the Judge made an error in the placing of any horse in a race.

An objection must be made within two years after the conclusion of the meeting on the grounds:

- (f) that the horse which ran was not the horse or of the age, which it has represented to be at the time of entry or;
- (g) that the horse has run in contravention of Rule 273(iv) relating to Unrecognised Meetings and suspension from running or;
- (h) that at the time of running the horse was ineligible to be entered or run in any race or;
- (i) that the horse or its Owner was disqualified by reason of any default entered in the Forfeit List.
- (vi) An objection under Rule 262 (v) may not be made until after the Winner All Right announcement has been made.
- (vii) A horse shall not be disqualified on account of any accidental error or violation of Rule in the entry which might have been corrected on payment of a fee in accordance with Rule 108.
- (viii) A horse shall not be disqualified due to any breach of the Regulations relating to the use of the whip.
- (ix) An objection on any other ground not specified in the foregoing section of this Rule, must be made within one month of the race being run, save in the case of fraud, when there shall be no limit to the time for objection, provided the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body are satisfied there has been no unnecessary delay on the part of the objector in the making of the objection.

- 263.** (i) Every objection shall be in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of €100.
- (ii) An objection made under Rule 262 (iv) must be signed by the Owner of some horse engaged in the race or by his Authorised Agent, Trainer or Rider and made to the Clerk of the Scales, who shall immediately notify the Clerk of the Course.  
Every other objection must be made to the Clerk of the Course or to a Senior Racing Official.
- (iii) When an objection is made under Rule 262(iv) by an Official it shall be made without deposit and, when made by a Senior Racing Official under any other Rule, the matter shall be referred directly to the Referrals Committee.
- (iv) Any deposit accompanying a complaint or an objection or an appeal under these Rules shall be refunded if the complaint, objection or appeal is upheld. The tribunal determining a complaint, objection or appeal which is not upheld shall have discretion to refund some or all of the deposit, if it declares that it was reasonable for the complaint, objection or appeal to have been made.
- 264.** An enquiry by the Stewards may be called for mandatorily by any Stewards or by any Stewards' Secretary without deposit. Such enquiry shall have the force and consequences of an objection.  
If such enquiry is into matters contained in Rule 262 (iv) the announcement under Rule 229 shall operate as if it were an objection. If such enquiry is into matters not contained in Rule 262 (iv) it may be called for mandatorily by any of the foregoing or by any licensed official in the Meeting in his official capacity. Nothing in this Rule shall prevent any person entitled to object under Rule 262 exercising his rights in accordance with the Rule within the time limits therein set out.
- 265.** An objection cannot be withdrawn without leave of the Stewards.
- 266.** If an objection to a horse which has won, or been placed in a race, be declared valid, the horse shall be regarded as having been unplaced in the race, and the other horses shall take positions accordingly, except as provided under Rule 214.
- 267.** Costs and/or expenses incurred by the IHRB in connection with any Appeal, Referral, Enquiry or any other matter in accordance with these Rules, or by the Referrals Committee, the Licensing Committee or the Appeals Body in relation to determining any matter, shall be paid by such person or persons and in such proportions as the Referrals Committee, the Licensing Committee or the Appeals Body may direct. Any deposit which may have been paid may be forfeited as part of the award of costs and expenses.
- 268.** Pending the determination of any objection or an appeal and subject to the provisions of Rule 35, any prize which is or may be affected in

consequence shall be withheld until the objection or appeal is determined and any forfeit payable by the owner of any other horse shall be paid to and held by the Stakeholder for the person who is or may become entitled to it.

- 269.** When the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body has reached its decision but before its announcement to the various parties involved, the Keeper of the Match Book or the Registrar of the I.N.H.S. Committee or Deputy appointed by the IHRB or by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, may be present to assist in the preparation and the written recording of the decision taken. Such assistance will be given in private but does not entitle such Official to take any part in the decision making process.

### **Suspension of Riders**

- 270.** (a) Subject to the provisions of Rule 260, all rider suspensions imposed by the Stewards, the Referrals Committee, or the Licensing Committee for any breach of the Rules or Regulations made under these Rules shall begin no earlier than the fourteenth day after their decision, save that if a Rider on the commencement date already be suspended for any other offence under these Rules, or the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority, the suspension shall begin at the commencement of the day following the completion of any previous period of suspension, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Rule.
- (b) Except as provided in sub paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Rule, suspensions imposed on Riders under these Rules will be effective for the period of the suspension on all Racedays on which the Rider is eligible to ride under the Rules in respect of which the offence was committed.
- In the case of races run under the Rules of Racing confined to Qualified Riders, suspensions will apply to Racedays on which there are races scheduled in which the Rider is qualified to ride. Racedays to which Rider suspensions shall apply under these Rules shall be determined on the basis of the list of fixtures published by Horse Racing Ireland on the date the sanction was imposed, whether originally, or if an appeal was lodged on the date of the determination of the appeal, subject to Rule 260.
- (c) Riding suspensions imposed under the Rules of Racing of three days or less, will not be effective on any day when a Group I Pattern race is programmed to take place in Ireland or in the case of suspensions imposed of three days or less under the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules, when a Grade 1 race is programmed to take place in Ireland, unless the suspended rider makes application to the Office of the IHRB no later than 72 hours prior to the race taking place to serve the suspension on that day. In the event of a Group I race or as the case may be a Grade 1 race being transferred to another day on which a

suspension of three days or less is due to take place, then the suspension will not take place on that day but be deferred to another day, unless the rider has made application to serve the suspension on that day.

- (d) (i) When a riding suspension under the Rules of Racing is for three days or less and the dates of the suspension fall on a day when the Rider is engaged to ride outside of Ireland in any race when a Group I Pattern race (or a race regarded as a Group I, as indicated in Part 1 of the 'International Cataloguing Standards Book') is scheduled to be run at the race meeting at which he is engaged to ride  
or
- (ii) When a suspension under I.N.H.S. Rules is for three days or less and the Rider is engaged to ride outside of Ireland in any race when a Grade 1 race is scheduled to be run at the race meeting at which he is engaged to ride:

the Rider may have the suspension date deferred to a different day, on application to the Office of the IHRB no later than 72 hours prior to the race taking place. Such application should be accompanied by evidence of the engagement to ride.

- (e) If the Rider becomes aware anytime up to 48 hours prior to the race taking place that his mount will not run, he should inform the Office of the IHRB immediately and the original suspension date will stand, otherwise the Rider may only ride on that day at the meeting at which the Group or Graded race was scheduled to take place and no subsequent alteration can be made to the deferment of the suspension to a different day.

## **PART XXIII**

### **PRESERVING THE GOOD REPUTATION OF HORSERACING**

**271.** The standard of proof to be applied in all Stewards' Enquiries and in all cases before the Licensing Committee, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body shall be the balance of probabilities.

**272.** Any person involved in horseracing who, within the jurisdiction of the IHRB;

- (i) whether verbally or by conduct or behaviour, acts in a manner which is prejudicial to the integrity, proper conduct or good reputation of horseracing (whether or not such behaviour or conduct, verbal or otherwise is associated directly with horseracing); or
- (ii) supplies misleading information to or gives false evidence to an Official, at a Stewards' Enquiry or at a hearing by the Referrals Committee, the Licensing Committee or the Appeals Body;
- (iii) abuses, misleads, intimidates, threatens or interferes with any person including any Official involved with the administration or the control of racing

shall be in breach of these Rules and liable to sanction.

**273.** (i) Any person who administers or attempts to administer or causes to be administered or connives at the administration to a Horse of any Prohibited Substance shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules and may be declared a disqualified person or otherwise penalised by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, as the case may be, in accordance with its powers under these Rules.

Any person who interferes with, or obstructs, or evades, or refuses or fails to submit to, or attempts to interfere with or obstruct the taking of Samples from a Horse pursuant to Rule 18 or Rule 20 (xviii), or interferes or tampers with such a Sample once taken, shall be guilty of a breach of these Rules and may be declared a disqualified person or otherwise penalised by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, as the case may be, in accordance with its powers under these Rules.

- (ii) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person to give or offer or promise directly or indirectly any bribe in any form to any person having official duties in relation to a race or racehorse or to any Trainer or Authorised Representative or to any other person having charge of or access to any racehorse.
- (iii) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person having official duties in relation to a race, or any Trainer, Rider, agent, or other



person having charge of or access to any racehorse to accept or offer to accept any bribe in any form.

- (iv) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person to:
  - (a) enter or cause to be entered or to start for any race a horse which he knows or should have known to be ineligible to be entered or run or that has run at an Unrecognised Meeting or
  - (b) start for any race a horse which he knows or should have known to be restricted from running.
- (v) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person to knowingly act in the capacity of part owner or trainer of any horse in which a Jockey possesses any interest or make any bet with or on behalf of any Jockey or otherwise aid or abet in any breach of the Rules of Racing or the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules.
- (vi) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person alone or jointly with any other person or persons to deter or prevent or conspire or attempt to deter or prevent a horse from winning a race or from running to its maximum ability.
- (vii) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person to fraudulently obtain information respecting a Trial from any person or persons engaged in it or in the service of the Owner or Trainer of the horses tried or respecting any horse in training from any person in such service.
- (viii) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person alone or jointly with any other person or persons to engage in any corrupt or fraudulent practice in relation to racing in Ireland or elsewhere.
- (ix) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person alone or jointly with any other person or persons to encourage or aid any other person to engage in any corrupt or fraudulent practice in relation to racing in Ireland or elsewhere.
- (x) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person to intimidate or prevent or attempt to intimidate or prevent any other person or persons from complying with and observing these Rules.
- (xi) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person being, or having been, in the service of an Owner or Trainer of a horse in training or being or having been, engaged in or in connection with the Trial of a horse to convey or give any information respecting the said horse or the said Trial to any person without the permission of the owner of the said horse.
- (xii) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person alone or jointly with any other person or persons to engage in any violent or improper conduct on any racecourse, land or premises owned, used, licensed or controlled by the Stewards of any Race Meeting.
- (xiii) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any person to do any act which in the opinion of the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body is likely to be prejudicial to the interests of the IHRB or which is likely to cause serious damage to the interests of horseracing in Ireland whether or not such an act shall otherwise

amount to a breach of these Rules or any Regulation or instruction made thereunder.

Should the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body be satisfied that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of the sub-paragraphs of this Rule, the person or persons so offending may at the discretion of the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body be declared a Disqualified Person or dealt with in such other manner, including the disqualification restriction from running of the horse and forfeiture of the stakes, as the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body may decide.

(xiv)

1. It shall be a breach of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules for any **Jockey** to:

- (a) Bet on or to lay any horse to lose a race with any person or Betting Organisation or to instruct any person on his behalf to do so or to benefit from or to receive the whole or any part of the proceeds of such an act.
- (b) Associate or communicate directly or indirectly with any Betting Organisation on or from property owned, used or controlled by the executive of a racecourse which for the purposes of this Rule will include any area used for the parking of vehicles at the racecourse, save in the context of the normal commercial running of the day's racing relating to prize-giving, meeting with sponsors or when the person in question is the owner of the horse for whom the jockey is engaged to ride.
- (c) Be present in the betting ring during a race meeting unless he can satisfy the Stewards that he had good reason to be there.
- (d) Receive presents in connection with races from persons other than the owners of the horses they ride in such races or other than prizes or mementos given in connection with the normal running of a racemeeting.

2. It shall be a breach of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules for any **Qualified Rider** to:

Bet on or lay any horse to lose a race with any person or Betting Organisation in any race in which he is riding or to instruct any person on his behalf to do so or to benefit from or to receive the whole or any part of the proceeds of such an act.

3. It shall be a breach of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules for any **Jockey's Valet, Valet's Assistant or Authorised Riders Agent** during the term of his licence or in respect of any meeting at which he is attending to:

- (a) Bet on or to lay any horse to lose a race with any person or Betting Organisation or to instruct any person on his behalf to do so or to benefit from or to receive the whole or any part of the proceeds of such an act.
- (b) Associate or communicate directly or indirectly with any Betting Organisation on or from property owned, used or controlled by the executive of a racecourse.
- (c) Be present in the betting ring during a race meeting, unless he can satisfy the Stewards that he had good reason to be there.

4. It shall be a breach of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules for:

A **Trainer**, in respect of any horse under his care or control, or the holder of a **Racing Establishment Employee Card** in respect of any horse under the care and control of the Trainer by whom he is either directly or indirectly employed, or a person who is or has been directly involved in the preparation of a horse for racing, or an **Owner** in respect of any horse he owns or a **Shadow Owner** in respect of any horse of which he is a Shadow Owner

- (a) to lay any such horse to lose a race with any person or Betting Organisation or to instruct any person on his behalf to do so.
- (b) to benefit from or to receive the whole or any part of the proceeds of such an act.

5. It shall be a breach of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules for any person mentioned in paragraph (xiv) 1, 2, 3, or 4 of this Rule to convey knowledge of any information pertaining to a horse's condition or well-being, (which may negatively affect its likely performance or participation in any race, and which is not in the Public Domain) in circumstances where he knows or ought reasonably to have known that such knowledge may be used for the purpose of laying that horse to lose any race with any person or Betting Organisation.

6. It shall be a breach of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules for any person involved in horse racing to obtain knowledge of a horse's condition or wellbeing, as mentioned in paragraph (xiv) 5 of this Rule, and to use such knowledge to

lay that horse to lose any race with any person or Betting Organisation.

7. It shall be a breach of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules for any person involved in horse racing who has knowledge of an intended breach of Rule 212(a) concerning a horse running in a race to lay that horse to lose that race with any person or Betting Organisation.

**Note:** The term Owner when used in this Rule shall be deemed to include any person provided for in the definition of 'Owner' and in the case of Multiple Ownership, all persons involved in the ownership as registered under Rule 121, 122, 122A or 123.

- 274.** (i) Any person on whom disqualification has been imposed by the Turf Authority of any other country or who has been convicted of any criminal offence prejudicial to racing in this country or any other country shall be referred by a Senior Racing Official to the Referrals Committee.
- (ii) When the IHRB receives notification from a foreign Turf Authority of a sanction (other than a sanction declaring a person a Disqualified Person) imposed by that Turf Authority for a breach of the Rules of Racing in the jurisdiction of that Turf Authority on:
- (a) a person holding a licence from the IHRB, or
  - (b) an Owner registered in Ireland or
  - (c) a horse in training in Ireland

such sanction shall have effect under these Rules unless it is established to the satisfaction of the Referrals Committee on application under the provisions of Regulation R18 that the sanction should not have effect under these Rules.

- 275.** (i) Any horse which has been the subject of fraudulent practice may, at the discretion of the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, be disqualified from a race or races and/or may be declared ineligible to be entered or run in any race for such time as they shall determine.
- (ii) Any horse which is found to have run at an Unrecognised Meeting shall be disqualified by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body from any Race or Races run subsequent to the date of the horse first running at an Unrecognised Meeting and/or may be declared ineligible to be entered or run in any Race for a period of not less than two years, such penalty may apply in respect of each occasion on which the horse has run at an Unrecognised Meeting.
- (iii) Every Official (other than in the course of his duties), Trainer, Jockey or Qualified Rider, who participates in any capacity other than as a spectator at any unrecognised meeting is liable to be

declared a disqualified person by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body.

- (iv) Application may be made to the Referrals Committee by the owner of a horse, to review any penalty previously imposed on that horse as a consequence of participating at an Unrecognised Meeting.

**276.** A disqualified person is not eligible to:

- (i) act as Steward or Official at any recognised Meeting;
- (ii) act as Authorised Agent, Authorised Representative, Authorised Riders' Agent or Jockeys' Valet under these Rules;
- (iii) subscribe for, or enter or own, or train, or run, or ride a horse in any race at any Recognised Meeting;
- (iv) be a member or trustee of a Recognised Club or shareholder or director of a Recognised Company or to enter into or remain a party to any partnerships, leases, syndicates, contingencies or other agreements under these Rules;
- (v) enter any Racecourse, Stand or Enclosure;
- (vi) be employed in any capacity by a Trainer, unless permission to do so has been granted by the Directors of the IHRB.

When a person is declared a Disqualified Person all agreements or registrations under these Rules already entered into by that person shall become void with the exception of the registration of names of horses. The fact that any registrations or agreements may have become void shall not prevent Horse Racing Ireland from enforcing any obligations of the disqualified persons under those registrations or agreements.

Any person who becomes a Disqualified Person shall continue to be bound by the Rules of Racing and Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules during any period of disqualification.

- 277.**
- (i) A Rider shall not commit, or engage in, any Doping Offence at any time.
  - (ii) It is the personal responsibility of a Rider to ensure that he or she does not commit, or engage in, any Doping Offence. It is also the personal responsibility of every Rider to acquaint himself or herself with all the provisions of these Rules and any procedural guidelines published by the Directors of the IHRB and with all Banned Substances and Banned Methods. A Rider is responsible for any Banned Substance detected in samples provided by him or her. Accordingly, where a Banned Substance is detected in a sample provided by a Rider, the presumption shall be, until the contrary is proved, that the Rider committed a Doping Offence.
  - (iii) Any Rider nominated to ride on any Raceday shall submit to an alcohol breath test, including any repeat tests, at the request of the Doping Control Officer or any person appointed by the

Doping Control Officer pursuant to Rule 20(xxi). Such alcohol breath test shall be conducted in substantial compliance with the Alcohol Testing Standard Operation Procedures as contained in Appendix C "Regulations relating to the Dope Testing of Riders" published pursuant to Rule 20(xxii).

Where the result of an alcohol breath test indicates a concentration of alcohol exceeding the level published by the Directors of the IHRB pursuant to Rule 20(xxii) or where the Rider refuses to submit to any alcohol breath test, the Rider shall be in breach of these Rules and the Doping Control Officer or any person appointed by the Doping Control Officer pursuant to Rule 20 (xxi), shall report the matter to the Stewards, who shall deal with the matter in accordance with Rule 14(i)(c).

No liability shall attach to the Directors of the IHRB or any other body or person for any inconvenience or loss resulting from an alcohol breath test.

- 278.** (i) Dope Tests may be carried out at any time and in any place without prior notice, they may be random or specific and a Rider shall submit to a Dope Test whenever requested to do so. Where a Dope Test takes place, other than at a Race Meeting, the analysis of samples will be confined to substances and methods specified as prohibited at all times in the World Anti-Doping Code Prohibited List as may be updated from time to time and published by WADA. No liability shall attach to the Directors of the IHRB or any other body or person for any inconvenience or loss resulting from a Dope Test.
- (ii) A Doping Offence occurs when:
- (a) a Banned Substance is found to be present in a Rider's body tissue or fluids or
  - (b) a Rider admits having used or taken advantage of a Banned Substance and/or a Banned Method or
  - (c) a Rider is found to have used or taken advantage of a Banned Substance and/or a Banned Method or
  - (d) a Rider fails or refuses to provide a sample for, or to submit to, a Dope Test having been requested to do so or
  - (e) a Rider fails to sign the Doping Control Notification Form acknowledging notification of the requirement to report to the Doping Control Station or fails to report to the Doping Control Station by the time indicated on the Doping Control Notification Form or
  - (f) a Rider fails or refuses to comply with any provision of the Rules relating to Doping Offences, having been requested to do so or
  - (g) a Rider interferes with or obstructs or attempts to interfere with or obstructs the conduct of a Dope Test or the carrying out of these Rules or
  - (h) a Rider fails to declare, before submitting to a Dope Test, the use of a Banned Substance that is allowed under

certain circumstances.

- (iii) The Directors of the IHRB may publish from time to time procedures for the conduct of Dope Tests. The Regulations dealing with Dope Tests at Race Meetings are contained in the Anti-Doping Procedures contained in Appendix C "Regulations Relating To The Dope Testing Of Riders".
- (iv) Dope Tests shall be presumed to have been conducted in accordance with the WADA International Standards for Testing and Laboratories and the results of Dope Tests shall be presumed to be scientifically correct. The onus of rebutting this presumption shall be on the Rider concerned.
- (v) Upon application by the Doping Control Officer, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body may provisionally suspend a Rider from any or all events or activities organised or authorised by or held under the Rules of Racing or Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee Rules wherever held pending a decision by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body pursuant to Rule 279.
- (vi) The procedure upon the receipt of Dope Test results shall be as set out in this Rule.
  - (a) Any Rider whose "A" sample discloses the presence of a Banned Substance or use of a Banned Method shall be so notified in writing by the Doping Control Officer. The Rider shall have the right to request that his or her "B" sample be analysed to determine whether that sample discloses the same Banned Substance(s) or use of a Banned Method detected in the "A" sample. The cost of the "B" sample analysis shall be borne by the Rider. Any such request must be made within fourteen days of the said notification to the Rider.
  - (b) A Rider may accept the results of the "A" sample analysis by advising the Doping Control Officer, within fourteen days of the date of the said notification. Notwithstanding such acceptance, the Doping Control Officer may still, at his or her discretion, make arrangements to have the "B" sample analysed, in which case, the cost of the "B" sample analysis shall be borne by the Directors of the IHRB.
  - (c) A Rider who has neither accepted the results of the "A" sample analysis nor requested that his or her "B" sample be analysed within fourteen days of the date of the said notification shall be deemed to have accepted the results of the "A" sample analysis. In this event, there shall be no obligation on the Doping Control Officer to have the "B" sample analysed but the Doping Control Officer may still, at his or her discretion, make arrangements to have the "B" sample analysed, in which case, the cost of the "B" sample analysis shall be borne by the Directors of the IHRB.

- (d) At any "B" sample analysis, other than where the "B" sample is being analysed at the request of the Doping Control Officer, the Rider concerned and/or his or her legal representative and/or other representative are entitled to be present at their own expense. A representative of the Doping Control Officer is entitled to be present at all "B" sample analyses.
- (e) If a "B" sample analysis does not disclose the presence of a Banned Substance or use of a Banned Method the entire test shall be considered negative. The Rider shall be notified and no further action shall be taken. Any suspension imposed on the Rider who was tested shall be withdrawn with immediate effect and the cost of the "B" sample analysis shall be borne by the Directors of the IHRB.
- (f) Where the "B" sample analysis discloses the presence of a Banned Substance or the use of a Banned Method or where the Doping Control Officer believes that a Doping Offence, that does not involve the provision of a sample, may have been committed, the Rider concerned, shall be notified in writing.

**279.** (i) Where the Doping Control Officer believes that a Doping Offence may have been committed, the matter shall be referred to the Referrals Committee. The Rider concerned shall:

- (a) be notified that the matter has been referred to the Referrals Committee;
- (b) be provided with relevant reports and documentation in relation to the Doping Offence;
- (c) be informed of their entitlement to a hearing before the Referrals Committee and to be legally represented at such a hearing.

(ii) In proceedings before the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, any certificate, notice or form shall be, until the contrary is proved, sufficient evidence of:

- (a) the qualifications and authority of any official who carried out, or assisted in the carrying out of, any Dope Test of any Rider who is the subject matter of the proceedings, to carry out, or to assist in the carrying out of, such Dope Test; and
- (b) the authority of the official who signed the certificate, notice or form to sign that certificate, notice or form; and
- (c) the facts stated in the certificate, notice or form including, but not limited to, the results of any Dope Test of any Rider.

(iii) The onus of proving that a Rider has committed a Doping Offence is upon the Doping Control Officer which onus shall be discharged on the balance of probabilities. The Referrals



Committee and the Appeals Body shall be entitled to receive such evidence as each thinks fit notwithstanding that the evidence may not be legally admissible in a court of competent jurisdiction.

- (iv) (a) Where the Referrals Committee decides that a rider has committed a doping offence then they shall determine the penalty to be imposed.
    - (b) The findings of a prohibited substance in a rider cannot lead to the disqualification of a horse.
  - (v) The Rider shall have a right of appeal against a decision of the Referrals Committee to the Appeals Body. Such an appeal will be determined under the provisions of Rule 256. The Appeals Body shall have the power to allow any appeal or vary any decision or sanction under appeal. There shall be no appeal of the decision of the Appeals Body.
  - (vi) At a hearing before the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, the Rider and the Doping Control Officer may be legally represented (or by anyone else) and shall have the right to give and call evidence and to address the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body.

The Rider concerned may make written representations to either or both the Referrals Committee and the Appeals Body.

Failure of the Rider concerned to attend having received notice of the hearing or to answer any question shall not prevent a decision being reached. Decisions of the Referrals Committee and the Appeals Body shall be by a majority. All hearings shall be in private.
  - (vii) The Referrals Committee and the Appeals Body shall have unfettered discretion in all matters coming before them including whether or not to hold a hearing.
  - (viii) The Referrals Committee and the Appeals Body shall decide on the payment of any or all costs.
  - (ix) The decision of the Referrals Committee or in the event of an appeal, the decision of the Appeals Body, shall be binding on the Rider concerned.
  - (x) No proceedings of, or penalty imposed by, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body shall be quashed, varied or held invalid by reason only of any defect, irregularity, omission or departure from the procedures set out in these Rules or in any Regulation relating to the Dope Testing of Riders, provided there has been no miscarriage of justice.
- 280.** (i) Where the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body determines that a Rider has committed a Doping Offence, they shall apply one or more of the following sanctions;
- (a) fine the Rider;
  - (b) reprimand the Rider;
  - (c) suspend the Rider;

- (d) any other sanction the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, as the case may be, thinks fit.
- (ii) The above penalties may be applied to a Rider regardless of any other penalty, its duration or timing or whether current or past, however imposed. However, the Referrals Committee and the Appeals Body may take previous penalties imposed into account in making their respective decisions. A certificate issued by the Office of the IHRB as to any other previous penalty and the facts and circumstances pertaining thereto shall be, until the contrary is proved, sufficient evidence of any other previous penalty and the facts and circumstances pertaining thereto.
- (iii) The Directors of the IHRB may recognise the anti-doping rules and penalties of the Turf Authority of any country and of other bodies and may take such reciprocal action as they consider necessary in respect of such rules and penalties.
- (iv) All Doping Offences found to have been committed shall be publicly announced. The Directors of the IHRB may publish parts of proceedings, findings, penalties in respect of Doping Offences which shall contain such details of the matter as the Directors of the IHRB shall, in their discretion, determine.

## **PART XXIV**

### **FEES AND FINES**

- 281.** Licensing Fees for Racecourses shall be set annually by the IHRB.
- 282.** All registrations, the fees for which are set out hereunder, shall with the exception of Agreements with Jockeys and Hunters' Certificates, be valid under both Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules:
- (i) For registration of agreement with a Jockey, €24.
  - (ii) For registration of a Hunter's Certificate, €50.
  - (iii) For the annual registration or re-registration of an Authorised Riders' Agent, €40 per authorised rider.
  - (iv) For the annual registration of a sponsorship Agreement with a jockey €575, of which €500 will be paid to the credit of the Jockeys' Accident Fund.
  - (v) For the annual registration of a sponsorship Agreement with a Qualified Rider €250, of which €200 will be paid to the credit of the Qualified Riders' Accident Fund.
  - (vi) For the annual registration of a sponsorship Agreement with a stable €500.
  - (vii) For the annual registration of an Authorised Representative, €50.
  - (viii) For the annual registration of a sponsorship agreement with an Owner €150.
- 283.** (i) In the case of Flat races, except I.N.H. Flat races and except where otherwise provided, all fees shall be payable to Horse Racing Ireland and fines shall be paid to the credit of the IHRB, and the Directors of the IHRB shall be entitled to retain the amount of such fines and all such fees or fines may be treated as a debt to the Directors of the IHRB.
- (ii) The fees for registration of a Hunter's Certificate and for agreements with Jockeys under I.N.H.S. Rules shall be paid to the funds of the IHRB and in the case of Steeplechases, Hurdle races and I.N.H. Flat races all fines shall be paid to the funds of the IHRB, unless otherwise stated. The Directors of the IHRB shall be entitled to retain the amount of such fees and fines out of all moneys coming to their hands on account of or payable by them to the persons chargeable with the payment of such fees or fines, and all such fees or fines may be treated as a debt to the Directors of the IHRB.

## **PART XXV**

### **NEW RULES**

- 287.** (a) Every proposal to amend or delete a Rule or Regulation or to introduce a new Rule or Regulation must be advertised twice in the Irish Racing Calendar, together with the date of the Meeting of the IHRB at which it is to be proposed. An amendment or deletion of a Rule or Regulation or a new Rule or Regulation shall take effect on the day ("the Commencement Day") which shall be determined by the Directors of the IHRB and shall not be earlier than the day following the publication of the second issue of the Irish Racing Calendar containing notification of the determination of the Commencement Day.
- (b) When the Directors of the IHRB exercising their powers under Rule 22, introduce, amend or suspend any Rule or Regulation, such new Rule or Regulation, modification or suspension, must be advertised twice in the Irish Racing Calendar.  
The introduction, modification or suspension of a Rule or Regulation is subject to approval at the soonest practical Board meeting of the Directors of the IHRB.
- 288.** Deleted
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- 290.** (a) Pursuant to the resolutions of the Stewards of the Turf Club and the Stewards of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee passed on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the IHRB shall have the power on and from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 (the "Effective Date") to:
- (i) investigate and enquire into compliance with; and
  - (ii) where necessary enforce or sanction any breach of
- the Rules which occurred or may have occurred in whole or in part before the Effective Date.
- (b) Any investigation, enquiry, hearing or proceeding of whatever kind or description by the Turf Club and/or Irish National Steeplechase Committee in respect of the Rules (including any office holder involved in the foregoing) under way or pending on the Effective Date shall be continued by the IHRB in the place of the Turf Club and/or Irish National Steeplechase Committee as the case may be but shall otherwise be unaffected.

## **PART XXVI**

### **JOCKEYS' ACCIDENT FUND**

**295.**

1. For the purpose of exercising the powers conferred upon them jointly by this Scheme the Stewards of the Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee shall meet and act as joint body and such powers shall in all cases be exercisable by a majority of those present at such joint meeting - subject to the provisions of Clause 15 hereof. This Scheme shall continue in force for such time as the Stewards of the Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee may jointly determine.
2. The Trustees of the Fund are the Stewards of the Turf Club and the Stewards of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee.
3. (a) At every Race Meeting held in Ireland under the Rules of Racing or the I.N.H.S. Rules the owner of a horse running thereat shall pay a sum of 10c in respect of each mount ridden by a Jockey, and a further sum of €8.97 in respect of each mount under the I.N.H.S. Rules and €7.46 in respect of each mount under the Rules of Racing shall be paid by every Jockey or apprentice (through his Master). At each Recognised Meeting held outside Ireland at which a Jockey or an apprentice who holds a full licence in Ireland and is riding outside Ireland under a temporary Licence or clearance, such jockey or apprentice (through his Master) shall pay the sum of €8.97 in respect of each mount under the I.N.H.S. Rules and €7.46 in respect of each mount under the Rules of Racing. Such sums shall be paid to the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and shall be applied by them as a contribution to the Jockeys' Accident Fund.  
(b) Each Jockey and Apprentice shall also pay an insurance levy in accordance with Rule 125(iv) and (v) at the time of issue of his/her licence. Such sums shall be paid by them as a contribution to the Jockeys Accident Fund.  
(c) Each Jockey and Apprentice with a minimum number of 101 rides in the previous year or such rider with an annual average of more than 100 rides in the three previous years may pay at the time of renewal of their annual licence an optional additional payment to, and receive an enhanced weekly income continuance payment from, the Jockeys Accident Fund as follows;

<b>Number of rides per annum</b>	<b>Optional annual payment</b>	<b>Maximum weekly payment</b>
300+	€250	€1000
201-300	€150	€700
101-200	€100	€500

- (d) The optional payments are open only to Jockeys with a minimum number of rides as outlined in paragraph (c) above and no other Jockeys will be eligible to those enhanced benefits from the Fund.

A Jockey or Apprentice who is entitled to pay but does not make the optional payments will not be eligible to those enhanced benefits from the Fund.

4. The Jockeys' Accident Fund shall be administered jointly by the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee.
5. The Trustees shall hold and invest the Jockeys' Accident Fund in accordance with the joint direction of the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee who may if they so wish consult the Finance Committee of the Turf Club and I.N.H.S. Committee.
6. Subject to the joint directions of the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee the Trustees shall have power to:
  - (i) Grant income continuance benefits out of the fund in the event of bodily injury to a Jockey or Apprentice sustained in a horse related incident which precludes that person from race riding and which occurred at work, at schooling, on the racecourse or travelling to and from work / racecourse. Such benefits to be paid for a maximum period of 18 months, subject to a quarterly examination by the senior IHRB Medical Officer.
  - (ii) Grant benefits out of the fund in the event of the death of a Jockey or Apprentice occurring from a horse related incident :

- (a) from the time of weighing out to the time of weighing in for a race run at any Recognised Meeting or
  - (b) from the time of arrival to the time of departure at an advertised schooling session held at either a racecourse or point- to- point course.
- (iii) Make payments out of the fund to professional riders, licensed by a recognised Turf Authority, or their families to cover emergency costs arising as a result of bodily injury to that rider sustained in a horse related incident from the time of weighing out to the time of weighing in for a race run at a Race Meeting in Ireland.
- (iv) Make payments out of the fund for the completion of research where the completion of such research may be of benefit to a Rider's health or well-being.
- (v) Make payments out of the fund in respect of pre-approved physiotherapy and dental care. Such pre-approval to be given in advance by the senior IHRB Medical Officer, subject to a maximum cost of treatment of €1,000 in respect of any one incident.

In respect of an injury sustained while schooling, the Jockey or Apprentice must be wearing approved safety equipment. The non-wearing of such equipment may result in the claim for benefit being rejected. In all cases the Jockey or Apprentice must be the holder of a current licence issued by the Directors of the IHRB.

7. The granting of and the amount and method of payment of the benefit to be granted in each case shall, subject as aforesaid, be in the absolute discretion of the Trustees, provided that the amount of the benefit shall in no case exceed the sum hereafter defined as the maximum benefit in the case of death, provided always that the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee, by resolution passed at a Joint Meeting under the provisions of Rule 13 of these Rules, may in a case of extreme hardship grant a benefit or benefits which in total exceed the maximum benefit in the case of death. It is further provided that no Jockey or Apprentice suffering from bodily injury shall be eligible for benefit until he has missed the following racemeeting (flat or N.H.) at which he could have ridden. If this criteria is fulfilled the payment period will be backdated and will commence from the date the injury was sustained.

The Trustees may also authorise payment for such X-Ray photographs as are necessary for ascertaining a jockey's injuries.

### **Scale of Maximum Benefits**

<b>Accident Resulting In</b>	<b>Nature of Benefit</b>	<b>Maximum Amounts</b>
Death	Lump sum payable to the estate of jockey or apprentice	€100,000
Injury	Income Continuance	€300 – €1000 per week for 18 months depending on eligibility

No benefit shall be payable out of the Jockeys' Accident Fund in respect of permanent or temporary disablement until such time as the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee shall by resolution passed at a joint meeting determine that the state of the Fund warrants the payment of such benefit and the maximum scale of such benefit shall be determined at such joint meeting. The Trustees shall decide in each case whether the death of any jockey was caused by an accident happening while carrying out his duties between the time of weighing out and weighing in for a race run at any meeting in Ireland held under the Rules of Racing or the I.N.H.S. Rules or for a race run at a Recognised Meeting outside Ireland and their decision shall be final and conclusive.

8. No jockey, apprentice, or owner or any person claiming through the same shall have any legal right whatsoever to any payment under this Scheme either from the Jockeys' Accident Fund or otherwise. All payments will be made or withheld at the absolute discretion of all Trustees, subject only to the directions of the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee.
9. The Stewards of the Turf Club and the Stewards of the INHS Committee may from time to time by resolution passed at a joint meeting increase or reduce the amount of the payments or deductions to be made under Clause 3 hereof, or the amount of the maximum benefits, by giving notice thereof in the Irish Racing Calendar.
10. The Trustees shall keep a complete record, through the Keeper of the Match Book, of the persons applying for and receiving grants out of the Jockeys' Accident Fund and of all other matters relating to the administration thereof, and shall also keep accounts to show the positions of and all dealings with the Fund.



The said accounts shall be made up to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in each year and shall be audited annually by the Auditor of the Irish Turf Club and of the I.N.H.S. Committee. Such Auditor shall have access to all books, papers, vouchers, accounts, documents, script and securities connected with the Fund and shall in writing certify the result of his yearly audit. A Statement of Account, certified by the Auditor, shall be presented at the Annual Financial Meeting of the Turf Club and of the I.N.H.S. Committee.

11. For the purpose of securing the efficient working of the Scheme the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club or of the I.N.H.S. Committee may from time to time advance such sums not exceeding €5,000 out of the funds of the Irish Turf Club or of the I.N.H.S. Committee as may be necessary. Any sum so advanced shall be repaid as soon as the state of the Fund, in the joint opinion of the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee is sufficient to justify repayment.
12. The Stewards of the Irish Turf Club, the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee and the Trustees of this Fund are authorised to receive and to administer bequests and donations.
13. The Turf Club and the Stewards of the INHS Committee may at any time by resolution passed at a joint meeting alter or modify all or any of these Jockeys' Accident Fund Rules or the Scheme in these Rules set forth.
14. The Stewards of the Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee may at any time by resolution passed at a General Meeting decide to dissolve the Jockeys' Accident Fund and terminate the Fund. At the end of six months after the expiration of any such notice the Jockeys' Accident Fund shall be dissolved and any remaining monies in the said Fund shall be transferred in whatever manner the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee may jointly determine. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the body there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the body. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the body. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members. Members of the body shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object.

15. A joint meeting of the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee shall be held at least once a year in relation to this fund, and notice in writing of any resolution to be proposed thereat shall be sent to each Steward at least one fortnight prior to such meeting.  
The Regulations dealing with the Jockeys' Accident Fund are contained in the Appendix C, "Regulation Relating To The Jockeys Accident Fund".

## **Part XXVII**

### **Qualified Riders' Accident Fund**

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1. For the purpose of exercising the powers conferred upon them, the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee shall meet and act and such powers shall in all cases be exercisable by a majority of those present at such meeting. This Scheme shall continue in force for such time as the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee may determine.
2. Contributions to the Fund shall be made by Qualified Riders and Owners respectively in accordance with provisions of Rules 112, 135(ii)(iii), 282(v) and Regulation 23(viii) of the Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeplechases.
3. The Qualified Riders' Fund shall be administered solely by the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee, who shall be Trustees of the Fund for the time being.
4. The Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee shall hold and invest the Qualified Riders' Accident Fund as they shall think fit.
5. (i) The Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee shall have power to;
  - (a) grant benefits out of the fund to a Qualified Rider or his/her family, in the event of bodily injury to that Qualified Rider, sustained in a horse related incident from the time of weighing out to the time of weighing in for a race run at any Recognised Meeting or at a Point-to-Point meeting held in accordance with Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeplechases or under the sanction and rules/regulations of the British Horseracing Authority.
  - (b) grant benefits out of the fund to an amateur rider, who holds a permit or licence issued by a recognised Turf Authority or to his/her family, to cover emergency costs arising as a result of bodily injury to that amateur rider sustained in a horse related incident from the time of weighing out to the time of weighing in for a race run at a Race Meeting in Ireland or Point to Point meeting held in accordance with the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeplechases.

- (c) make payments out of the fund for the completion of research where the completion of such research may be of benefit to a Rider's health or well-being.
    - (d) make payments out of the fund in respect of pre-approved physiotherapy and dental care. Such pre-approval to be given in advance by the senior IHRB Medical Officer, subject to a maximum cost of treatment of €1,000 in respect of any one incident.
  - (ii) The Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee shall have power to grant benefits out of the fund in the event of the death of a Rider who rides in accordance with Rule 135 or Point-To-Point Regulation 23(ii)(b), which resulted from a horse related incident which occurred;
    - (a) from the time of weighing out to the time of weighing in for a race run at any Recognised Meeting or at a Point-To-Point Meeting held in accordance with I.N.H.S. Regulations for Point-To-Point Steeplechases or
    - (b) from the time of arrival to the time of departure at an advertised schooling session held at either a racecourse or point-to-point course.
- 6. The granting of and the amount and method of payment of the benefit to be granted in each case shall be in the absolute discretion of the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee.
- 7. A Rider claiming through the Fund shall not have any legal right whatsoever to any payment under this Scheme, either from the Qualified Riders' Accident Fund or otherwise. All payments shall be made or withheld at the absolute discretion of the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee.
- 8. The Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee shall keep a complete record through the Registrar of the I.N.H.S. Committee of the persons applying for and receiving grants out of the Qualified Riders' Accident and of all other matters relating to the administration thereof and shall also keep accounts to show the positions of and all dealings with the Fund. The said Accounts shall be made up to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in each year and shall be audited annually by the accountant of the I.N.H.S. Committee. Such Accountant shall have access to all books, papers, accounts, documents, scripts and securities connected with the Fund and shall in writing certify the result of his yearly audit. A Statement of Account, certified by the Accountant, shall be presented to the Annual Financial Meeting of the I.N.H.S. Committee.

9. For the Purpose of securing the efficient working of the Scheme, the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee (acting in their capacity as Stewards and not as Administrators of this Fund) may from time to time advance such sum as they think appropriate. Any sum so advanced shall be repaid as soon as the State of Fund, in the opinion of the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee is sufficient to justify repayment.
10. The Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee are authorised to receive and to administer bequests and donations and to give receipts therefor.
11. The Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee (acting in their capacity as Stewards) may at any time by Resolution passed at a General Meeting, alter or modify all or any of these Qualified Riders' Accident Fund Rules, or the Scheme in these Rules set forth, and such alteration or modification, if made, shall be published in the Irish Racing Calendar and shall take effect one calendar month after the date of such modification.  
Notwithstanding anything contained in the I.N.H.S. Rules, no alteration or modification of these Qualified Riders' Accident Fund Rules shall be effected otherwise than in accordance with this Clause.
12. The Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee may at any time by resolution passed at a General Meeting decide to dissolve the Qualified Riders' Accident Fund and terminate the Fund. At the end of six months after the expiration of any such notice the Qualified Riders' Accident Fund shall be dissolved and any remaining monies in the said Fund shall be transferred in whatever manner the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee may determine.  
If upon the winding up or dissolution of the body there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the body. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the body. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members. Members of the body shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object
13. A Meeting of the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee shall be held at least twice a year in relation to this Fund and notice in writing of any Resolution to be Proposed thereat shall be sent to each Steward at least one fortnight prior to such meeting.

## **Part XXVIII**

### **Constitution of JOCKEYS' EMERGENCY FUND**

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The name of the Body is the Jockeys Emergency Fund.

#### **Main Object**

1. The main object for which the fund is established is for the relief of poverty or the provision of medical care, other ancillary supports, necessary accommodation adaptations and equipment for Jockeys and Qualified riders who: -
  - (i) Suffer permanent total disablement which has lasted for at least 6 months and will in all probability leave the injured person permanently and totally incapacitated and requiring constant medical attention for the remainder of his/her life, as a result of an injury caused by an accident happening while carrying out his/her duties between the time of weighing out and weighing in for a race run at any meeting in Ireland held under the Rules of Racing or the I.N.H.S. Rules including Point to Point Steeplechases. In respect of a race run at a recognised meeting outside Ireland (including Point-to-Point meetings run under the sanction and rules/regulations of the British Horseracing Authority), the Jockey or Qualified Rider must be riding under a licence / permit issued by the Directors of the IHRB when the accident occurs.

#### **Subsidiary Objects**

2. The subsidiary objects of the Jockeys Emergency Fund are:
  - (i) To fund raise in order to achieve the main object.
  - (ii) To do all such other things as may be conducive to the attainment of the above main object.

#### **Eligibility to Claim**

3. In order to be eligible to claim from the fund the Jockey or Qualified Rider must when the accident occurs:
  - (a) hold a current licence/permit issued by the Directors of the IHRB.
  - or
  - (b) hold a current licence/permit issued by another recognised Turf Authority provided that such riders have ridden in

excess of 100 horses in races held in Ireland in the previous licensing period.

#### **Trustees**

4. The Trustees of the fund are the Stewards of the Turf Club and I.N.H.S. Committee.

#### **Operation of the Fund**

5. The affairs of the Jockeys' Emergency Fund are under the management of a Committee of Management comprising of four nominees of the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and of the I.N.H.S. Committee and a nominee from both the Association of Irish Racehorse Owners Limited and the Jockeys Association Limited
6. The Committee of Management shall meet twice annually to decide on the level of contributions, applications for relief and to transact the general business of the fund; three to be a Quorum. All questions shall be determined by vote and if the votes for or against the motion be equal, the Chairman of the day shall have the second or casting vote. The Chairman being determined by the members present on the day of the meeting.
7. The level of contributions as determined by the Committee of Management should be approved annually by the Stewards of the Turf Club and the Stewards of the INHS Committee. Deductions shall be made by the Stakeholder from the prizemoney won by each owner. In addition, the Trustees of the Jockeys' Accident Fund will allocate annually a share of the insurance levies collected from professional riders. Such allocation to be determined in February annually following the completion of the previous years audited accounts.
8. The Committee of Management shall hold and invest the Jockeys' Emergency Fund in consultation with the Finance Committee of the Turf Club and I.N.H.S. Committee.
9. The Trustees, in the event of a claimant being deemed eligible to receive benefits shall have power to grant benefits out of the fund as recommended by the Committee of Management but shall reserve the right to cease such payment at any time and no beneficiary shall acquire a right / entitlement to any such payments.
10. The granting of and the amount and method of payment of the benefit to be granted in each case, shall be at the absolute discretion of the Committee of Management, (subject to approval by the Trustees), who may request submission of whatever

written medical reports they consider necessary prior to authorising the payment of such benefit and at any time subsequently by any assessor nominated by the Committee of Management. It is a condition of application that permission to seek such written medical reports is formally granted by the applicant to the Committee of Management, who may at any time and without advancing any reason cease the payment of benefits. In the event of a fraudulent claim being submitted, the Committee of Management reserve the right to take whatever steps are necessary to recover monies paid to the applicant.

11. Application for benefit should be made in writing to the Committee of Management. No applicant claiming from the fund shall have any legal right whatsoever to any payment. No legal obligation shall fall upon the Trustees to make such payments.
12. The Committee of Management shall keep a complete record, through the Keeper of the Match Book, of the persons applying for and receiving grants out of the Jockeys' Emergency Fund and of all other matters relating to the administration thereof, and shall also keep accounts to show the positions of and all dealings with the Fund. The said accounts shall be made up to the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in each year and shall be audited annually by the Auditor of the Irish Turf Club and of the I.N.H.S. Committee. Such Auditor shall have access to all books, papers, vouchers, accounts, documents, script and securities connected with the Fund and shall in writing certify the result of his yearly audit. A Statement of Account, certified by the Auditor, shall be presented at the Annual Financial Meeting of the Turf Club and of the I.N.H.S. Committee. The accounts shall be made available to the Revenue Commissioners on request.
13. For the purpose of securing the efficient working of the Scheme the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club or of the I.N.H.S. Committee may from time to time advance such sums not exceeding €10,000 out of the funds of the Irish Turf Club or of the I.N.H.S. Committee as may be necessary. Any sum so advanced shall be repaid as soon as the state of the Fund, in the opinion of the Committee of Management, is sufficient to justify repayment.
14. The Committee of Management of this Fund are authorised to receive and to administer bequests and donations.

#### **Additions, Alterations or Amendments**

15. The Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee may at any time by resolution passed at a joint meeting alter or modify all or any of these Jockeys' Emergency Fund Rules or the Scheme in these Rules set forth, as they deem appropriate, such alterations may extend benefits



to such beneficiaries as they in their reasonable opinion, consider appropriate. Any alteration or modification if made shall be published in the Irish Racing Calendar, and shall take effect one calendar month after the date of such modification. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Rules of Racing or the I.N.H.S. Rules no alteration or modification of these Jockeys' Emergency Fund Rules shall be effected otherwise than in accordance with this Clause.

No additions, alterations or amendments shall be made to or in the provisions of the Constitution for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously submitted to and approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners.

### **Income and Property**

16. The income and property of the body shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its main object(s) as set forth in this Constitution. No portion of the body's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the body. No Officer shall be appointed to any office of the body paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the body. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the body of:
  - (a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any member of the body (not being an Officer) for any services rendered to the body;
  - (b) interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by Officers or other members of the body to the body;
  - (c) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the body (including any Officer) to the body;
  - (d) reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any Officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the body;
  - (e) fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any Company of which an Officer may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such Company.

### **Winding Up**

17. The Stewards of the Turf Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee may at any time by resolution passed at a General Meeting decide to dissolve the Jockeys' Emergency Fund and terminate the Scheme and may give notice to the Committee of Management of such intention. At the end of six months after the expiration of any such notice the Jockeys' Emergency Fund shall be dissolved and any remaining monies in the said Fund shall be transferred in whatever manner the Stewards of the Irish Turf

Club and the Stewards of the I.N.H.S. Committee may jointly determine.

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the body there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the body. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having main objects similar to the main objects of the body. The institution or institutions to which the property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the body under or by virtue of Clause 16 hereof. Members of the body shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object.

## **Part XXIX**

### **STABLE EMPLOYEES BONUS SCHEME**

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1. All monies deducted for the benefit of the stable employees shall be paid over to Trainers for distribution to registered employees on four occasions each year. Payments will be made in the months of April, July, October and January covering the quarters ending in the preceding month. However, Trainers receiving cheques as a method of payment will have quarterly amounts of less than €50 paid at year end unless the cumulative unpaid quarterly amounts total €50 or more before that time. Payments made by "Electronic Funds Transfer" will be paid quarterly, regardless of the amount.
2. The Office of the IHRB will forward duplicate sheets with each payment which will include a list of all known current employees of the Trainer concerned with their stable employees registration numbers.
3. Trainers will be required to complete the return by signing the agreement. The date upon which payment will be made should also be stated. This date should be prior to the end of the month in which the payment to the Trainer is made. The amount payable to each employee should be inserted beside their name. If any member of the Trainers staff has been omitted from the list, their name should be added and this will also apply in cases where a payment is made to any former member of staff who left during the period covered by the payment.
4. The amount of the payment to be made to each staff member should be based on rules and guidelines to be agreed between each Trainers employees. A copy of the rules must be lodged with the Office of the IHRB prior to any Bonus payment being made to the Trainers.
5. A completed copy of the annual Trainer/Employee Agreement must be permanently displayed in a staff working area at the Trainers premises in a place where it can be inspected by all employees. The quarterly bonus payment sheet together with the signed Trainer Receipt must be returned to the Office of the IHRB by the date indicated. This date will usually be prior to the month end in which the payment sheets are issued. Failure to return the signed bonus payment sheet by the required date shall be a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with in accordance with the Rules.

6. Payments may only be made to persons whose names are included in the Register of Stable Employees as being either currently employed by the Trainer or employed during the period covered by the return.
7. No part of the money may be withheld by the Trainer for payment at a later date unless agreement is received in writing from each employee that it is in order to do so.  
**Note:** This sub Rule does allow the Trainer to hold the money on deposit on behalf of the employee if requested to do so by the employee. In such cases, the money must be deposited in the Post Office in order that it can earn interest. Any such amounts held on deposit together with interest earned must be returned to the employee on leaving the Trainers employment.
8. The Trainer must deduct the appropriate income tax and social charges, for payment to the Revenue Commissioners, from the Bonus winnings paid to each employee.
9. The Trainer may not offset Bonus payments against any amounts owed to him by the employee, unless the employee confirms the offset in writing.
10. Failure to comply with the Terms and Conditions of this Scheme shall constitute a breach of this Rule and will be referred to the Referrals Committee.
11. Payments due to Trainers in respect of horses trained outside Ireland will be paid to the Turf Authority for that country for onward distribution to the winning stable. Confirmation must be received in writing from those Trainers within one month that the Bonus payments have been distributed to their staff.

## Appendix 1

### I.N.H.S. RULES

#### SCALES OF WEIGHT FOR AGE

Expressed as the number of pounds that is deemed the average horse in each group falls short of maturity at different dates and distances

Steeplechases		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Age	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs
Two Miles	4yrs	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
	5yrs	6	5	4	3	2	1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Two Miles and a Half	4yrs	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
	5yrs	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	---	---	---	---	---
Three Miles	4yrs	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
	5yrs	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	---	---	---	---

## I.N.H.S. RULES

### SCALES OF WEIGHT FOR AGE

Expressed as the number of pounds that is deemed the average horse in each group falls short of maturity at different dates and distances

Hurdle Races		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Age	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs
Two Miles	3yrs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	25	24	22	20	18
	4yrs	16	14	12	10	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	3
	5yrs	2	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Two Miles and a Half	3yrs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	26	25	23	21	19
	4yrs	17	15	13	11	9	8	7	6	5	5	4	4
	5yrs	3	2	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Three Miles	3yrs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	28	27	25	23	21
	4yrs	18	16	14	12	11	10	8	7	6	6	5	5
	5yrs	4	3	2	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

**N.B. I.N.H. Flat Race Scale to be the same proportion as that for Hurdle Races**

## Appendix 2

## Rules of Racing

TURF CLUB SCALE OF WEIGHT FOR AGE

RULES OF RACING

Expressed as the number of pounds that is deemed the average horse in each group falls short of maturity at different dates and distances

		JAN		FEB		MAR		APR		MAY		JUN		JUL		AUG		SEP		OCT		NOV		DEC	
Furlongs	Age	1-15	16-31	1-15	16+	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-31
5	2	-	-	-	-	-	47	44	41	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	19	18	17	17	16	16
	3	15	15	14	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	41	38	36	33	31	28	26	24	22	21	20	19	18	17	17
	3	16	16	15	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	35	32	30	27	25	23	22	21	20	19	19
	3	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	-	-
8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	34	31	28	26	24	23	22	21	20
	3	20	20	19	19	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1
9	3	22	22	21	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	2
	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	3	23	23	22	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	2
	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	3	24	24	23	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	5	4	4	3	3
	4	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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18	3	31	31	30	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	21	19	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6
	4	5	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	3	33	33	32	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	7
	4	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

## **DROGHEDA MEMORIAL FUND**

### **Rules and Regulations**

#### **Trustees**

Ms Mary M. O'Connor, Mr Laurence McFerran

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Mr. Jimmy Lenehan

Mrs. Caroline Fitzpatrick

Mr. David Power

Mr. D. O'Shea (Secretary)

The Stewards of the Turf Club

The Stewards of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee

#### **Object**

This Fund is established for the permanent and temporary relief of trainers and riders when in necessitous circumstances, arising from age, sickness, accident, or misfortune, and also for the widows and children of such persons.

#### **Members**

**Benefit Members** - Only such persons who are, or have been trainers or riders of racehorses by profession, are entitled to derive any benefit from the fund. The subscriptions of benefit members shall be as follows:- Trainers, €1.50 per annum; jockeys to pay €84 per annum and apprentices €45 per annum for their licences in lieu of, and to be considered as, their subscriptions. Those who have been Jockeys of good character but who do not require licences, and who are not trainers can derive no further benefit from the fund than the amount which they have paid for their licences unless they continue to pay €1.50 per annum. All subscriptions become due on the 1st of January. If the subscription of any trainer or rider remains unpaid six months after it becomes due, he shall cease to be a member and shall lose all benefit from the society, and shall not be re-admitted without special leave from the Committee. The Committee shall have the power of rejecting the subscriptions of trainers or riders who, in their opinion are not worthy to become members of this society, and also of striking off the list any trainer or rider who may misconduct himself after having become a member.

**Honorary Members** - All persons subscribing €10 per annum shall become honorary members, and any person contributing €100 in one sum shall be an honorary member for life.



## **Management**

**Committee** - The affairs of this institute are under the management of the Stewards of the Irish Turf Club and of the I.N.H.S. Committee for the time being the Trustees and six other appointees, being honorary members, who shall be chosen annually by them at the Financial Meeting.

### **Meetings of the Committee**

The Committee shall meet from time to time in every year, to decide upon applications for relief, and to transact the general business of the institution; three to be a quorum. All questions shall be determined by vote and if the votes for or against the motion be equal, the chairman of the day shall have the second or casting vote.

### **General Meetings of Honorary Members**

The Committee shall be bound to call a general meeting of the honorary members within one month after receiving a requisition to that effect, signed by any six of such members.

## **Trustees**

The Capital of the society shall be vested in the name of three trustees, and if any vacancy should occur in the offices of trustees, the same should be filled up by the Committee of Management and the existing trustees shall immediately thereupon transfer the funds of this society into the names of themselves and the newly appointed trustee. The Committee of Management may if it so wishes consult with the Finance Committee of the Turf Club and I.N.H.S. Committee.

### **Mode of Application for Relief**

**Printed Form of Application** - Any person intending to apply for relief from this fund must fill up a printed form, which may be obtained in blank from the Keeper of the Match Book, for the time being, by an order from a contributor to the fund.

**Form of Recommendation** - To the above form will be appended a form of recommendation, which must be signed by eight contributors to the fund, of whom four at least must be trainers or riders, and the signatures to this recommendation must be obtained by the applicants themselves.

When the above mentioned forms are properly filled they must be enclosed and sent, free of expense, to the Keeper of the Match Book, and this must be done not later than the 1st of January, 1st of April, 1st of June and the 1st of October, to ensure them being taken into consideration at the ensuing quarterly meeting of the Committee.

All recipients to be re-considered at the April Meeting.

## **Appendix C**

### **Regulations and Notices**

#### **IHRB**

#### **REGULATIONS RELATING TO**

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# **Regulations**

## **R1**

### **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE ISSUE OF LICENCES**

#### **FIT AND PROPER PERSON**

On an application by a person for the granting or renewal of any licence the Licensing Committee, in considering whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence, may have regard to such information as to the character, good name or financial strength of the Applicant as may be presented to the Committee whether furnished by the Applicant or otherwise made available to the Committee including information obtained as a result of the Committee's own enquiries.

For the purposes of this Regulation a bankrupt in this jurisdiction, or in any jurisdiction, or any person who has been declared insolvent in any jurisdiction shall not be a fit and proper person and shall not be entitled to apply for, hold or renew a Trainer's licence. The onus is on any person applying for a Trainer's licence, any person holding a Trainer's licence, or any person seeking to renew a Trainer's licence to inform the Licensing Committee if they are bankrupt in this jurisdiction or in any jurisdiction or if they have been declared insolvent in any jurisdiction.

#### **JOCKEYS' LICENCES**

Persons applying for Jockeys and Apprentices' Licences must submit to a Medical Examination by a Medical Doctor in accordance with Rule 124, before any such application will be considered.

1. All first-time applicants for a Jockey's Licence shall be published in the Irish Racing Calendar.
2. Persons who have satisfactorily completed a total apprenticeship immediately preceding their application shall be issued with a licence, unless during the 14 days subsequent to their name being published, a complaint has been received by the Secretary to the Licensing Committee from a Racing Official, Trainer or other interested party, in which case they will be called for an interview.
3. The interviews will be held at the Office of the IHRB at pre-determined intervals. The interviews will be chaired by a member of the Licensing Committee, supported by a racing Official and the Secretary to the Committee or his designated representative. The form of application to be filled in by the applicant, together with a form to be completed by a Trainer or similar guarantor, can be obtained from the Office of the IHRB.

#### **LICENSING PROCEDURE FOR JOCKEYS**

**Jockey's Licence:**

1. Application Form, Birth Certificate, Work Permit (if applicable) and Medical Questionnaire to be submitted and completed in full.
2. Medical Examination by an IHRB Doctor.
3. Where applicants have never held a riding licence, they must complete an assessment at R.A.C.E., a report of which will be made available to the Licensing Committee in advance of their interview. Exemptions may apply. Furthermore, they may have to complete a Professional Development Course at R.A.C.E. before their licence will be renewed for the following year. This to be agreed by the applicant in advance of licence being issued.
4. Their experience / ability must be certified by way of a minimum of two references from current Licensed Trainers.
5. Interview with the Licensing Committee.
6. In certain cases, they may be restricted to their employer and hurdle races only.
7. Must have a minimum of 3 rides per annum or renewal of licence to be reviewed by Licensing Committee.
8. As a qualification to ride in Steeplechases or hurdle races, they must be at least seventeen years of age.
9. As a qualification to ride in Beginners / Novice Steeplechases, a claiming National Hunt Jockey should have ridden in a minimum of three Handicap Steeplechases. This is not applicable to riders who have completed three Point to Point Steeplechases and/or Hunters Steeplechases.
10. Any rider having less than three rides in a licensing period may be liable for re-assessment before an application for licence renewal is considered.
11. All jockeys must maintain their own records in all regards and ensure that they are qualified to ride.

**New Apprentice Jockeys Licences:**

The following terms and conditions must be fulfilled:

1. Form of Application for Apprenticeship to be submitted and completed in full by the Master.

2. Birth Certificate to be submitted.
3. Work Permit (if applicable) to be submitted.
4. Medical Questionnaire to be completed in full by applicant.
5. The Apprentice must pass the Medical Examination by an IHRB Doctor.
6. Where applicants have neither held a riding licence nor completed the R.A.C.E Trainee Jockey Traineeship Course, they must pass an assessment at R.A.C.E., a report of which will be made available to the Licensing Committee in advance of their interview.
7. Applicant to be interviewed and it shall be obligatory for the master to attend the interview before an apprentice licence is considered.
11. Must have held a Racing Establishment Employee Card for a period of not less than one month prior to application for a licence to ride.
12. Masters must agree to release apprentices on all designated days to complete the procedures for establishing a Minimum Riding Weight, the **Jockeys Educational Course**, the **Apprentices Professional Development Course at R.A.C.E. and the External Apprentice F.E.T.A.C. Course** (if applicable). Failure to comply will result in Apprentice licence **not** being renewed and the deed of apprenticeship cancelled.
13. Master may be reported to the Referrals Committee if they fail to comply with (12) above.
14. Applicants will not be eligible for an Apprentice licence if they have held at any time a Flat Jockey's licence under the Rules of any Turf Authority.

#### **LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR QUALIFIED RIDERS**

- (i) All applicants for NEW licences MUST successfully complete a Half Day Assessment, 1 Day Induction Course, Medical Examination (by an IHRB Doctor) and Interview.
- (ii) These assessments/courses will be held at the Racing Academy and Centre of Education (R.A.C.E.) in Kildare.
- (iii) The Assessments will be held approximately 2 weeks in advance of the commencement date of the course. They will be conducted by two IHRB Racing Officials and two Instructors from R.A.C.E. Following the assessment, a report will be forwarded to the IHRB for consideration by the Licensing Committee who will then determine

your suitability and if successful, you will be notified of your acceptance to complete the Pre-Qualified Riders Course. The recommendations from R.A.C.E. will be borne in mind by the Licensing Committee.

- (iv) The missing of course lectures will not be tolerated and the applicant will be required to repeat the course in its entirety.
- (v) Medical Examinations and Interviews for licences will be held on the afternoon of Day 2.
- (vi) Persons who have held a licence in another jurisdiction and have successfully completed a similar course may be exempted. However, applicants who fall into this category must discuss their individual case with the Licensing Committee who will require their claim to be supported with documentary evidence.
- (vii) Applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis and must be lodged with the Licensing Department no later than 2 weeks prior to the date of the assessment/course. The maximum number per course will be 16. However, a minimum of 12 applications is required in order to proceed with the course.
- (viii) Experience: Each application will be judged on its merits. However, in most cases, Category "A" may be granted to those persons who have never held a riding licence of any sort.
- (ix) All categories must have a minimum number of 3 rides per annum which may include Point to Point rides. If not, a licence will be reviewed by the Licensing Committee in advance of the renewal for the following season. Such review, at the discretion of the Licensing Committee, may include a further assessment by a Competent Authority.
- (x) QR Upgrading System:
  - a. Formal application to be completed.
  - b. Experience to be certified by way of two references from current Licensed Trainers.
  - c. Applications will be judged on their merits by the Licensing Committee at their meetings, but the following may be used as a guideline.

Applicants must have had a minimum of 10 rides before consideration will be given for an upgrade from "A" to "B" or "B" to "C".

If applicant has shown 'proven ability' either in Point to Points or on the track, then an upgrading request may be considered without the minimum having been achieved. If there is no proven ability on the track and the applicant has ridden in Point-to-Points upgrading may be considered for a Category "B" licence.

Please allow at least 4 weeks notice for this request.

- (xi) QR's and Category "C" only:  
Holders of Category "C" licences may apply for special permission to ride in races under the Rules of Racing against Jockeys. Such permission if granted, will be confined to Family Owned and Trained horses only ie. Those horses which are the sole property of himself, or his wife (or in the case of a woman, herself or her husband), mother, father, brother, sister, son or daughter or in a partnership between such person.
- (xii) Qualified Rider to Jockey:  
Applicants must have had a minimum of 20 rides as a Qualified Rider, although this may be reviewed upon 'proven ability', in which case a restriction to a nominated Trainer may be applied. If successful, they must have a minimum of 3 rides per annum. If not, they will be referred to the Licensing Committee before renewal of the licence is considered. They will also be required to complete a formal application form and an interview with the Licensing Committee.
- (xiii) Jockey to Qualified Rider:  
The conditions for reverting to Qualified Rider status are contained in Rule 136.
- (xiv) Lady' Rider Permits:  
With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2004, these will be abolished and replaced by QR licences. Previous holders of these licences who have race ridden will automatically be given a Category 'A' Restricted Licence for INHS flat races and races under Rules of Racing confined to Qualified Riders. However, they will not have to complete the Qualified Riders Course.
- (xv) Applicants who have not renewed their licence for less than 5 years will be reassessed at R.A.C.E.
- (xvi) Applicants who have not renewed their licence for more than 5 years must repeat the process of course and the assessment in full.

### **TRAINERS LICENCES**

All first-time applicants for Licences will be published in the Irish Racing Calendar in advance of them completing the course.

All applicants will only be issued with a Licence after they have been interviewed.

The interviews will be held at the Office of the IHRB, The Curragh, Co. Kildare at pre-determined intervals and will be chaired by at least two

Members of the Licensing Committee supported by the Secretary to the Committee or his designated representative.

Application/Assessment Forms and Syllabus are available from the Licensing Department – Telephone 045 – 44 56 05, and completed forms must be returned at least one month prior to date of the courses.

### **Training Establishment**

Applications for Licences to Train from persons who have never held such Licences will only be considered by the Directors of the IHRB when the applicants training establishment has been inspected by an Official appointed by the IHRB. The fee for such inspection is at present €280.

### **LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR TRAINERS LICENCES**

#### **Trainers Licence & Restricted Trainers Licence:**

1. All applicants must be **21** years of age or older and must complete the Garda Vetting process.
2. Applicants must successfully complete a Portfolio in advance to being accepted for a Practical Assessment. **Any query in relation to the contents should be made directly to Orlagh Rice, Training Manager, R.A.C.E., Co. Kildare. Telephone No. 045 522468. However, it is worth noting that there will be a certain time frame under which this must be completed.**
3. Upon successful completion of your Portfolio, arrangements will be made for your Practical Assessment. This will take place at R.A.C.E. in Kildare on a designated date. A panel of four instructors, two from R.A.C.E. and two IHRB Racing Officials will guide you through the process and you will take instruction from them. This will be followed by the completion of a written exam and will form part of your overall assessment. It will comprise of 22 questions, 20 of which must be completed. A pass mark of 60% must be achieved in order for you to qualify to complete the course. Special arrangements can be made for those with literacy difficulties to complete this orally but this must be arranged in advance.
4. The results will be sent to the Licensing Committee at the Office of the IHRB who will then inform you in writing of whether or not you have been successful in obtaining a place on the course.
5. The course will be held over 10 days (5 days in the case of Restricted Trainers) at the Racing Academy Centre of Education (R.A.C.E) in Kildare.
6. The maximum number per course will be 16 however, a minimum of



12 applications are required in order to proceed with the course. Applications for all courses will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

7. All elements of the course must be completed and no applications for time-off during the course will be entertained. Failure to attend all lectures may result in the entire process being repeated.
8. The completion of a Multi Choice Questionnaire will follow each day of the course and applicants must score a minimum of 75%. Special arrangements can be made for those with literacy difficulties to complete this orally but this too must be arranged in advance. Results will be sent to the Licensing Committee and will be a factor in the granting of a Trainers or Restricted Trainers Licence.
9. Applicants must agree to be bound by the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules. Any infringements may result in disciplinary action.
10. Persons who have held a Permit to Train in the past and who have already completed a 3 day Course will be required to complete the full 10 days of the Trainers Course.
11. Persons who have completed the Restricted Trainers Course will be required to attend the additional days relative to the Public Trainers Course.
12. Completed courses will be valid for 3 years only. If an applicant does not proceed with the licence within 3 years they may be required to re-sit certain elements of the course at the discretion of the Licensing Committee.
13. Inspections of premises and interviews for licences will be valid for 1 year only.
14. A Licence Application may be considered from persons under 21 years of age in exceptional circumstances (e.g. death of a current licence holder i.e. parent). In such cases an 'Interim' licence will only be issued in advance of the course being completed where a family bereavement or serious illness occurs. However, they may have to complete a Portfolio and a Practical Assessment in advance to the issuing of the licence and must commit to completing the next available course.
15. Experience - Trainers Licences only  
Applicant must have held either a Restricted Trainer's Licence, Jockey's Licence or a Qualified Rider's Permit, for a minimum of 3 years (with an 'acceptable' number of rides) before they will be considered. Their record and performance will be taken into account at that time.

16. Experience - Restricted Trainers only

Applicant should have a minimum of 2 years full time experience (i.e. an 'A' type Employee Card holder) that can be verified through the Racing Establishment Employee Card system or have held a rider's licence with an 'acceptable' number of rides for the same period or have been registered as a Point to Point Handler for 2 years or more with an acceptable number of runners.

17. Applicants may apply for a licence where they do not meet the criteria set out in points 15 and 16 above and shall be required to demonstrate to the Licensing Committee that they are suitably qualified for such licence. The Applicant will be required to submit a written statement outlining their suitability and requirement for a licence with supporting documentation where relevant and the Applicant will be required to attend an interview with the Licensing Committee.
18. Restricted Trainers – will **NOT** be permitted to have licensed assistant trainers employed by them.
19. Persons who have not renewed their License for 10 years or more or have had their name published in the Forfeit List may, at the discretion of the Licensing Committee, be subject to re-interview and completion of a Portfolio, Practical Assessment and Course.
20. Persons who have held a Training Licence and have successfully completed a similar course in another recognised jurisdiction, may be exempted. However, they will be required to attend the course lecture relevant to Raceday Rules and Regulations and attend at Horse Racing Ireland to be briefed on their functions. Applicants that already hold a Single Rule Licence and wish to add an Additional Rule, may also be exempted.
21. Tax clearance certificate must be provided for all categories of Trainers Licences
22. Shared Training Establishments may be accepted subject to the approval of the Licensing Committee.
23. List of proposed Staff together with a brief description of their experience to accompany Application Forms.
24. Proof of ownership of premises or lease arrangement from Solicitor together with Folio Number.
25. Business Plan - Trainers Licence only:  
On completion of the course, you will be given an appropriate date to complete and submit a Business Plan. This will be examined and vetted by a panel of experts and you will be questioned on it's contents on the day of interview. The results will be forwarded to the

Licensing Committee and will be borne in mind when they are making their final decision.

26. An interview with the Licensing Committee will be arranged on a time and date which will be notified to you in advance.
27. The completion of a Portfolio, Practical Assessment and Course does **NOT** guarantee the issuing of a licence. This decision will be determined by the Licensing Committee.
28. Minimum number of horses – Restricted Trainers only:  
Applicants will be permitted to train a maximum of 4 horses which may include training for the public. However, Members of the Turf Club and/or Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee will continue to be restricted to training for their immediate families only under this category. Furthermore, applicants will be restricted to training 4 year olds and upwards under Rules of Racing and 3 year olds and upwards under N.H. Rules. They will not be permitted to train 2-y-o's initially. However, this may be reviewed after 'proven ability' when permission may be granted to train a nominated 2 year old or 3 year old on the flat.
29. Number of Runners – Restricted Trainers only:  
Applicants must have a minimum of 3 runners during the course of the term of their licence. However this will be reviewed depending on when the licence is invoked. Failure to comply with this may result in the matter being referred to the Licensing Committee for consideration.

**Trainers Licence only:**

30.
  - a. All premises must have a minimum of Public and Employer Insurance in place prior to Stable Inspections.
  - b. If successful, applicants will be required to have Public and Employer Liability Insurance for the 'Training of Racehorses' and the IHRB must be listed as a 'Notice Party'. Evidence of renewal of insurance must be submitted to the IHRB within two weeks of the present policy expiring. Failure to comply may result in a licence being revoked.
31. Where an applicant depends upon land for galloping, schooling fences, or hurdles owned by someone other than himself, written confirmation of the availability of these facilities must be produced.
32. Minimum number of horses  
Applicants must have a minimum of 5 horses 'returned in training'. This will be reviewed annually before renewal of Licence. Should the

number fall below 5 the Applicant may be referred to the Licensing Committee for investigation and may be offered a Restricted Licence.

33. Number of Runners

Applicant must have a minimum of 12 runners during the course of the term of their licence. However this will be reviewed depending on when the licence is invoked. Failure to comply with this may result in the matter being referred to the Licensing Committee for consideration.

34. Licensed Trainers are subject to random inspections of their Training Establishment at any time and without notice.

35. **'EMPLOYEE' TRAINER**

Applications will be considered for this category of licence but the following will also apply in addition to the criteria listed above:

- a. The Employee must have been in the employment of the Employer for a minimum of one year. This is to be verified by way of written confirmation. This will give the Employee statutory employment rights. Exceptions may apply for those applicants who were licensed previously.
- b. A copy of a Contract of Employment must be submitted and must include the use of all facilities. This must also include a clause permitting them to train for other owners and grievance and disciplinary procedures. Any changes to the contract are to be notified to the IHRB.
- c. A Service Agreement will be required confirming that the Trainer shall be completely responsible for the management of the yard together with the hiring and firing of all registered stable staff. This will be sent to you for completion if you are successful with your application.
- d. A Bank Reference from Employer stating that he/she is a 'satisfactory customer' of the bank and has a working capital of €20,000 at their disposal.
- e. Proof of Insurance – Employee must be named on the policy and include the following:
  - (1) Cover for the training of racehorses
  - (2) Public and Employer Liability cover
  - (3) IHRB named as a Notice Party
  - (4) The expiry date

- f. Employer must attend interview with Employee. (Applies to new applicants only).
- g. In the event of the Employer being a limited company, one of the directors of the company should attend the interview.
- h. Employer will not be permitted to register as an Authorised Representative.
- i. Restricted Trainers will not be permitted to become an 'Employee' Trainer.
- j. In the event of the Employee Trainer either leaving the employment or having his employment terminated, both the Employee Trainer and the Employer must inform the IHRB immediately in writing.
- k. Upon receipt of the notification of a termination of employment, the licence will automatically become null and void.
- l. Should there be a termination of employment, a 'cooling-off' period may be applied where a licence will not be issued to a new applicant for the same employer for a minimum of 6 months.
- m. The Employer must confirm that he understands the obligations placed on the licensee by Rules 147 and 148.
- n. The Employer must agree to accept responsibility for all fines imposed on the Employee Trainer.
- o. A letter of acceptance of these conditions must be signed by both parties and submitted.

### **LICENSES AND PERMITS TO TRAINERS AND RIDERS**

Licences and permits issued to trainers and riders are strictly non-transferable and the Stewards will take a very serious view of the use of such licences and permits by unauthorised persons.

Trainers / Riders are reminded that they must always carry their licences for production when demanded by Stewards or Officials both in Ireland and abroad.

## R2

### **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE JOCKEYS' ACCIDENT FUND**

The introduction of the Medical Record Book (Rule 124) in no way interferes with the administration of the Jockey's Accident Fund.

1. Every Jockey who falls in a race must, whether hurt or not, immediately report the fall to the Clerk of the Course at the Meeting before riding again, otherwise he is liable to forfeit all claim for benefit from the Jockey's Accident Fund in respect of any future accident.
2. No claim for benefit from the Jockey's Accident Fund will be considered unless a report of any accident or injury to a Jockey has been made by him, or by some other person acting on his behalf, to the Clerk of the Course of the Race Meeting during which the injury was received.
3. A Jockey, or his representative, desiring to make a claim must forward at his own expense a certificate from a qualified Medical Person stating the nature of his injury to the Office of the IHRB, The Curragh, Co. Kildare.
4. No claim will be considered if not received within seven days of the accident taking place.
5. The Trustees may at any time, appoint their Surgeon, or other independent Medical Person, to examine the claimant and report.
6. Where in the opinion of a Medical Person or Surgeon, a certain course of treatment or operation is advisable, a claimant who does not follow such opinion will be liable to lose further benefits under the scheme.
7. Any claimant who rides again in a race before having received a certificate of soundness from a Medical Person approved by the Trustees will forfeit any further claim for benefit from the date of riding until such time as the requisite certificate is duly lodged. No claim for benefits from the Jockey's Accident Fund will be considered unless made in accordance with the above regulations, which apply equally to a Jockey or Apprentice riding at a recognised meeting held outside Ireland where he is riding on a form of "declaration".

## **R3**

### **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE OVERNIGHT NOMINATION OF RIDERS**

#### **OVERNIGHT NOMINATION OF RIDERS**

##### **1. Failure to Nominate a Rider**

If at the deadline fixed for nomination of riders to the Registry Office the Trainer has not nominated a Rider, then a rider must be nominated in writing to the Clerk of the Scales or to the Non-Runner Line not less than one and a half hours before the time fixed for the running of the first race. Subsequently, the trainer or his authorised representative will be required to give a verbal explanation to the Stewards. The Stewards using their powers under Rule 10(i) may allow the nomination of a Rider at that time. If however the Stewards do not accept the explanation for the omission of the original nomination then using their powers under Rule 14(i)(a) the horse will be allowed to run and a fine may be imposed. A horse will not be allowed to run where a Rider is not nominated by the time as specified above.

##### **2. Failure of Rider to ride owing to Illness or Injury**

The Directors of the IHRB instruct that when for any reason a Rider is unable to ride the horse for which he/she has been nominated under Rule 195 (i) the matter is processed as follows:-

- (a) The Clerk of the Scales must be informed as early as possible by the Rider, Authorised Riders' Agent or the Trainer and provided with an explanation for the Stewards. It is the ultimate responsibility of the Trainer to ensure that the Clerk of the Scales is informed.
- (b) In the event of a Rider failing to meet for a riding engagement due to illness or injury, a medical certificate signed by a medical doctor giving the time and date of the medical examination and the condition which renders the Rider unfit must be presented at scale at the next meeting at which he is engaged before that Rider may be passed fit to ride. In exceptional circumstances the IHRB Medical Officer may waive the requirement for the medical certificate to be presented.

## Note

If the illness or injury arose as a result of an accident on the racecourse and the Rider has already been certified by the racecourse doctor it is not necessary for the Rider to present a medical certificate.

### **3. Substitution or Replacement of Rider**

Where for any reason after nomination of Rider to the Registry Office, the Trainer requests the replacement of the Rider nominated, then such permission may be given provided that the Stewards are satisfied that the reason for the request is a valid one. Examples of excuses which may be allowed are as follows:-

- (a) Illness or injury
- (b) Rider not presenting himself/herself at Scales within the time specified under Rule 196 (i)
- (c) Nominated rider not qualified to ride in the race.
- (d) A Rider nominated to ride in the same race whose mount is subsequently withdrawn making him / her available to switch to another horse owned by the same Owner or trained by the same Trainer.
- (e) A Rider nominated at another meeting in Ireland or abroad on the same day which is abandoned or whose intended mount has been withdrawn making him/her available to switch to another horse owned by the same Owner or trained by the same Trainer.

The Directors of IHRB instruct that Acting Stewards should not permit the rider of a horse nominated at the deadline fixed for nomination of riders to the Registry Office to switch onto a horse listed as a reserve, unless his original mount is a non-runner.

In cases when there is a request to substitute a Rider the Stewards shall have total discretion whether to approve the named replacement Rider where, in the opinion of the Stewards, there is a material difference in the competency or experience of that replacement Rider compared to that of the original nominated Rider.

In all cases the decision of the Stewards whether or not to allow a change is final.

### **4. Availability of Rider**

The Directors of the IHRB draw the attention of Trainers, Jockeys and Authorised Riders' Agents to Rule 195 (i) which requires the nomination of a Rider for each horse declared. The Stewards consider it unacceptable for the parties mentioned above to nominate a Rider



where availability to ride has not been established before expiry of the time fixed for nomination, unless exceptional circumstances have prevented such contact. The Stewards are empowered to issue a fine not exceeding €500 on any person whom they find to be in breach of this Regulation.

**R4 - Deleted**

# R5

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING**

### **SPONSORSHIP OF OWNERS, TRAINERS AND RIDERS**

1. All contracts for sponsorship shall be in writing and must be submitted for approval and registration by the IHRB. Such contracts, together with the appropriate registration fee should be sent to the Licensing Department, Office of the IHRB, Curragh Co. Kildare
2. All contracts must include the following information:
  - (i) Date of signing
  - (ii) Name and address of owner, trainer or rider
  - (iii) Name and address of sponsor
  - (iv) Nature of sponsor's business
  - (v) Exact description of name, logo or word(s) to be used within the permitted branding site
  - (vi) Contract expiry date
  - (vii) Declaration by owner, trainer or rider that he/she will comply with the Regulations in force from time to time.
3. The products or services listed below are not permitted to appear on the branding sites:
  - (i) All tobacco products
  - (ii) Breath testing or other devices which mask the effects of alcohol
  - (iii) The occult
  - (iv) Private investigation agencies
  - (v) Commercial services offering advice on personal or consumer problems
  - (vi) Guns or gun clubs
  - (vii) Pornography
  - (viii) Any advertising promoting gambling, including bookmakers, totalisators or betting exchange operations

#### **Exclusivity Arrangement**

- 4.1 Owners, Trainers and Riders may not be allowed use branded sites on colours, or breeches or clothing respectively during certain races, if branding is in direct conflict with products sold or services provided by the race sponsor and an objection is received by the Stewards through the Racecourse Manager before the first race.

- 4.2 Only in very exceptional circumstances will the Stewards allow the objection and the decision of the Stewards is final.

### **Owners Sponsorship**

#### **Branding Areas and Dimensions**

- 5.1 Branding will be permitted in the following areas:

##### **Colours**

- (i) Collar – a patch no larger than 1.5 inches (3.8 cms) x 4 inches (10.2 cms). Both sides of the collar may be branded.
  - (ii) Chest – a patch of any shape on the front only, no larger than 9 inches x 5 inches (41.4 sq cm). The chest is defined as the space on the front of the owner's colours only, below the bottom of the collar and above the level of the elbow.
- 5.2 Branding in colour is permissible and branded patches should be fixed with Velcro or similar method for ease of removal in the event of an exclusivity arrangement being granted by the Stewards or the branding not being in compliance with this Regulation. Where branding cannot be removed, then an alternative set of unbranded colours must be used.
- 5.3 Advertising Owner's name or logo on Paddock Sheets and Coolers
- Any lettering must not exceed 4 ½ inches (11.43 cm) in height and if a logo is used it must cover no more than 64 sq. inches (413 sq cm). The lettering or logo can appear only on the corners nearest to the hind quarters of the horse.

### **Trainers Sponsorship**

#### **Branding Areas and Dimensions**

- 6.1 Lettering or logos may appear only on Paddock Sheets, Coolers and Stable Staff clothing.

##### **Paddock Sheets and Coolers**

- 6.2 The branding area must not exceed 4 ½ inches (11.43 cm) in height and if a logo is used it must cover no more than 64 sq. inches (413 sq cm). Any lettering or logo can appear only on the corners nearest to the hind quarters of the horse.
- Note: In the event of a rug or sheet being provided by a race sponsor for a winning horse the use of such rug or sheet shall take precedence over any rug or sheet provided by an Owner or Trainer.

## **Stable Staff Clothing**

Jackets, sweatshirts/pullovers, shirts/blouses

- 6.3 The branding area on the back of such clothing should not be greater than 32 sq. inches (206 sq. cm)  
An additional logo on the front (right) of not more than 10sq inches (64.5sq cm) in size is allowed.

## **Hats/Caps**

- 6.4 In the case of baseball or other hats/caps, one branding site of not more than 9 sq inches (58 sq cm) in size is allowed.

## **Riders Sponsorship**

### **Branding Areas and Dimensions**

- 7.1 Branding will be permitted on the following items of riding equipment
- (i) Breeches (defined as personal garments worn as part of the rider's equipment)
  - (ii) Clothing (defined as personal garments worn underneath owners' silks as part of a rider's equipment)
- 7.2 Only four branding sites will be permitted to be used
- (i) Thigh Sites: two sites one on each side placed on the outer side of the breeches, positioned between hip and knee. The size of each site must not exceed 32 sq. inches (206 sq. cm.).
  - (ii) Coccyx Site: One site not exceeding 10 sq. inches (64 sq. cm. on the rear of the breeches at the base of the spine.
  - (iii) Posterior Site: One site of 32 sq. inches (206 sq. cm) on the rear of the breeches, positioned below the coccyx site.  
This site is for the sole use of the Irish Jockeys Association (IJA) for group sponsorship. It may only be used by a group sponsor who has entered into an agreement with the IJA.
- 7.3 Only one branding site will be permitted on the rider's clothing, worn underneath owners' silks (such as roll-neck/polo style apparel) as follows: Neck Site: One site not exceeding 6 sq. inches (38.5 sq cm) placed on the stock centre of the clothing.
- 7.4 The branding sites on riders' breeches and clothing shall belong to individual riders. The rider may offer the rights to those sites individually or collectively.

- 7.5 The use of any other clothing or equipment for branding purposes (e.g. baseball caps, other headgear or clothing, is expressly prohibited.
- 7.6 Riders may advertise their own name on branding sites.

### **Claiming Jockeys and Apprentices Sponsorship**

- 8.1 Any sponsorship contract for apprentices must be countersigned by the master and in the case of apprentices and jockeys, where the apprentice or jockey is under eighteen years of age, the signature of the parent/guardian will be required.

### **Qualified Riders Sponsorship**

- 9.1 Qualified Riders are excluded from seeking payment of sponsorship for themselves, as any payment would make the rider ineligible to hold a Qualified Rider's Permit. However, Qualified Riders may enter into sponsorship agreements provided any sponsorship income is paid to the Qualified Riders' Association. Any such payment should be made to the Licensing Department of the IHRB, which will pass on the payment to the Association.
- 9.2 No remuneration or any payment or any benefit in kind may be made directly or indirectly to or accepted by a Qualified Rider.

### **Advertising Owner's or Trainer's name**

- 10.1 Owners may advertise their names, free of charge, with lettering or logos on their own horse's Paddock Sheets and Coolers.
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- 10.2 Trainers may advertise their names or stables, free of charge, with lettering or logos on their own Paddock Sheets, Coolers and Stable Staff clothing.

### **Branding Areas and Dimensions**

#### **Paddock Sheets and Coolers**

- 10.3 Any lettering must not exceed 4 ½ inches (11.43 cm) in height and if a logo is used it must cover no more than 64 sq. inches (413 sq cm). The lettering or logo can appear only on the corners nearest to the hind quarters of the horse. If there is a sponsorship name or logo registered for this branding site then the trainer's name or logo shall not be greater in size than 32 square ins (206 sq cm).

#### **Stable Staff Clothing**

- 10.4 Trainers may brand the left breast pocket area with lettering or a logo of not more than 10sq inches (64.5sq cm) in size advertising their own name or stable.

## **R6**

### **REGULATIONS RELATING TO CLAIMING RACES**

#### **CLAIMING RACES**

1. All Horses that run in a claiming race may be claimed by any person, subject to these Regulations.
2. The claiming price for every horse must be declared to Horse Racing Ireland by the time of closing of entries and this price may not be changed. If no claiming price is declared then the entry will not be accepted. The claiming price will be printed on the race card.
3. The weight to be carried by a horse entered for a Claiming Race is linked to the price at which he may be claimed. The price/weight relationship is set out in the conditions of the Race as published in the Irish Racing Calendar and printed on the race card.
4. A horse which is the subject of a registered Lease may not be entered or run in a Claiming Race without the written consent of the lessor.
5. Any person disputing the ownership of a horse listed to run in a Claiming Race must notify Horse Racing Ireland of the nature of the dispute at least twenty-four hours before the advertised starting time of the race. In such a case the Directors of the IHRB, may at their absolute discretion, decide whether the horse shall be allowed to run in the said race.
6. Any horse declared for a Claiming Race must be available for viewing by prospective purchasers at its training stables at any reasonable time prior to the race. During this time the Passport should be available for inspection. When a filly or mare has been declared to run in a Claiming Race it shall be the responsibility of the Trainer to inform Horse Racing Ireland by the time fixed for closing of declarations if she has been covered by a stallion in the previous twenty one days and whether or not she has been confirmed in foal and such information will be published on the IHRB website ([www.ihrb.ie](http://www.ihrb.ie)) and the HRI RAS website ([www.hri-ras.ie](http://www.hri-ras.ie)) prior to the race.
7. It is the responsibility of the person entering the Horse in the claiming race to comply with any direction of the IHRB Officials post-race including bringing of the Horse to the veterinary unit for Sampling if required prior to the Horse being transferred to a successful claimant.
8. A horse may not be claimed for less than or more than the advertised claiming price.



9. Duplicate claims (submitting more than one claim for the same horse by the same person including through any form of collusion with any other person) are not allowed.
10. Claims may only be made by telephone to Horse Racing Ireland on the following designated telephone number - 045 455444 and can be made from the advertised start time of the race until 20 minutes after the "Winner All Right" announcement has been authorised in accordance with Rule 229.
11. Claims received by telephone shall be accepted from Horse Racing Ireland account holders (other than a rider riding in the claiming race), subject to that person being authorised by Horse Racing Ireland to make a claim.  
Claims made by persons not holding a HRI account shall only be accepted if payment is authorised by Credit or Debit Card.
12. The telephone claiming system will be operational every time there is a Claiming Race and the designated telephone number shall be the only valid number for receipt of claims. Claims may be made by telephone from the advertised start time of the race until 20 minutes after the "Winner All Right" announcement has been authorised in accordance with Rule 229. Sufficient details must be given at the time to identify the person making the claim.
13. The claimant shall provide the name of the Horse which is the subject of the claim, the name of the designated Trainer of the Horse, the person responsible for the removal of the Horse from the racecourse should the claim be successful and any further information which may be required from time to time by Horse Racing Ireland. Horse Racing Ireland shall not accept any claim without the above information being provided in full.
14. Horse Racing Ireland shall inform the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy of all claims made not more than 25 minutes after the "Winner All Right" announcement has been authorised.
15. Once the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy have been advised of claims received such claims may not be withdrawn.
16. The successful claimant(s) shall then be determined by the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy in the presence of one or more of the Stewards, subject to paragraph 17 of this Regulation.
17. Should there be more than one claim for the same Horse with the same pre-designated Trainer the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy shall initially reduce by drawing of a lot, in the

presence of one or more of the Stewards, the number of such claims to one claim for that trainer.

Thereafter if there is more than one claim for the same Horse the successful claimant will be determined by drawing of a lot in the presence of one or more of the Stewards. The identity of any claimant will not be disclosed until after the time for making claims has elapsed.

18. The claiming price shall be debited to the successful claimant's Horse Racing Ireland Account or credit/debit card.
19. Title to the claimed Horse shall be vested immediately in the successful claimant and the claimant then becomes the legal owner of the Horse regardless of the result of any test that may have been taken in accordance with Rule 18 or the physical condition of the horse. The individual with the Horse shall be responsible for bringing the Horse to be sampled post-race if required and for transferring the Horse to the person designated by the successful claimant.
20. Any objection lodged against any horse subsequent to the race being run will have no effect on any claim made.
21. Arrears due as a consequence of a successful claim shall be subject to Rule 165.
22. The advertised claiming price of a horse successfully claimed shall be subject to a 5% payment by the original Owner(s) of the Horse to Horse Racing Ireland and the IHRB.
23. When a claim is successful Horse Racing Ireland shall immediately inform the claimant. It is then the claimant's responsibility to ensure the person designated by them under clause 12 collects the Horse. The IHRB, HRI or the previous owner shall have no responsibility for the transport, stabling and/or any veterinary costs that may be incurred if adequate transport or stabling is not arranged by the claimant and any costs incurred in arranging same shall be charged to the claimant and payment required in full prior to the Horse being collected. Failure to pay shall be subject to Rule 165.
24. After unsaddling, all Horses that have run in a Claiming Race shall be taken straight to the racecourse stables and may not be removed from there without clearance from the IHRB Veterinary Officer or the Veterinary Assistant.
25. The prize money for a Claiming Race is for the benefit of the Owner(s) of the Horse recorded with Horse Racing Ireland at the time of running. A Horse's eligibility for claiming is not affected by his "walking over".

26. In the event of a claimed Horse holding any subsequent engagements, such engagements shall pass to and become the liability of the successful claimant.
27. A Horse successfully claimed by any person will automatically be returned out of training. For a period of three months following the day of the claiming race in question, the Horse may not be returned in training again with the named trainer on the race card on the day of the race unless;
  - (a) he/she is the successful claimant or
  - (b) he/she is the trainer pre-designated by the successful claimant when making the claim or
  - (c) since that day the Horse was claimed from another claiming race or was sold at public auction.
28. Within the period of three months following the day of the claiming race should a successfully claimed Horse be next returned in training by a Trainer other than the named pre-designated Trainer, the matter may be referred for investigation to a Senior Racing Official.
29. It shall be a breach of these Regulations for any person to attempt to prevent another individual from claiming a Horse or for any person to refuse to release a claimed Horse to the successful claimant.
30. A list of all claims received and the successful claimant will be published on the IHRB website ([www.ihrb.ie](http://www.ihrb.ie)) and the HRI RAS website (<http://www.hri-ras.ie/>) not later than the next working day following the race.
31. In the event of a Claiming Race being declared void by the Stewards, any claims in such race will be annulled.
32. Any person who commits a breach of this Regulation shall be reported to the Stewards or the Referrals Committee who shall deal with the matter using their general powers, which may include the annulling of any claim(s) on a horse.

# **R7**

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE DOPE TESTING OF RIDERS**

### **ALCOHOL BREATH TESTING CONCENTRATION LEVEL OF ALCOHOL**

Pursuant to Rule 20(xxii) of the Rules of Racing and the Irish National Hunt Rules, the Directors of the IHRB hereby publish this level of concentration of alcohol and give notice that this level shall be the level referred to in Rule 277(iii):

A concentration of ethanol exceeding 22 micrograms per 100 millilitres in breath.

### **ALCOHOL TESTING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

#### **Preamble**

The Directors of the IHRB publish these Procedures, pursuant to Rule 20(xxii). These Procedures should be followed as far as is reasonably practicable. However, any deviation or deviations from the procedures shall not invalidate a finding of an alcohol breath test offence under Rule 277(iii) unless it is shown that the result of any such deviation or deviations was such as to cast real and substantial doubt on the integrity and reliability of such a finding.

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, words shall be interpreted as set out in the Rules of Racing and Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee Rules.

#### **Rider identification and notification.**

- 1 The Clerk of the Scales shall supply a list of Riders engaged to ride to the Testing Officer. All modifications to the list originally supplied shall be notified by the Clerk of the Scales to the Testing Officer as available.
- 2 Riders will be informed of the test requirement by the IHRB Security Officer or any person appointed by him, at such time as may be determined by the Doping Control Officer or the Testing Officer.
- 3 Riders should report to the test location at least 30 minutes prior to the first race in which they are riding and bring acceptable proof of identity. Alternatively and in the absence of acceptable proof of identity, the Rider may be identified by a Racing Official to whom the Rider is known. In the event of a Rider being requested to report for a test or a repeat test subsequent to his first ride he should, where practical,

report 30 minutes prior to his next ride and be accompanied to the Doping Control Station by an Official.

- 4 The Testing Officer will inform the Clerk of the Scales of any rider who has failed to present himself in time for an alcohol breath test.

**Screening test:**

- 5 The Testing Officer will invite any relevant queries or requests for information from a Rider and will inform him that he is first required to take a screening test by blowing as directed on the AlcoBlow.
- 6 The Testing Officer will ask the Rider to confirm that he has not had any food, drink or other products in the 20 minutes preceding the test and has not smoked for at least 10 minutes.
- 7 The Testing Officer switches the AlcoBlow on, waits until the status light goes to green and then invites the Rider to blow into the cone until instructed to stop.
- 8 The Testing Officer keeps the AlcoBlow in full view of the Rider at all times during testing and, on completion displays the result to the Rider.
- 9 If the alcohol light shows green (alcohol level under 0.02mg/ml) the record sheet is noted and countersigned by the Rider, who is then free to leave the testing area.
- 10 If the alcohol light shows amber or red the Rider is informed that further confirmatory tests on the Alcolmeter are necessary. The Rider should also be informed that he may have a representative present during these tests, which will be commenced within 15 minutes of the notification.  
*Note: it is probable that an amber light reading on the AlcoBlow will still not exceed the prescribed limits.*

**Evidential test(s).**

- 11 The evidential equipment to be used will be the Alcolmeter and printer, which will be calibrated, tested and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 12 The Testing Officer will inform the Rider of the limits set in accordance with the Regulation "**ALCOHOL BREATH TESTING CONCENTRATION LEVEL OF ALCOHOL**" and answer any relevant queries. The Testing Officer shall record any matters confirmed, requested or volunteered by a Rider prior to or in the course of a test procedure. Records should be read over to the Rider, and offered for signature in a case of a test exceeding the prescribed limit.

- 13 The Testing Officer will invite the Rider to select a mouthpiece from a number of sealed mouthpieces and will instruct him in the correct manner of providing a sample. The Rider will be asked to insert the mouthpiece in the Alcometer and to blow until instructed to stop by the Testing Officer. The Alcometer will, at all times during the test, be held in full view of the Rider.
- 14 If the result of the test is below the prescribed limit the Rider will be asked to sign the Alcometer print out. This print out will also be signed by the Testing Officer. The Rider shall be given a copy of the Alcometer print out if he requests it.
- 15 If the result of the tests exceeds the limits set in accordance with Regulation **“ALCOHOL BREATH TESTING CONCENTRATION LEVEL OF ALCOHOL”**, the Testing Officer shall inform an Official who should be present for a second test, which shall be conducted within 15 minutes of the completion of the first test.
- 16 The result print out will be signed by the Rider, an Official and the Testing Officer. If the levels indicated on this second test still exceed the prescribed limit, the Testing Officer will refer the matter via an Official to the Stewards for such action, as they may deem appropriate. If, on the other hand, the level is now below the prescribed limit the Rider will be deemed to have satisfied the requirements.

**Records:**

- 17 All record sheets and print outs will be forwarded to the Office of the IHRB within 48 hours of the completion of the meeting.

**Clarification.**

- 18 Any rider may be required to undertake additional tests by the Medical Officer.

## **ANTI-DOPING PROCEDURES**

**Preamble**

The Directors of the IHRB publish these Regulations, pursuant to Rule 278 (iii). These Regulations should be followed as far as is reasonably practicable. However, any deviation or deviations from the procedures set out in these Regulations shall not invalidate a finding of a Doping Offence unless it is shown that the result of any such deviation or deviations was such as to cast real and substantial doubt on the integrity and reliability of such a finding.

## **2. Selection of Riders to undergo a Dope Test**

- 2.1 The selection of Riders to submit to a Dope Test shall be made by the Doping Control Officer in such manner as he or she shall decide or as he or she shall be instructed by the Directors of the IHRB or Agent or Agents appointed by them for this purpose.
- 2.2 Subject to Clause 3.4 of these Guidelines, the Riders selected shall undergo a Dope Test.
- 2.3 Otherwise than as provided for by Clause 3.1 of these Guidelines, Riders shall not be notified of their selection to submit to a Dope Test.

## **3. Rider Notification.**

- 3.1 A Sampling Officer, Chaperone or Official shall, as soon as is reasonably practicable identify the selected Rider and notify him verbally and in writing on the Doping Control Notification Form that he is required to submit to a Dope Test. Such notification may take place at any time on the day of the meeting. The selected Rider shall sign the Doping Control Notification Form to acknowledge receipt of notification and to consent to submit to a Dope Test.
- 3.3 Where a Rider selected to undergo a test is certified, by the Medical Officer or by the appointed representative of the Medical Officer at the meeting, to be so seriously injured during the meeting as to require hospitalisation, then the Stewards shall consider the Rider excused from undergoing the Dope Test.
- 3.4 If a Rider fails or refuses to report to the Doping Control Station, by the time indicated on the Doping Control Form or fails to sign the Doping Control Notification Form the Rider shall be deemed to have failed or refused to submit to a Dope Test and to have thereby committed a Doping Offence.
- 3.5 Any time limits specified in this Regulation for the taking of a Dope Test may be extended at the discretion of the Doping Control Officer or the Sampling Officer.

## **4. Sample Collection**

- 4.1 All Race Meeting Dope Tests shall take place at a Doping Control Station. The Doping Control Station should consist of a sample collection area being a place of sufficient size to allow a Sampling Officer to observe directly a Rider providing a sample, with sufficient amenities to facilitate the provision of a sample, associated administration and waiting area.
- 4.2 Only the following persons shall be authorised to attend the Doping Control Station:
  - (a) the Riders selected to undergo a Dope Test;

- (b) the Riders' representatives, if any;
  - (c) Sampling Officers and Chaperones; and
  - (d) an interpreter (if required).
- 4.3 Any other person shall only be authorised to attend the Doping Control Station with the consent of the Sampling Officer in charge, such consent to be at the discretion of the said Sampling Officer. For the avoidance of any doubt, however, other than as provided for by Clause 4.7 of these Regulations, only the Rider and a Sampling Officer shall be present when the Rider provides his sample or samples.
- 4.4 Sufficient drinks for Riders selected for testing will be provided, which drinks will be individually sealed, non-alcoholic and caffeine-free. If a Rider elects to consume other drinks or food, he or she does so at his or her own risk.
- 4.5 When a Rider is ready to provide a sample of urine, the Rider shall be asked to select a sealed sample collection vessel. The Rider should break the seal of the sample collection vessel in the presence of the Sampling Officer.
- 4.6 The Rider shall be required to remove sufficient clothing so as to allow the Sampling Officer, who shall be of the same gender as the rider, an unrestricted view of the Rider urinating into the collection vessel. The Rider shall be requested to provide a minimum of 50ml of urine. However, any shortfall in the amount of urine provided shall not invalidate the test, provided the urine is of an appropriate density for the required analysis to be performed. When the Rider signifies to the Sampling Officer that he or she has finished the Rider and the Sampling Officer shall return to the administration area of the doping control station. Only the Rider should handle the urine collection vessel.
- 4.7 Where a sample is to be taken from a Rider under 18 years of age, a representative selected by the Rider and of the same gender as the Rider may be present at all times.

## **5. Sample Division and Sealing**

- 5.1 Upon return to the administration area of the Doping Control Station, the quantity of urine shall be measured by the Sampling Officer. If the quantity of urine is less than 50ml the partial sample procedure set out in Clause 6 of these Regulations shall apply.
- 5.2 If the collection vessel contains approximately 50ml or more of urine, the Rider shall select a sealed urine sample kit. The Rider should check the seals prior to opening the kit. If there is any evidence of tampering the Rider should select a new urine sample kit. The Rider will then be invited to break the security seals and remove the contents of the kit in the presence of the Sampling Officer.



- 5.3 The urine sample kits contain two bottles. One bottle should be marked sample "A" and the other sample "B". The sample shall then be divided between the two sample bottles by the Rider. It is recommended that the "A" sample consists of at least 30 ml and the "B" sample of at least 20 ml.
- 5.4 The Sampling Officer shall measure the specific gravity of a Rider's urine using a residue volume of the urine in the collection vessel. The criteria for acceptance of the sample shall be as follows:
- specific gravity – not less than 1.005.
- 5.5 If the first sample does not meet these specifications a second sample shall be requested by the Sampling Officer. If the Rider refuses to provide a second sample, having been requested to do so, he or she shall be deemed to have failed or refused to submit to a Dope Test and to have thereby committed a Doping Offence, pursuant to Rule 1.
- 5.6 The Sampling Officer shall ensure that the sample bottles have been tightly sealed by checking the bottle tops.
- 5.7 The Sampling Officer shall record the "A" and "B" sample code numbers on the Doping Control Form. This information should be checked by the Rider and the Rider's representative, if any.
- 5.8 The Rider shall be asked by the Sampling Officer to declare any medications the Rider has taken during the previous seven days. This declaration should be recorded on the Doping Control Form. If the Rider declines to make such a declaration this should also be recorded on the Doping Control Form. The Rider should be asked if he or she has any comments on the procedures followed during the sample collection process. Any such comments should be recorded on the Doping Control Form.
- 5.9 The Sampling Officer shall request the Rider (and the Rider's representative, if any) to check all the information on the Doping Control Form and if satisfied shall request the Rider (and the Rider's representative, if any) to sign the Doping Control Form. If the Rider indicates his or her satisfaction with the sample collection procedures on the Doping Control Form, this shall amount to conclusive evidence that such procedures were properly conducted and the Rider shall be deemed to have waived any irregularity in the collection of the sample.
- 5.10 The Sampling Officer shall then check and sign the Doping Control Form. The Sampling Officer shall provide the Rider with a copy of the Doping Control Form and the Rider is free to go.

5.11 If a Rider fails or refuses to provide a sample, having been requested to do so, he or she shall be deemed to have failed or refused to submit to a Dope Test and to have thereby committed a Doping Offence, pursuant to Rule 1.

5.12 The samples provided by Riders for the purpose of a Dope Test shall be the property of the IHRB.

## **6. Partial Sample**

6.1 If a Rider has provided insufficient urine, his or her partial sample shall be sealed and coded. The code shall be recorded on the Doping Control Form. The Doping Control Form and partial sample shall be kept secure until the Rider is ready to provide another sample.

6.2 When the Rider is ready to provide more urine, the sealed collection vessel should be reopened and the Rider should again provide his or her sample in the reopened collection vessel under the direct observation of a Sampling Officer.

6.3 Before breaking the seal to open the bottle containing the Rider's partial sample, the Sampling Officer and the Rider should check the code number on the seal of the bottle in which the Rider's partial sample is stored against the code previously recorded on the Doping Control Form. The Rider and the Sampling Officer should ensure that the seal has not been tampered with.

6.4 The total volume of urine collected from the Rider following the second collection shall be checked by the Sampling Officer. If the sample is still insufficient in volume, the partial sample sealing and recording procedures shall be repeated.

6.5 Once a sufficient volume of urine has been provided the standard division and sealing procedures should be followed as set out in Section 5 of these Guidelines.

## **7. Transportation of Samples**

7.1 The sealed samples shall be stored in a secure place under the auspices of a Sampling Officer pending their dispatch to the laboratory for analysis.

7.2 Samples shall be sent to the laboratory for analysis as soon as is reasonably practicable.

7.3 The laboratory shall receive a copy of the Doping Control Form that contains details of the sample, medications and code numbers. No other information is provided in the laboratory's

copy of the Doping Control Form that might allow the Rider who provided the sample to be identified.

### **BANNED SUBSTANCES AND BANNED METHODS**

Take notice that, pursuant to Rule 1 of the Rules of Racing and Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules, and in particular the definition of “Banned Substances” and “Banned Methods” contained therein, the Directors of the IHRB , having adopted the World Anti-Doping Agency (“WADA”) Prohibited List International Standard which came into effect on 1 January 2003 as amended from time to time (commonly referred to as the “Prohibited List”) and having approved same for purposes of the said Rule and definition, hereby notify all concerned of the following, pursuant to the current Prohibited List as published on the WADA Website <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/content/what-is-prohibited>.

With specific reference to part S.5 of the Prohibited List entitled “Diuretics and Other Masking Agents” take notice that no therapeutic use exemptions shall be granted for use of Diuretics. Diuretics are prohibited at all times (in-competition and out-of-competition).

With specific reference to parts P.1 and P.2 of the Prohibited List entitled “Substances Prohibited in Particular Sports” take notice that:

#### **P.1 Alcohol**

Alcohol (ethanol) is prohibited in-competition. A concentration exceeding 67 milligrams of ethanol per 100ml of urine or 22 micrograms per 100 millilitres in breath shall constitute a Banned Substance as defined in the said Rule.

#### **P.2 Beta-blockers**

Beta-blockers are prohibited in-competition.

## R8

### **REGULATIONS RELATING TO PASSPORTS AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF HORSES**

#### **PASSPORTS**

##### **General Instructions**

#### **A GENERAL INSTRUCTION FOR OWNERS, TRAINERS, APPOINTED AGENTS, BREEDERS AND SHIPPERS**

1. **IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT:** The passport is issued to ensure that a horse can be identified at all times and as such **must always accompany the horse**. The passport is not a deed of ownership. It is the property of the issuing authority and may be recalled at any time.
2. **ON RECEIPT:**
  - A. EACH RECIPIENT MUST IMMEDIATELY CHECK THE IDENTITY OF THE HORSE FROM THE MARKINGS CONTAINED THEREIN AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION. This must be undertaken on EACH occasion that the passport is received. The passport must be signed on the appropriate page to endorse that the records are in order. Discrepancies must be reported immediately to the Racing/Stud Book Authority (as appropriate) of the country in which the horse is currently resident.
  - B. THE PASSPORT SHOULD ALSO BE CHECKED TO ENSURE THAT THE VACCINATION RECORDS ARE IN ORDER. Please ensure that your Veterinary Surgeon records all subsequent vaccinations on the appropriate pages.
3. **REGISTRATION OF NAME:** The passport must be returned to your Racing Authority with an application for REGISTRATION OF NAME. The passport should be checked and endorsed to confirm acceptance upon return.
4. **CHANGE OF MARKINGS/REPORT OF DEATH:** The passport of a horse either in or out of training must be returned to the Racing/Stud Book Authority (as appropriate) of the country in which the horse is currently resident when the horse is: CASTRATED, ACQUIRES NEW MARKINGS (e.g. SCARS), CHANGES APPEARANCE IN ANY OTHER WAY (Coat colour, etc), DIES OR IS DESTROYED along with notification of the relevant change.
5. **DAMAGE:** THE PASSPORT IS INVALIDATED IF THE SEAL (SPINE) IS DAMAGED OR BROKEN. In this event make immediate contact with the Racing Authority/Stud Book Authority (as appropriate) of the country in which the horse is currently resident.

6. **LOSS:** IF THE PASSPORT IS LOST, the loss must be notified immediately to the Racing Authority/Stud Book Authority (as appropriate) of the country in which the horse is currently resident.
7. **FOREIGN TRAVEL:** WHEN THE HORSE IS TO TRAVEL ABROAD to race, a Racing Clearance Notification (RCN) will normally be required (see Rule 95). For those countries which have not adopted the RCN system the passport must be sent to the Racing/Stud Book Authority (as appropriate) of the country in which the horse is currently resident together with the appropriate application form detailing the date of travel and country of destination. The passport will be endorsed and returned in order to accompany the horse on its journey. Such endorsement will be valid for one month from the date of endorsement and one journey only (for special conditions relating to broodmare/stallion travel see Special Instructions C). Should the horse not travel to the country of destination within one month of the endorsement the endorsement should be cancelled by returning the passport to the Racing/Stud Book Authority.
8. **MEDICINAL TREATMENT:** Attention is drawn to the fact that European legislation requires the completion of sections A or B of the Medicinal treatment pages of the passport in order that a positive indication is given as to whether or not the animal is intended for slaughter for human consumption. If the animal is intended for slaughter for human consumption the Medication Record provided for in Section B(2) must also be completed. If necessary, please consult your Veterinary Surgeon for further advice on this subject.

## **B SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRAINERS**

1. **ATTENDING RACE MEETINGS:** It is the trainer's responsibility to ensure that the passport accompanies the horse when it attends a race meeting.
2. **DEBUTANTS:** Present the passport to the Veterinary Officer on the occasion of the horse's first run in Great Britain or Ireland.
3. **STANDARD INSPECTIONS:** Present the passport on any other occasion when it is requested by the Veterinary Officer. Please note that inspection by such Official does not imply any warranty that the information contained therein is in order.

## **C. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR BRITISH AND IRISH BREEDERS BLOODSTOCK AND SHIPPING AGENTS**

2. **COMMENCEMENT OF STUD CAREER:** WHEN A BROODMARE OR STALLION IS TO ENTER STUD its passport must be sent to the Stud Book Authority of the country in which it is resident. The passport will be endorsed by the Stud Book Authority thereby getting acceptance into the General Stud Book. Until the passport bears such an endorsement stamp, any produce **cannot** be recorded in the General Stud Book or Non-Thoroughbred Register.
3. **CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP:** WHEN A CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OCCURS FOR A BREEDING ANIMAL the passport must be sent to

the Stud Book Authority accompanied by details of the new ownership. The passport will be endorsed with details of the new ownership and returned.

4. **COVERING:** When a broodmare is sent to be covered the passport must accompany the mare in order that she can be identified before covering.
5. **HORSE LEAVING YOUR CARE:** When a horse is consigned for sale, sold or put back into training ensure that the passport accompanies the horse to its destination.
6. **FOREIGN TRAVEL:** WHEN A MARE OR STALLION IS TO TRAVEL ABROAD its passport must be sent to the Stud Book Authority of the country in which it is resident together with the appropriate application form. The passport will be endorsed and returned in order to accompany the horse on its journey. Where the export is of a temporary nature the endorsement will be valid for **nine** months from the date of that endorsement.

### **REPLACEMENT PASSPORTS**

It is necessary to forward an up-to-date set of markings when applying for a replacement passport.

### **RACING PASSPORT**

Passports will be issued for horses in the care of Licensed Trainers and for other horses as authorised by the Directors of the IHRB .

These documents are returnable on demand and are issued subject to the instructions contained therein and as laid down by the Directors of the IHRB for their use.

When a horse leaves a Trainer's care the Passport must accompany the horse or be returned to the Registry Office. The Passport which is purely an identification document and not a document of title to the horse must not be retained by the Trainer when a horse leaves his stables.

Passports are not documents of title and may not be held by Trainers as security for monies owed for training fees or other monies due by an Owner. Any Trainer who refuses to return Passports when requested to do so by the Registry Office, will be reported to the Directors of the IHRB .

### **IDENTIFICATION OF WINNERS**

All winners will be checked for Identity. The check will take place in the Sampling Unit post race and Trainers are advised that failure to produce a passport or appropriate Document for inspection shall be considered to be in breach of these Rules and may be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Rule 90.

# R9

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO RACECOURSES AND RACECOURSE STABLES**

### **CONSTRUCTION AND ERECTION OF HURDLES, FENCES AND WINGS**

#### **1. Hurdles**

- (i) Hurdles shall be laced in such a manner as to leave the top bar, which must be padded, exposed on the take-off side.
- (ii) Hurdles shall be laced in such manner as to make it difficult to see through birch (or gorse, if used).
- (iii) They shall be erected with the bottom bar as close to the ground as the grass permits with an overhang of approximately 20 inches (51cms) and a height of not less than 3 feet 1 inch (94cms)(measured perpendicularly from top bar).
- (iv) Use should be made of templates to ensure that hurdles are erected at a constant angle and a template should be provided at each flight.
- (v) There shall not be less than five hurdles in each flight.

#### **2. Plain Fences**

- (i) All 'Irish type' plain fences shall have a toe-board, which will preferably be round, whilst Cheltenham type fences have a toe board which is square or rectangular.
- (ii) The Toe board shall be set into the ground in front of the fence at a distance equivalent to the height of the fence, the measurement being taken from the toe board to a point perpendicularly below the highest point of the fence.
- (iii) There shall be a front bar on all plain fences, plainly visible and firmly fastened to the fence. On the Cheltenham type fence there is also a site board which should be firmly secured.
- (iv) The aprons of plain fences shall be stepped up to extend from the toe board to the front bar and should preferably be of gorse, leylandi or birch.
- (v) Toe bars and front bars shall be painted a dull orange colour.
- (vi) Steeplechase fences shall normally be between 4 feet 6 inches (137cms) and 4 feet 9 inches (145cms) in height. Where it is

required that they should be lower to suit variations in the ground they shall not be less than 4 feet 4 inches (132cms) in height.

### **3. Regulation Fences**

- (i) The apron on a Regulation fence shall not entirely fill the ditch.
- (ii) It will not be permitted to leave the grass showing between the toe board and the apron and the ditch must either be dug out or the sod turned over, or alternatively sprayed with weed killer. Wood chip could be spread in this area either.
- (iii) Toe boards should be at least 12 (30cms) to 14 inches (36cms) in height and 3 inches (7.6 cms) thick and the front edge should be rounded. They should be painted a dull orange colour and securely fixed about two inches below ground level.
- (iv) Regulation fences should normally be between 4'6" (137cms) and 4'9" (145cms) in height where it is required that they should be lower to suit variations in the ground, they shall not be less than 4'4" (132cms) in height.

### **4. Wings**

All wings shall be of plastic construction and be not less than six metres in length and on Steeplechase Courses be not less than one foot higher than the fence at the point where wings and fence meet and in the case of hurdles not less than two feet higher than the hurdle at the point where hurdle and wings meet. Normally wings should be spread by at least three feet but this figure may be reduced somewhat where wider spread would tend to make horses on the rail substantially alter their course.

## **DOLLING AND RAILING**

### **Steeplechase Courses:**

Continuous plastic rail is the most effective form of "dolling" and is particularly desirable on bends. Where alternative method of "dolling" is used it must consist of plastic rail set at an angle to the course to indicate quite clearly the course to be followed. Where "dolling" is necessary, i.e. in the last furlong or at a last bend, a continuous plastic rail must be used.

### **Hurdle Races and I.N.H. Flat Races:**

Continuous plastic rail is the most effective method of indicating the course to be followed except where it is impractical to do so, eg; Starts where a chute is used or at track intersections. Where ground conditions render this method impracticable an alternative method must be used which should consist of plastic rail set at an angle to the course to indicate quite clearly the course to



be followed but in such cases continuous plastic rail must still be used on bends and in the last furlong.

It is no longer permissible to use single stakes as “dolls”.

### **ISLAND FENCES AND HURDLES**

At all island fences and hurdles there shall be a running rail of not less than sixty feet leading into the fence or hurdle on the inside.

### **MARKING OF HURDLES AND FENCES WHERE INJURED RIDERS OR HORSES ARE LYING**

The Directors of the IHRB require provision to be made for every fence and hurdle in a race to be manned by two competent members of the racecourse staff, wearing orange bibs showing the name of the racetrack and having in their possession a circular orange disc approximately 18 inches in diameter fixed to a stake. The staff must remain in place until the race is complete. In the case of an accident, the disc is to be placed in the hurdle or fence facing the oncoming horses with the bottom of the disc at least one foot clear of the top of a hurdle or a fence. When a warning disc is placed on a fence or hurdle, the fence or hurdle shall not be jumped and the disc shall remain in place for the remainder of the race and that fence or hurdle shall be omitted from the course for the remainder of the race.

One of the fence attendants shall proceed up the track to warn oncoming riders by waving an orange flag.

A specimen disc shall, with an explanatory notice, be displayed prominently in the Weigh Room in order that riders may know beyond doubt what purpose it serves when confronted with it at a hurdle or fence. The explanatory notice shall read as follows:-

“An orange disc of this type will be planted in the top of the fence or hurdle facing the oncoming horses in a central position. When a disc is in position the fence or hurdle shall not be jumped and shall be omitted from the remainder of the race”.

### **GOING REPORTS**

The following procedures shall apply to racecourse managers and/or their authorised deputies with regard to the notification of going reports.

Going Reports shall be notified to the Entries and Declarations Department of Horse Racing Ireland and the IHRB Press Officer as follows:

1. Before 9.30am of the day fixed for the closing of entries for a meeting.
2. Before 8.15am on the day fixed for the closing of declarations for a meeting.

In the event of a material change in going since the last notification or since the time of closing of declarations, the racecourse manager or his authorised deputy shall immediately notify the change to Horse Racing Ireland and the IHRB Press Officer. This procedure will ensure that the relevant press releases will be issued to keep Owners, Trainers and the general public informed.

A racecourse manager or authorised deputy should liaise, where possible, with the Clerk of the Course and/or the Inspector of Courses to ascertain an accurate going description and issue up-to-date weather forecasts particularly when a forecast has the potential to affect the current state of the going.

Failure to adhere to the above procedures will constitute a breach of these Rules and may render the racecourse manager or authorised deputy liable to sanction by The Stewards, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body.

### **RACECOURSE ALTERATIONS**

Except in cases of dolling and railing off, erection and dismantling of hurdles or fences all of which form part of normal business of running a race meeting on the day, or an emergency, any alteration to a race track must be carried out and made known to all concerned before the time fixed for the running of the race or races concerned. Where temporary dolling off of a track is necessary white tape may be used.

Riders in particular should be aware that it is their responsibility to familiarise themselves in good time with the tracks on which they intend to ride. It is not acceptable that riders should be so complacent that they find grounds for complaint at the last minute, particularly when the cause of the complaint could readily have been seen at a much earlier stage.

### **RACECOURSE PROTECTION**

Wings of hurdles may be used to mark out a course for flat races. If an Executive takes such action, the Clerk of the Course should alert all riders prior to racing.

### **WATERING OF RACECOURSES**

Deleted

### **ADMINISTRATION OF TREATMENTS FORBIDDEN**

The unauthorised administrations or treatments by any person, including Veterinary Surgeons, of racehorses in the racecourse stable yard prior to

running are strictly forbidden with the exception of the massage of a horse prior to a race under the supervision of the IHRB Veterinary Officer.

It shall be a breach of these Rules and Regulations for any person to administer any medicines in the racecourse stable yard without the permission of the IHRB Veterinary Officer.

It is permissible to bring a "Bulb Syringe" into the racecourse stable yard on a raceday but only for the purpose of administering water. This must be reported to the IHRB veterinary officer on each day the "Bulb Syringe" is brought into the stable yard. An oral doser containing an acceptable proprietary electrolyte product is the only other permissible syringe type which can be brought in to the racecourse stable yard.

No other type of syringe either for oral dosing or injection is permitted in the racecourse stable yard.

#### Pre and Post Race Administration of Electrolytes.

Any trainer wishing to administer electrolyte solutions to horses in his/her care, in the racecourse stable yard after the horses have competed may do so under the following conditions:-

1. (a) in the case of parenteral fluids, only authorised proprietary electrolyte solutions, which have received a product authorisation from the Regulatory Authorities in Ireland/Northern Ireland may be administered.  
(b) In the case of oral fluids & electrolytes, only those produced in accordance with animal feeding stuff regulations may be administered.
2. Prior to administration, these products must be presented to the IHRB Veterinary Officer together with a list of the formulation and active ingredients of the product for the veterinary surgeon's assessment before permission for administration will be granted.
3. The administration must be personally overseen by the IHRB Veterinary Officer or assistant.
4. Pre-race administration of electrolytes can be carried out in exceptional circumstances, e.g. after prolonged travel. If the horse is stabled in a racecourse stable yard administration must be completed not less than four hours before the advertised time of the first race. The administration of these electrolytes must be advised to the IHRB Veterinary Officer.
5. The IHRB Veterinary Officer shall have power to take samples for analysis of any electrolyte formulation used.
6. All used electrolyte containers including oral dosing syringes must be disposed of in the designated waste container which will be situated at the IHRB veterinary box area.

## **RESTRICTION ON SMOKING**

Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, is prohibited in the Racecourse Stable Yard and in any saddling stalls area of a racecourse.

## **SECURITY OF RACECOURSE STABLES**

The Stewards view with concern the fact that horses are left unattended in Racecourse stable yard areas. It cannot be emphasised too strongly that this is an obvious security risk and Trainers are urged to take the necessary steps to ensure that their horses are under the supervision of reliable staff at all times.

It is the primary responsibility of Trainers to ensure that horses in their charge are not left unattended while in the Racecourse stable yard area.

Owners of horses stabled in Racecourse Stables (including wife or husband of the owner, but excluding children) may only be admitted to Racecourse Stables provided that they are accompanied by the trainer or his accredited representative and must sign the stable register book in the presence of an IHRB Security Official. Only the owner printed on the racecard is included in the above category.

Any defects which Trainers see in the present area of Racecourse Security generally, or on a particular Racecourse, should be reported to the IHRB security officer or the Office of the IHRB who will try to ensure that corrective action is taken.

The Stewards are concerned at the number of late applications received by the Office of the IHRB for Racing Establishment Employee Cards. This may result in it not being possible to issue the card in time for the Racemeeting for which the card is required. Applicants for Racing Establishment Employee Cards should allow at least 14 days from the time of receipt of the Application by the Office of the IHRB, to enable their application be processed and cards issued.

The following persons ONLY may be admitted to Racecourse Stables:

- (a) Members of the Turf Club and the I.N.H.S. Committee.
- (b) Stewards and Officials of the Race Meeting.
- (c) Officials of the IHRB.
- (d) Gardai/Police Officers on duty.
- (e) Licensed Trainers having horses stabled in the Racecourse Stables who may be asked to produce their Licences and/or their A.I.R. Swipe Card.
- (f) Owners (maximum of two) of horses stabled in Racecourse Stables (including wife, husband or partner of the owner but

EXCLUDING children) provided that they are accompanied by the Trainer or his accredited representative.

- (g) Holders of Racing Establishment Employee Cards, endorsed for the current year by the Office of the IHRB, and employed by a Licensed Trainer having horses stabled in the Racecourse Stables. The Racing Establishment Employee Cards will be read when the holder is making his initial entry into Racecourse Stables and must be retained by him for scrutiny during the course of the day's racing.

A mandatory fine of €42 will be levied on trainers whose employees do not present a valid Racing Establishment Employee Card at the point of entry to the stableyard. Trainers whose employees are persistent offenders may be reported to the Stewards under Rule 149.

Temporary Passes may be issued by the Security Officer or his designated agent in respect of these employees, to enable entry to be gained to the stableyard for that day only.

- (h) Shoeing Smiths holding a current Racing Establishment Employee Card.
- (i) Persons employed by the Management of the Racecourse and bearing a badge of Authority from the Management.
- (j) The spouses of Licensed Trainers having horses stabled in the racecourse stables who are in the possession of a valid Racing Establishment Employee Card and/or A.I.R. Swipe Card.

### **RACING ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYEE CARDS**

Any person in charge of a horse and not in possession of a current Racing Establishment Employee Card will NOT be permitted into the Stableyard. Admission may be allowed for persons who are in possession of a letter of introduction from their employer, provided a proper Racing Establishment Employee Card has been applied for from the Office of the IHRB. Persons found to be in breach of this Regulation will be reported to the Stewards (see Rule 149).

### **STABLE STAFF AND UNLOADING OF HORSES**

Where the security gate is within walking distance of the horsebox area, the horsebox drivers should be instructed to drive their vehicles to that area. This will give stable staff an opportunity of getting themselves tagged for uninterrupted access to the stableyard and racecourse enclosures before their horses are unloaded in the normal way. Where the security gate is not within walking distance of the horsebox area the drivers should be asked to stop near the gate (allowing staff to be tagged quickly) but not to position their vehicles when this can lead to serious congestion.

The result of the above co-operation from the trainers should be that the build up of traffic and horses at the point of entry to the racecourse stableyard will be avoided and the risk to the safety of horses and people will be minimised

# R10

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO RIDERS' EQUIPMENT**

### **CHIN STRAPS**

In addition to wearing a Skull Cap and Body Protector of a pattern approved by the Directors of the IHRB, all Riders when mounted on horses must have their chin straps properly adjusted and fastened at all times. Failure to comply with the above order may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Stewards.

### **RIDING APPARREL AND BOOTS**

- (i) Every Rider shall, in all Races, wear riding boots of a type approved by the Directors of the IHRB.
- (ii) Every Rider shall, in all Races, wear white breeches of a type approved by the Directors of the IHRB, unless written permission has been granted by the Directors to wear breeches of a different colour or type.

### **SKULL CAPS**

The only Skull Cap pattern approved by Directors of the IHRB is the one constructed to meet one of the following specifications: PAS015:2011, SNELL E2016, VG1 01.040 2014-12, UTAC/CRITT 04/2015 and it must fulfil the following criteria:

- (a) Have a CE marking.
- (b) Be in a serviceable condition
- (c) Have a full liner made of polystyrene or similar impact absorbent material.
- (d) Must not have a chin cup, cradle or draw lace.
- (e) The chin strap must pass under the jaw and be attached to the harness by a quick release buckle. Metal hooks are expressly forbidden.
- (f) Must be of the correct size for the individual Rider; the face harness must be correctly adjusted and the chin strap fastened at all times when mounted on a horse.  
Riders should also note that as Skull Caps are designed for "single impact only" any Skull Cap which has been subjected to a severe impact or has been worn by a Rider suffering concussion should not be regarded as serviceable and should be replaced.

### **STIRRUP IRONS**

The Directors of the IHRB have ordered that under Rule 198 (iii)(b), only stirrup irons which have been manufactured from aluminium, carbon fibre, steel, technopolymer or titanium may be used.

### **WHIPS AND SPURS**

A whip shall not be used in a race unless it conforms to the following specifications and has been approved in advance by the Directors of the IHRB.

1. Riders may only use the air-cushioned whip conforming to the following specifications:
  - the maximum length (including flap) shall not exceed 70 centimetres
  - there shall be no binding within 17 centimetres of the end of the flap
  - the minimum diameter for a whip shall be 1 centimetre
  - the overall weight shall not exceed 160 grams
  - the contact area of the shaft shall be smooth, with no protrusion or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material throughout its circumference such that it gives a compression factor of at least 6 millimetres
  - the downward vertical tip deflection, caused by a 1 kg mass located 57cm from the clamped end of a riding whip, shall be between 12-15cm
2. The use of worn whips is prohibited.
3. The use of the whip in the following circumstances is prohibited:-
  - (a) The hitting of a horse in front of the saddle while the whip is held in the forehand position, unless exceptional circumstances prevail.
  - (b) The unnecessary hitting of a horse after its chance of winning or being placed is clearly gone.
  - (c) The unnecessary hitting of a horse that clearly has its race won or has obtained its maximum placing.
  - (d) The hitting of a horse after the Winning Post has been reached.
  - (e) The hitting of a horse other than down the shoulder or on the hind quarters.
  - (f) The hitting of a horse with excessive force. When determining whether or not excessive force was used by a Rider, the Stewards may take into account if a Horse was marked and the manner in which the whip appears to have been used.
  - (g) The hitting of a Horse with excessive frequency.



When determining whether or not the whip was used with excessive frequency the Stewards shall take into account if the Rider appeared to have hit his mount with the whip 9 times or more during a Race when his whip-hand had left the reins.

- (h) The use of the whip with the arm above shoulder height.
  - (i) The use of the whip without allowing his mount at least three strides to respond.
4. In determining whether an enquiry is required the Stewards may consider the following:
- i) How the Rider has used the whip during the course of the entire race, with particular attention to its use in the closing stages;
  - ii) The manner in which the whip was used, including the degree of force;
  - iii) The purpose for which the whip was used;
5. If the Stewards are satisfied that a Rider is in breach of this Regulation and/or the Stewards are satisfied that riding instructions given by Trainers or Owners have contributed to a breach of these Regulations, then such persons shall be liable to disciplinary action in accordance with Rule 14(i) and (ii).
6. (a) The Stewards shall impose a penalty of at least 6 race days on any rider who has been found in breach of the Regulation four (4) or more times in a 9 month rolling period.
- (b) If the Stewards wish to enquire into a possible breach of Regulation 10.3 and the Rider has been found in breach of this Regulation six (6) or more times in a 9 month rolling period the matter shall be referred to the Referrals Committee for consideration.
7. In the investigation of alleged breaches of this Regulation, it is recommended that the Veterinary Officer be asked to clinically examine the horse.
8. The use of spurs while riding in a race is prohibited.

# R11

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO RIDERS DECLARED UNFIT TO RIDE**

1. All riders, with riding engagements at a Meeting who are on the Medical Alert Sheet must present themselves to the Medical Officer on duty for clearance prior to their first ride on the raceday.
2. A Rider on the Medical Alert Sheet shall not present himself to be weighed out for or ride in any race until he has been examined and declared fit to ride by the Medical Officer.
3. If a rider suffers a fall or is injured in any way he must present himself to the Medical Officer before being weighed out for any subsequent race or before leaving the course. If through confirmed incapacity the rider cannot do this the Medical Officer will make alternative arrangements for recording details of the injury suffered.
4. For certain injuries or other medical conditions a medical report from a Medical Specialist may be required to be submitted to the senior Medical Officer before the senior Medical Officer can make an assessment as to the fitness of the rider to resume race riding. In such cases this will be specified on the Medical Alert Sheet.
5. If a rider is of the opinion that he is fit to resume riding before the date specified on the Medical Alert Sheet, other than in cases of concussion, an application may be made to the senior Medical Officer for the matter to be referred to an independent medical authority.
6. As the result of illness, injury or accident a rider may be restricted from riding in races until a stated period has elapsed, following a recommendation to that effect by the Medical Officer to the Stewards and a rider shall not be permitted to ride before the date specified on the Medical Alert Sheet.
7. Special protocols for dealing with concussion are set out below:-
  - (i) Whenever a rider suffers a suspected concussion, the Medical Officer in attendance at the racecourse or at the point to point meeting will carry out a standardised medical assessment.
  - (ii) If a diagnosis of concussion is made the Medical Officer will report the matter to the Stewards through the Clerk of the Course. The Stewards shall restrict the Rider from riding in accordance with Rule 14(i)(d). The rider may present himself for a two part Post-concussion evaluation but only after a minimum five day period has elapsed, such period commencing on and from the day of the

diagnosis. The report from the Post-concussion evaluation will be sent to the Medical Officer

- (iii) If the Neuro-psychological tests are judged by the testing psychologist to be abnormal (i.e. a failure to return to baseline levels in those with a baseline test or a significant deviation from age and education related norms in those without a baseline test) or if a rider fails the Sports Physician assessment, then the rider will be restricted from riding by the Medical Officer until such time as the Medical Officer is satisfied, following receipt of the results of further Post-concussion evaluations that it is safe for the rider to resume riding. The rider may not present himself for such a test until a minimum period of 13 days has elapsed, such period commencing on and from the day following the previous test which showed the results of the evaluation to be unsatisfactory. The rider may continue to present for further Post-concussion evaluations after intervals of 14 days.

## **8. Neuro-psychological (NP) testing**

Testing must take place at Approved Clinics, which are at 3 regional centres and takes about 60 minutes to complete. The centres are located in private (independent) clinics or G.P. surgeries and trained nurses at each location carry out the NP testing on behalf of the IHRB. Should none of the Approved Clinics be operating during the Christmas/New Year or Easter periods a rider may arrange to have the testing carried out in the United Kingdom in a clinic approved by the IHRB and the evaluation carried out by a Clinical Neuropsychologist approved by the IHRB who shall submit the results of the evaluation to the Medical Officer.

Each rider is required to complete a computerised test (CogSport) - [www.cogsport.com](http://www.cogsport.com) and a series of pen and paper tests (SCOLP, Digit Span, SDMT:Symbol Digit Modalities Test, Colour Trails, STROOP)

The various tests are then evaluated by one of a team of Clinical Neuro-psychologists retained by the IHRB and the results are forwarded to the senior Medical Officer.

The Rider must also present for assessment by an Approved Sports Physician who shall report the results of such assessment to the Medical Officer

The Rider will be declared fit to ride and removed from the Medical Alert Sheet when the senior Medical Officer is satisfied with the results of the test and assessment of the rider.

## **9. Frequency of Neuro-psychological (NP) baseline testing**

Persons holding a Jockey's Licence will be required under this Regulation to complete the Neuro-psychological baseline test once every two years and following any diagnosis of concussion, a Post-concussion evaluation. Failure to do so may result in the suspension of

the rider's licence by the Licensing Committee, following a report from the senior Medical Officer.

Notwithstanding the above requirement a person diagnosed with concussion within the two year period will also be required to repeat the Neuro-psychological baseline test before the time of the annual renewal of the licence.

Persons holding a Qualified Riders Permit to ride will be required under this Regulation to complete the Neuro-psychological baseline test once every five years and following any diagnosis of concussion, a Post-concussion evaluation. Failure to do so may result in the suspension of the rider's licence by the Licensing Committee, following a report from the Medical Officer.

Notwithstanding the above requirement a person diagnosed with concussion within the five year period will also be required to repeat the Neuro-psychological baseline test before the time of the annual renewal of the permit.

**10. Post-concussion evaluation**

A Post-concussion Evaluation shall consist of a Neuro-psychological test carried out in accordance with Paragraph 10 above and a physical examination by a Sports Physician appointed by the IHRB, the results of which shall be forwarded to the Medical Officer. In addition to this test and examination the Rider may be required by the Medical Officer to attend for examination before a consultant Neurologist or Neurosurgeon.

**11. Approved Clinics**

Mallow - Red House Surgery

Phone - 022-21478

[www.redhousefamilypractice.com](http://www.redhousefamilypractice.com)

Naas - Vista Primary Care Centre

Phone - 045-848731

[www.vistaprimarycare.com](http://www.vistaprimarycare.com)

Santry - Sports Surgery Clinic

Phone - 01-5262300

[www.sportssurgeryclinic.com](http://www.sportssurgeryclinic.com)

and such other Clinics which may be approved from time to time by the Directors of the IHRB.

## **R12**

### **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SADDLING OF HORSES**

#### **NUMBER CLOTHS**

When a horse wears a sheet or rug in the paddock or during a parade for a race, such sheet or rug shall be so adjusted that the number cloth is clearly visible. When saddling horses the number cloths must be placed over the lead cloths.

Every horse running in a race shall carry the number cloth issued by the Racecourse Executive provided it is of a pattern approved by the Directors of the IHRB. The number cloth will be supplied to the Rider or the Trainer or his Authorised Representative at the time of weighing out and immediately after weighing in the Rider shall deliver it to the Official appointed to receive it.

Failure to comply with this Regulation may result in disciplinary action being taken against the Trainer by the Stewards.

# R13

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO STARTS AND STARTING STALLS**

### **HORSES WHICH CAUSE PROBLEMS AT STARTS**

While the starter, acting under the Rules of Racing or I.N.H.S. Rules, will make every effort to ensure that all horses obtain a fair start, Trainers should note that the use of the items to prompt unwilling horses to start, such as whips in the hands of personnel other than Riders is not allowed.

The Starter may report to the Acting Stewards any horse which, in a race started by flag or tape, has in his opinion significantly delayed the start by being unruly and failing to line up for the start. Repeated misbehaviour may result in the horse being suspended by the Acting Stewards under Rule 14. The Starter may also report to the Acting Stewards and the Office of the IHRB any horse which, in a race starting from stalls, has in his opinion significantly delayed the start due to its reluctance to enter its allotted stall or has behaved unsatisfactorily while being loaded or once loaded. The Acting Stewards may order that this horse not be permitted to start for a subsequent race started from stalls until such time as it has been re-certified for a starting stalls certificate.

### **PROCEDURES FOR HORSES LED OR ACCOMPANIED TO THE START**

- 1 The Directors of the IHRB order that no horse, other than one which is to run in that race, shall accompany the runners at or to the start of any race unless prior permission has been granted.
- 2 Permission for a horse to be led or accompanied to the start by another horse must be sought by the Trainer in writing from the Office of the IHRB not later than 2 pm on the day of declaration for the race. The application must contain the name of the horse, the rider, the meeting and race at which the horse is declared to run.
- 3 Permission should not be sought for a horse to be led or accompanied when ridden by a 10lb claiming Apprentice Rider as it is contrary to Rule 153(vi).
- 4 Lead horses must be properly vaccinated in accordance with Rule 91 and a passport with up to date vaccinations for the lead horse must be presented to the IHRB Veterinary Officer at the Veterinary Unit prior to entering the stable yard.
- 5 The conduct of the lead horse while on Racecourse Property shall be the responsibility of the Trainer who shall have adequate insurance in the event of accident or injury.
- 6 A lead horse must not enter the Parade Ring prior to a race unless necessary to access the track, but it shall not parade. A lead horse shall not wear Blinkers, Visor, Eyeshield, Eyecover, Hood or Sheepskin Cheek Pieces.
- 7 The rider of a lead horse must wear approved Safety Equipment in accordance with Regulation 10 and be the holder of a current Racing Establishment Employee Card or hold a licence or permit to

- ride. It is advisable for the Trainer to use a strong and competent rider when a lead rein is to be used. The Trainer shall be responsible for the condition of the tack worn by the lead horse.
- 8 The lead horse may not follow the horses on the track while the race is in progress but can trot or canter back from the start when the race is finished. The Clerk of the Course may give instructions to the lead rider in this regard.
  - 9 The Stewards may revoke the permission already granted for a horse to be led to the start due to unforeseen circumstances or should they be satisfied, that on the day such procedure would cause a considerable delay or disruption to the start of a race.
  - 10 Any breach of these Regulations shall be reported to the Stewards who may deal with the matter under the provisions of Rule 14.

### **PROCEDURES FOR PERSON TO ATTEND START**

Nominated Persons shall be permitted to accompany and lead around a horse at the start and/or to assist with the loading of the horse into stalls of a horse once a REQUEST TO ATTEND THE START form is completed by the Trainer or their Authorised Representative and submitted to the Clerk of the Scales not less than 30 minutes before the start of the relevant race. The Trainer shall be solely responsible for ensuring that the appropriate safety equipment is worn and all instructions given by the Starter are complied with. The Stewards may rescind permission to attend the start to any individual if the form is not properly completed and/or on health and safety or integrity grounds.

### **PROCEDURES AT STARTS**

#### **Stall Starts**

1. The Starting Stalls Team Leader provided to the Starter must be fully utilised to ensure that all starts take place on time.
2. Deleted
3. When horses arrive at the start, the first horse to be loaded by each handler should be put into his custody and should remain so until loaded. The same system should pertain for the remaining horses. The Starting Stalls Team Leader has an important role to play in the supervision of this area.
4. Preferential treatment in the loading of horses should only be given where their Trainers have obtained permission for such from the Stewards. Such request from Riders should not be tolerated by the Starter who has however the ultimate discretion at the start. Any horse who seriously misbehaves at the start will be reported to the Stewards.
5. In the interests of efficiency and speed, the Starter must make himself aware of those horses to be troublesome in Stalls.
6. The Starter is the person whose responsibility it is to keep the situation at a stalls start under control in terms of handlers, riders and horses. In doing this he may be assisted by Stewards and/or Stewards' Secretaries.

## **RACECOURSES**

For the purpose of Rule 207 the following racecourses at which starting stalls are used shall be designated as left or right handed tracks as follows:

### **Left Handed Track**

Bellewstown  
Dundalk  
Killarney  
Laytown  
Leopardstown  
Listowel  
Naas  
Navan  
Tipperary

### **Right Handed Track**

Ballinrobe  
Clonmel  
Cork  
Curragh  
Down Royal  
Fairyhouse  
Galway  
Gowran Park  
Limerick  
Roscommon  
Sligo

## **RACES TO BE STARTED FROM STARTING STALLS**

The following races shall be started from starting stalls, unless the race conditions for particular races specifically state otherwise:

### **Curragh**

All Classic and Pattern races and all other races run over a distance of one mile and six furlongs or less.

### **Leopardstown**

All races run over a distance of two miles or less.

### **Naas**

All races run over a distance of one mile four furlongs or less.

### **Navan**

All races run over a distance of two miles or less.

At all other courses, all races run under the Rules of Racing shall be started from stalls unless the safety standards dictate otherwise.

### **Waterford & Tramore**

Starting Stalls will not be used at the above Meeting unless as otherwise stated.

The Directors of the IHRB have ordered that Starting Stall Certificates will not be issued for unnamed horses. Owners and Trainers should note that unnamed horses should not be presented for certification.



## **STARTING STALLS**

Where necessary, a continuous tape or rail will be placed behind the stalls within which all runners must walk prior to loading. The area involved will allow adequate space for the horses to walk around safely.

## **STARTING STALLS CERTIFICATES**

In the interests of personal safety, horses will not be considered for Starting Stall Certificates on the racecourse unless the rider is wearing an approved body protector, skull cap and riding boots. Also trainers must have available for inspection passports for all horses presented.

Prior to being presented for certification trainers should ensure that horses are pre-schooled to walk into the stalls and stand in the stalls for a reasonable amount of time.

For races to be started from Stalls a certificate of having schooled satisfactorily from Stalls given by an IHRB Starter, or a certificate from the Trainer that the horse has started satisfactorily from stalls in a race outside Ireland, must be lodged at the Registry Office before the time fixed for declarations or the horse will not be allowed to start.

Horses which have been ordered to be recertified, this assessment will be at a time and place of the IHRB's discretion. The IHRB reserve the right to order that a horse be recertified away from the trainers' licensed premises or training grounds and by a different IHRB Starter.

The trainer will give an undertaking that he has re-schooled the horse to walk into the stalls and stand in the stalls for a reasonable amount of time and may be required to provide evidence of this re-schooling, prior to the IHRB Starter agreeing that the horse may be presented for recertification.

# **R14**

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TAKING OF SAMPLES FROM HORSES**

### **MUZZLES**

(Deleted January 2013)

### **EQUIPMENT REQUIRED AT THE RACECOURSE SAMPLING UNIT**

When a horse is taken to the Racecourse Sampling Unit for sample collection, a head collar and lead rope, a bucket, scraper, cooler and muzzle should be available for the horse in the Sampling Unit. These must be supplied by the trainer or his/her representative. The horse's passport must be available at the same time, as the horse's identity will be verified before sampling.

### **PROCEDURES FOR SAMPLING HORSES**

The following are the procedures for the sampling of Horses published pursuant to Rule 20(v) of the Rules of Racing.

Definitions: In paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 the words Responsible Person means the Trainer or his representative or the Owner or the person in charge of the premises where the horse is located. In Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 those words shall mean the Trainer or the Owner.

### **IN ALL LOCATIONS**

1. The Horse selected for sampling shall be identified to the IHRB Veterinary Officer or veterinary assistant by the Responsible Person. The Responsible Person shall bring the horse to the Sampling Unit and shall produce the horse's passport to the Veterinary Officer or veterinary assistant who shall then identify the horse against its passport. The IHRB Veterinary Officer or veterinary assistant identifying the Horse should initial beside the "Passport ☐ " (box) on the Sample documentation.
2. If the IHRB Veterinary Officer or veterinary assistant is not satisfied as to the ability of the Responsible Person because of a lack of command of English to understand the requirements (or procedures) for testing he may request the Trainer or his Authorised Representative to nominate another person to act as the Responsible Person.
3. The urine sample and/or the hair sample is collected by the IHRB Veterinary Officer or veterinary assistant in the presence of the Responsible Person and split into an "A" Sample and a "B" Sample, both of which are then sealed in the presence of the Responsible

Person. Where blood Samples are collected, the Veterinary Surgeon collects the blood Sample in the presence of the Responsible Person and splits it into an "A" Sample and a "B" Sample both of which are then sealed in the presence of the Responsible Person. The Responsible Person shall then print their name on and sign the sampling record document as a witness to the collection and sealing procedure.

4. The IHRB shall then arrange for the "A" Sample to be sent to the designated Laboratory for analysis and shall retain the "B" Sample in a secure environment. On receipt of the Laboratory Report on the "A" Sample, the Office of the IHRB shall advise the Responsible Person if the Report from the Laboratory indicates that a breach of the Rules governing Prohibited Substances may have been committed and inform the Responsible Person that he/she has the right, within 4 days, to require the "B" sample to be sent to the Designated Laboratory for analysis, at the expense of the Responsible Person, in default of which the Laboratory Report will be placed before the Referrals Committee.
5. If the Responsible Person requires the "B" Sample to be sent for analysis, the Office of the IHRB shall arrange for the "B" Sample to be sent to the Laboratory. The Office of the IHRB will advise the Responsible Person of his entitlement to have himself, his owner or a similar suitably qualified person attend the analysis of the "B" sample, if he wishes. On receipt of the Laboratory Report, the Office of the IHRB shall advise the Responsible Person of the result of the analysis. If the Report on the "B" Sample also indicates that a breach of the Rules governing Prohibited Substances may have been committed the Office of the IHRB shall advise the Responsible Person that the two Laboratory Reports will be placed before the Referrals Committee.
6. If the report on the "B" sample indicates that a breach of the Rules has not been committed , the entire test shall be considered negative and the Responsible Person shall be entitled to a refund of the cost of the analysis of the "B" Sample.
7. When the Directors of the IHRB require a Horse to be tested otherwise than at a racecourse or a Training Establishment they shall serve written Notice of Intention to test on the person who appears from the records of Weatherbys Ireland to be the Owner of such horse requiring such person to furnish them with a location at which that Horse will be available for testing. If an Owner failed to furnish the required information within a period of 5 working days from the service of such Notice that shall at the discretion of the Directors of the IHRB be deemed to be a "Missed Test" and the matter shall be referred to the Referrals Committee which may impose such sanction as it deems appropriate.

8. Where the Directors of the IHRB are aware of the location of such a Horse they shall service a Notice of Intention to Test on the Owner of such horse requiring such Owner to make the horse available for testing on a specified day and at a specified time. If the Horse is not made available for testing at such day and time that shall at the discretion of the Directors of the IHRB be deemed to be a "Missed Test" and the matter shall be referred to the Referrals Committee which may impose such sanction as it deems appropriate

### **SAMPLING FEES**

The fee for the sampling of a horse in a Pattern Race shall be as follows:

All winners and horses placed second in Group I or II races : €200,

All winners of Group III races : €60,

All winners and horses placed second in Grade 1 races under I.N.H.S.

Rules : €60.

### **SAMPLING UNIT**

It is the responsibility of Trainers to ensure that winning horses are presented without delay to the Veterinary Sampling Unit for the collection of samples.

Where one of a Trainer's horses is taken to the Racecourse Sampling Unit, the option exists for the stable employee in charge of the animal to require that a cooler be kept on the horse while it is detained in the Sampling Box.

### **SCHEDULE OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**

Pursuant to Rule 20(v) of the Rules of Racing and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules, the Directors of the IHRB hereby publish this schedule of prohibited substances and give notice that each of the following is a Prohibited Substance as defined in the Rules of Racing and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules:

Substances capable at any time of causing an action or effect, or both an action and effect, within one or more of the following mammalian body systems:

the nervous system, including for example but not limited to:

- anticholinergics
- antidepressants
- antiepileptics
- antihistamines
- anxiolytics
- antiparkinsonians
- antipyretics
- anti-serotonins
- beta agonists
- central analgesics
- central stimulants
- general anaesthetics

- local anaesthetics
- neuroleptics
- non barbiturate hypnotics
- parasympatholytics
- parasympathomimetics
- peripheral analgesics
- psychotropics

the cardiovascular system, including for example but not limited to:

- alpha blockers
- antiarrhythmics
- antihypertensives
- beta agonists
- beta blockers
- cardiac inotropes and chronotropes
- circulatory stimulants
- vasoconstrictors
- vasodilators

the respiratory system, including for example but not limited to:

- antiasthmatics
- antiinflammatories
- antitussives
- beta agonists
- bronchodilators
- clenbuterol
- expectorants
- humidifiers
- mucolytics
- respiratory analeptics
- vasoconstrictors

the digestive system, including for example but not limited to:

- anticholinergics
- antidiarrhoeals
- antiemetics
- antigastric acid secretories
- antispasmodics
- choleretics
- emetics
- purgatives
- secretory stimulants

the urinary system, including for example but not limited to:

- antispasmodics
- diuretics
- inhibitors of urinary secretion
- ph modifiers

the reproductive system, including for example but not limited to:

- androgens
- oestrogens
- peptide hormones
- progestogens
- prostaglandins
- trophic hormones

the musculoskeletal system, including for example but not limited to:

- anabolic agents
- corticosteroids
- muscle relaxants
- nonsteroidal antiinflammatories

the blood system, including for example but not limited to:

- anticoagulants
- coagulants
- erythropoietin
- haemostatics

the immune system except for licensed vaccines against infectious agents, including for example but not limited to:

- immunostimulants
- immunosuppressants

the endocrine system, including for example but not limited to:

- catecholamines
- glucocorticoids
- insulin
- mineralocorticoids
- pituitary hormones
- thyroid hormones
- trophic hormones

Masking agents

For the purposes of the Rules of Racing and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules the following are the threshold levels for the hereinafter named substances:

Arsenic - 0.3 microgram total arsenic per millilitre in urine

Boldenone – 0.015 microgram free and conjugated boldenone per millilitre in urine from male horses (other than geldings)

Carbon dioxide - 36 millimoles available carbon dioxide per litre in plasma

Cobalt – 0.1 microgram total cobalt per millilitre in urine and 0.025 microgram total cobalt (free and protein bound) per millilitre in plasma.

Dimethyl sulphoxide - 15 micrograms dimethyl sulphoxide per millilitre in urine or 1.0 microgram dimethyl sulphoxide per millilitre in plasma

Estradiol in male horses (other than geldings) - 0.045 microgram free and glucuroconjugated 5 $\alpha$ -estrane-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ -diol per millilitre in urine<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> When, at the screening stage, the free and glucuroconjugated 5 $\alpha$ -estrane-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ -diol exceeds the free and glucuroconjugated 5,10-estrane-3 $\beta$ ,17 $\alpha$ -diol in the urine

Hydrocortisone - 1.0 microgram hydrocortisone per millilitre in urine

Methoxytyramine - 4 micrograms free and conjugated 3-methoxytyramine per millilitre in urine

Salicylic acid - 750 micrograms salicylic acid per millilitre of urine or 6.5 micrograms salicylic acid per millilitre in plasma

Testosterone - 0.02 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per milliliter of urine from geldings, or 100 picograms free testosterone in plasma from geldings, or 0.055 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre of urine from fillies and mares (unless in foal)

Theobromine - 2 micrograms theobromine per millilitre in urine  
0.3 micrograms theobromine per millilitre in plasma

Note: The conjugated substance is the substance that can be liberated from conjugates.

## **Substances and Methods that are Prohibited At All Times**

### **Substances Prohibited At All Times**

In accordance with Rule 20, the following are Prohibited Substances at all times, including in training:

The following substances, including other substances with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect including but not limited to their metabolites, artefacts and isomers are prohibited at all times in a Horse as defined in Rule 1.

#### **1.1 Non-approved substances**

Any substance not addressed by any of the subsequent classes of substances, and which has no current approval by any government regulatory authority for veterinary use, or any substance not universally recognised by veterinary regulatory authorities as valid veterinary therapeutic treatment.

#### **1.2 Anabolic agents**

- (a) anabolic androgenic steroids;
- (b) other anabolic agents, including but not limited to selective androgen

receptor modulators (SARMs);

(c) beta-2 agonists, unless the substance is prescribed by a veterinarian as a bronchodilator at the appropriate dose.

### **1.3 Peptide hormones, growth factors and related substances (with the exception of oxytocin use in fillies and mares in breeding management or to block oestrus cycling)**

(a) erythropoiesis-stimulating agents, including but not limited to erythropoietin (EPO), epoetin alfa, epoetin beta, darbepoetin alfa, and methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta, peginesatide

(b) growth hormones and growth hormone releasing factors, insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1), and other growth factors;

(c) synthetic proteins and peptides and synthetic analogues of endogenous proteins and peptides not registered for medical or veterinary use.

### **1.4 Hormone and metabolic modulators**

(a) aromatase inhibitors;

(b) selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMS) and other anti-estrogenic substances;

(c) agents modifying myostatin function, including but not limited to myostatin inhibitors;

(d) insulins;

(e) peroxisome proliferator activated receptor (PPAR) agonists, including but not limited to GW 1516;

(f) AMPK activators, including but not limited to AICAR (5-aminoimidazole-4-carboxamide-1- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranoside).

### **1.5 Venoms of any species or derivatives thereof**

1.6 Hypoxia inducible factor (HIF) stabilisers, including but not limited to ITPP (myo-inositol trispyrophosphate), and hypoxia inducible factor (HIF) activators, including but not limited to xenon and argon.

1.7 Agents modifying myostatin function, including but not limited to myostatin inhibitors.

1.8 Oxygen carriers including but not limited to perfluorochemicals, efaproxiral and modified haemoglobin products

## **Methods Prohibited At All Times**



### **3. Manipulation of blood and blood components**

Withdrawal, manipulation and re-infusion of homologous, heterologous or autologous blood, blood products or blood cells into the circulatory system with the exception of those used for life-saving purposes or as veterinary regenerative therapies for the treatment of musculoskeletal injury or disease.

### **4. Blood Transfusions**

Giving a blood transfusion to a horse or allowing or causing a blood transfusion to be given for the purposes of enhancing its performance.

### **5. Genetic and Cellular Manipulation**

Modification of the heritable genome at any time of a Horse's life.

Any gene therapy or cellular manipulation in a Horse must not be capable of

- giving the Horse an advantage or disadvantage in a race contrary to the Horse's inherent merits
- being detrimental to the Horse's welfare

The IHRB may, at its discretion, allow or disallow racing by Horses or their offspring after such therapy. Any gene therapy for a Horse intended to race must be fully documented in the Horse's passport or in such manner as required by the IHRB and shall be reported immediately to the IHRB.

# R15

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE USE OF THE PHOTO FINISH CAMERA**

### **PHOTO FINISH CAMERA**

1. In the event of a close finish, the Judge may examine the photo finish image before announcing his decision and he shall announce "Photo Finish". If subsequently there is a technical difficulty and no photo finish image is available, the Judge shall announce "Visual Result" followed by the result.
2. After the finish of every race, the Judge will examine the photo finish images to confirm his decision and to have an opportunity to make an alteration before the "Winner All Right" announcement has been made. No announcement of this use of the photo finish images will be made unless it is found to be necessary to alter the original decision, in which case an announcement shall be made "Amended Result of the...race. Following examination of the photo finish images the Judge has announced the following amended result: First... Second... Third... etc."
3. When a photo finish image is examined, the Judge may wish to call on another Official to examine the image in order to confirm his identification of the horses concerned before the decision is announced and the "Winner All Right" announcement is made. It should be clearly understood that the Judge's decision is final and cannot be altered after the "Winner All Right" has been announced, except as provided under Rule 41(ii).
4. A horse will be adjudged to have beaten another if the Judge can establish that he is ahead by however small a margin. If the Judge cannot distinguish which horse is in front he shall declare a dead heat.
5. Only the following distances between horses at a winning post will be given over the public address system or entered on the Judge's return: dead heat, nose, short head, head, neck,  $\frac{1}{2}$  length,  $\frac{3}{4}$  length, 1 length,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  lengths,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths,  $1\frac{3}{4}$  lengths, 2 lengths,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  lengths,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lengths,  $2\frac{3}{4}$  lengths, 3 lengths,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  lengths,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  lengths,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  lengths, 4 lengths,  $4\frac{1}{4}$  lengths,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  lengths,  $4\frac{3}{4}$  lengths, 5 lengths,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lengths, 6 lengths,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  lengths, 7 lengths,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  lengths, 8 lengths,  $8\frac{1}{2}$  lengths, 9 lengths,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  lengths, 10 lengths. Thereafter in increments of a length up to and including 99 lengths. Anything over 99 lengths will be designated as "99+ lengths".

- 6, For the purpose of this Regulation distances of less than and including a length shall be measured as follows:

nose – from tip of nose to back of nostril

short head – from back of nostril to front point of eye

head – from front point of eye to back of jaw bone

neck – from back of jaw bone to point of shoulder

half a length – from point of shoulder to hip bone

three quarters of a length – from hip bone to point of buttocks

length – whole horse from tip of nose to base of tail.

7. Should the distance between two horses be unclear but is somewhere between any of the distances listed above the Judge will give a verdict of the lesser distance, e.g. a distance between a “head” and a “neck” shall be deemed to be a “head”.
8. Hard copy prints of the photo finish image will have a line inserted by the photo finish technician, having first been approved by the Judge or another person authorised by the Judge, and be displayed to the public normally after the following race but in no case before the “Winner All Right” announcement has been made. All examined photo finish prints will be made available for broadcast on CCTV in the racecourse enclosure as soon as the result is announced.
9. A second print having been marked and signed by the Judge will be forwarded to the Registry Office together with the Judge’s Photo Return.
10. No other print will be made unless the Stewards require one for their own examination or approve the release of prints to Members of the Press.
11. Owners and Trainers requiring prints should make application to the Registry Office where arrangements can be made for reproduction, at the expense of the applicant.

# **R16**

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE WEIGH ROOM AND PARADE RING**

### **HORSES ALLOWED INTO Paddock AND PARADE RING**

A horse shall not be allowed into the Paddock without the permission of the Stewards, unless it is a runner at the Meeting. Only the horses which are to run in a race are to be allowed into the Parade Ring, unless prior permission has been granted by the Stewards, before that race.

### **MOBILE TELEPHONES**

Riders may not use mobile telephones or any other form of electronic communication between the time they leave the weighroom to ride in a race until their return to the weighroom after the race. The taking of photographs or videos on mobile telephones or other digital devices in the weighroom or changing rooms is strictly prohibited. Any breach of this regulation will render the Rider liable to be reported to the Stewards and dealt with under Rule 14(i).

### **PARADES**

1. A parade for any race can only take place provided that fact is advertised in the condition of the race at the time of closing.
2. Because certain horses get nervous prior to racing, parades should be confined to major races only. Two year old races to be exempted from parades.
3. Where a horse is known to be temperamental, the Trainer involved must make special arrangements through the Clerk of the Course prior to the horse entering the parade ring for the positioning of such animal in the actual line up.
4. When horses are mounted they must be led out on to the course by their attendants in race card order except under para 3 above.
5. Except in an emergency, no Rider may dismount during a parade.
6. Once the parade starts, the Clerk of the Course has total discretion in its management and presentation.
7. Ideally, horses should not be asked to parade against horses cantering in the opposite direction. If this is not possible, the maximum width of the track will be used to keep horses apart.

8. Where there is a breach of the system laid down by the Clerk of the Course, this must be reported to the Stewards and if they consider such breach to be flagrant, the matter may be dealt with in accordance with Rule 14(i) and (ii).

### **PROCEDURE FOR MOUNTING IN PARADE RING**

The following procedures shall be adopted at all racecourses.

When the signal to mount is given, the Riders shall be in the Parade Ring and will approach their mounts without delay, the horse shall continue to proceed around the parade ring and be mounted on the walk by the Rider as soon as is practical.

Horses are not allowed to cross the middle of the Parade Ring unless requested to do so by an official of the IHRB. Trainers will be held responsible for ensuring that their employees are conversant with the foregoing procedures.

Any trainer or rider contravening these Regulations shall be liable to a fine of not less than €100.

### **SHEETS/RUGS**

A sheet or rug used in the parade ring or in a parade on any racecourse may not bear the name or initials of the Owner or Trainer in letters larger than 4½ inches (11.43 cms) high and such lettering must only appear on the corners of the sheet or rug nearest to the hindquarters of the horse. Alternatively if a logo or motif applicable to the Owner or Trainer is used it shall have a maximum surface area of 64 square inches (413 sq cms)

Sheets or rugs shall be removed when horses are mounted in the paddock, or during a parade for a race. Failure to comply with this order will result in the Trainer being fined not less than €30 by the Stewards.

The above Regulation regarding the removal of sheets or rugs may be suspended in the following circumstances.

1. Subject to permission from the Stewards, the sheet or rug may remain on the horse provided the number is visible at all times.
2. In the event of particularly inclement weather, the Stewards through the Stewards' Secretaries will be empowered to dispense with this regulation and notice will be given of this in the weigh-room or otherwise as appropriate.

### **SHOES AND CALKINS**

A horse shall not enter the Parade Ring or run in shoes which have protrusions on the ground surface unless they comply with the following:-

**Front Shoes**

On Front Shoes, it is permitted to use four No. 2 nails, two inserted on the inside and two on the outside of each shoe, protrusions of which must be limited to  $\frac{1}{4}$ ". The use of nails on the front of the shoes and the use of American toe grab plates or those with a sharp flange is forbidden.

**Hind Shoes**

On Hind Shoes, it is permitted to use Calkins provided they are limited to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " in height. No other protrusions are allowed.

**HEADGEAR**

A horse may not be declared to carry any combination of headgear other than those combinations listed below;

- Blinkers and Hood
- Blinkers and Eyeshield
- Blinkers, Eyeshield and Hood
- Eyecover and Hood
- Eyeshield and Hood
- Sheepskin Cheek Pieces and Eyeshield
- Sheepskin Cheek Pieces and Hood
- Sheepskin Cheek Pieces, Eyeshield and Hood
- Visor and Hood
- Visor and Eyeshield
- Visor, Eyeshield and Hood

The following diagrams are for illustrative purposes

BLINKERS



SHEEPSKIN CHEEK PIECES



HOOD

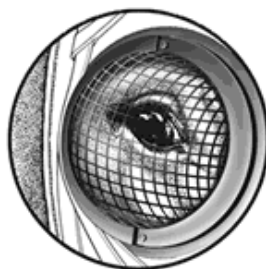


VISOR



Differentiated from blinkers by an aperture in the cowl. This can be a slit as shown above or may be circular or diamond shaped.

EYESHIELD



(May also be made of a transparent material. However, such eyeshields must have adequate ventilation, and may be unsuitable for use in wet conditions on all weather tracks, where the kickback is liable to stick to the eyeshield)

EYECOVER



# R17

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE QUALIFIED RIDERS' ACCIDENT FUND**

1. Every Qualified Rider who falls in a race must, whether hurt or not, immediately report the fall to the Medical Officer on duty at the Meeting before riding again, otherwise he is liable to forfeit all claim for benefit from the Qualified Riders' Accident Fund in respect of any future accident.
2. No claim for benefit from the Qualified Riders' Accident Fund will be considered unless a report of any accident or injury to a Qualified Rider has been made by him, or by some other person acting on his behalf, to the Medical Officer on duty of the Race Meeting during which the injury was received.
3. A Qualified Rider, or his representative, desiring to make a claim must forward at his own expense a certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner stating the nature of his injury to the Office of the IHRB, The Curragh, Co. Kildare.
4. No claim will be considered if not received within seven days of the accident taking place.
5. The Trustees may at any time, appoint their Surgeon, or other Medical Advisor, to examine the claimant and report.
6. Where in the opinion of a Surgeon or Medical Advisor, a certain course of treatment or operation is advisable, a claimant who does not follow such opinion will be liable to lose further benefits under the scheme.
7. Any claimant who rides again in a race before having received a certificate of soundness from a Medical Advisor approved by the Trustees will forfeit any further claim for benefit from the date of riding until such time as the requisite certificate is duly lodged. No claim for benefits from the Qualified Riders' Accident Fund will be considered unless made in accordance with the above regulations, which apply equally to a Qualified Rider riding at a recognised meeting held outside Ireland where he is riding on Permit issued by the Directors of the IHRB.



## R18

### **REGULATIONS RELATING TO SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY A FOREIGN TURF AUTHORITY**

- (i) When the IHRB receives notification from a Foreign Turf Authority of a sanction imposed for a breach of the Rules of Racing in the jurisdiction of the Foreign Turf Authority on a person holding a licence from the IHRB or a sanction on an Owner registered in Ireland, or on a horse in training in Ireland, the person or the owner of the horse against whom the sanction was imposed shall be entitled to apply to the Referrals Committee to declare that the sanction shall not have effect under these Rules, but only if the person can satisfy the Referrals Committee that he has exhausted all avenues of appeal in the jurisdiction of the Foreign Turf Authority. Where the Referrals Committee is satisfied that the appellant has exhausted all such avenues of appeal, the only ground which the appellant may rely on is that the principles of natural justice were not complied with by the Foreign Turf Authority in the procedure leading to the sanction.
- (ii) An application must be lodged with the IHRB and must clearly state how natural justice was not applied. Nevertheless, should any part of a sanction imposed by the foreign Turf Authority fall on any date prior to the receipt of an application, such sanction shall apply in Ireland on that date.
- (iii) Where an application under par (ii) has been lodged it may only be withdrawn with the consent of the Referrals Committee, which shall be entitled as a condition for consenting to the withdrawal, to impose a financial penalty on the person concerned. If the Referrals Committee considers that the application made was vexatious or was brought without reasonable cause or contained any misstatement, it may impose a sanction on the person under Rule 19A 8 (ii).
- (iv) Following the consideration of an application where the Referrals Committee is satisfied that the principles of natural justice were not complied with by the Foreign Turf Authority in the proceedings leading to the sanction, they shall declare that the sanction shall not have effect under these Rules.

Any person who makes a false representation of fact in connection with a claim by that person that the laws of natural justice were not complied with in the procedures leading to the imposition of a sanction in a foreign jurisdiction shall be liable to be fined up to € 20,000 by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body.

**R19 – Deleted**

## **R20**

### **PROCEDURES FOR SETTING MINIMUM RIDING WEIGHTS FOR NEW APPRENTICES**

#### **I. ESTABLISHING MINIMUM RIDING WEIGHTS FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS**

##### ***i) Baseline Information***

***Each Apprentice shall be required to follow these procedures***

Testing will take place at a location approved by the Medical Officer.

The Apprentice will be required to attend, in a hydrated state ( $USG \leq 1.020$ ) to a pre-arranged morning testing session. Urine Specific Gravity will be measured using a Reichert TS 400 Refractometer. Skinfold calipers will be used to determine percentage (%) body fat. Body weight will be measured on a calibrated scales as used on the racecourse.

##### ***ii) Target Minimum Weight Determined***

Following the Testing a Target Minimum Weight will be determined for each Apprentice based on a minimum body fat level of 6% for males and 12% for females in a fully hydrated state ( $USG \leq 1.020$ ).

##### ***iii) Target Minimum Weight***

Following the establishment of the Apprentice's Target Minimum Weight each Apprentice will be required to meet with the IHRB Dietician to receive a full nutritional consultation to include an individualised meal plan and a making weight strategy. Exercise advice will also be provided. Each Apprentice will be required to attend one follow-up consultation with the Dietician to review progress before the Minimum Riding Weight is set. Each apprentice will be required to try to achieve their Target Minimum Weight within 6 weeks from the date of the initial consultation.

##### ***iv) Setting Individual Minimum Weight (6 weeks later)***

The Apprentice will return 6 weeks after their initial consultation for retesting in a hydrated state ( $USG \leq 1.020$ ). Skinfold testing will be repeated and body weight will be taken. The Apprentice will return for a second time in a hydrated state not less than 24 hours later to get body weight measured again. Mean body weight for both weigh ins will be used to set the individual Minimum Riding Weight.

At the end of this period an individual Minimum Riding Weight for the Apprentice will be set by the Medical Officer.

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# NOTICES

## N1

### ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

The Directors of the IHRB have noted advertisements about the availability of an A.I. service from certain stallions. The progeny of such service will not be registered for racing purposes under Rule 87(i) which states: "A horse is not qualified to be entered or run for any race unless it and its sire and dam are each the produce of a natural service or covering and unless a natural gestation took place in, and delivery was from, the body of the mare in which the horse was conceived".

The Directors of the IHRB would also draw the attention of trainers and owners to Article 12, Para 2.1 of the International Agreement on Breeding and Racing.

## N2

### AUTHORISED AGENT

Owners and Trainers are reminded that such registration remains in force until cancelled in writing and shall be automatically re-registered for succeeding years.

## N3

### CLINICAL EXAMINATION OF HORSES

The Directors of the IHRB give notice that the procedures agreed with them and the Irish Racehorse Trainers' Association will be implemented in respect of clinical examination of horses.

## N4

### DECLARATION OF RIDERS IN GREAT BRITAIN (RULE 109)

Trainers running horses in Great Britain should note that when a Rider is declared to ride who is the holder of a current licence or permit to ride issued by a Recognised Turf Authority outside Great Britain and is entitled to claim a riding allowance, it is essential that Weatherbys have accurate and up to date information of the rider's age and number of winners the rider has ridden. This will enable Weatherbys to calculate correctly the allowance which the rider is entitled to claim.

The requirements of Rule 109(iv) will be applied strictly, i.e. the person making the declaration will be required to supply the rider's age and details of winners the rider has ridden. **Failure to comply with the provisions of this Rule shall disentitle the claiming of any riding allowance.**

For the avoidance of any doubt, it will no longer be acceptable for the person making the declaration simply to confirm the amount of the claim.

**N5****DETACHABLE REINS**

There have been instances in which the studs in the “billet and stud” type of detachable reins have broken. Fortunately, no serious accidents occurred but the Directors of the IHRB are concerned about the failure rate of this particular patent and wish to bring the attention of Trainers to it.

**N6****EMPLOYEE SWIPE CARDS**

A Pension Plan (with Death benefit) has been set up to provide Pensions for qualifying Stable Employees and all Trainers who have such employees must apply for the appropriate Employees' Swipe Cards in respect of each such employee.

Non qualifying employees will be issued with an Employee Swipe Card with no pension rights.

Forms of renewal relating to the above will be sent to all Trainers and should be returned completed to the Office of the IHRB before 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**N7****ENTERING HORSES IN FRANCE**

Owners and trainers are requested to note that, to enter in a French race for the first time, the following information must be provided to France Galop.

Name of horse, country of foaling, colour, sex, year of foaling, pedigree and race performances, if any.

This information must be given at least eight days before the day of closing.

**N8****ENTRY SYSTEM IN BRITAIN**

Entries for horses trained in Ireland must be made in writing to the Registry Office. These entries will close on a daily basis, seven days in advance of the meeting, with the exception of Racing on Saturdays when entries will close eight days in advance.

Entries for early closing races will continue to close on Mondays, in accordance with the advertised dates and times.

While the initial entry must be made to the Registry Office, all subsequent transactions must be made to the Racing Calendar Office, Weatherbys, Sanders Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, England, NN8 4BX, Telephone (0044) 1933-440011. Such subsequent transactions may also be made by phone, facsimile transmission or letter.

Thus in:

Standard (Non Early Closing) Races -  
Entries to be made to the Registry Office.

Declaration of runners to be made to the Racing Calendar Office.

Early Closing Races –

Entries to be made to the Registry Office.

Forfeits (where applicable) to be made to the Racing Calendar Office.

Confirmation of Entry (at the advertised time, normally five days prior to the race) to be made to the Racing Calendar Office, inclusive of Racing Colours.

Declaration of runners \* to be made to the Racing Calendar Office.

N.B. Trainers should be aware that declarations normally close 24 hours prior to the race but in some cases they close 48 hours prior to the race.

## **N9**

### **GOGGLES**

In the interest of personal safety, the Directors of the IHRB strongly recommend that protective goggles, used while race riding, should meet European Standard EN166:2002 for safety eyewear or an equivalent International Standard. All riders are advised to wear protective goggles while race riding.

## **N10**

### **HANDICAPPING (FLAT)**

1. The Directors of the IHRB wish to give notice that the Flat Handicappers, in exercising their discretion under Rule 66(ii) of the Rules of Racing on whether they can reasonably assess a horse before handicapping it in a race, may exclude a horse with a current handicap rating from a handicap where the distance of some or all of its qualifying runs for a handicap mark is considerably different from the distance of the proposed handicap.

In exercising this discretion, they will have regard to all relevant circumstances including:-

- whether or not it was practically possible for a horse to run at or near the distance of the handicap race
  - the time of the year and the availability of races to run in to meet this requirement
  - the age and profile of the horse
  - whether the horse had already competed in handicaps at a different distance or is entering handicap company for the first time
  - the distance of its most recent start or starts
2. The Protocol will not be adopted as a Rule of Racing and its implementation will be reviewed and discussed in future annual

meetings between the Irish Racehorse Trainers Association and Directors of the IHRB Handicappers

3. Where such Protocol is invoked by the Handicappers, the Chief Executive of the IRTA will be notified for his information, as a matter of courtesy.

## **N11**

### **HORSES AT START**

The Directors of the IHRB consider that too often the attention of the Starter and his assistant is required to adjust girths, surcingles, martingales and breast girths at the start, thereby delaying the start unnecessarily. They have, therefore, instructed Starters to report such cases to the Stewards of the Meetings for such action as the latter feel is required.

## **N13**

### **MICROCHIPPING**

The attention of Owners and Trainers is drawn to the requirement under Rule 86 whereby it is necessary for horses foaled outside Ireland and Great Britain on and after 1st January, 1999, to have been implanted with an identifying microchip supplied by Messrs Weatherbys before a name can be registered. Where a microchip is being implanted in preparation for application for registration of a name, one barcode label should be affixed to the naming form and the remaining labels forwarded to the Registry Office together with the completed form and passport.

## **N14**

### **NAMES REGISTRATION**

Trainers are advised that the present system of registering names was introduced to reduce the time taken to process registrations. Persons not having markings completed by their veterinary Surgeons should ensure that the markings on the Passports are correct before these documents are forwarded to the Registry Office with a completed naming form. Where there is a doubt on the markings or where they are found to be incorrect, new markings must be taken by a Veterinary Surgeon.

Trainers are further reminded of their responsibilities under Section A of the general Instructions contained in passports and they are advised that where discrepancies in the markings are discovered, the markings should be amended by a Veterinary Surgeon and the Passport returned to the Registry Office in order that the amendments can be noted. If, on examination on the racecourse discrepancies are noted, the animal in question may not be allowed to run and the Trainer may be subject to a fine.



Completed Naming Forms which comply with the relevant Rules and are received in the Registry Office up to and including the Thursday of any week will be processed and the name registered on the following Monday. It will still be necessary to submit up-to-date markings for animals foaled outside Ireland and Great Britain.

## **N15**

### **PARADE RING**

The Directors of the IHRB would remind all Trainers of their responsibilities under Rule 32(ii).

“Prior to each race, horses which are about to run therein shall parade in the Ring a reasonable time before the signal to mount is given.

The Directors of the IHRB remind all Trainers to have their runners in the parade ring at a reasonable time before the signal to mount is given. Failure to do so may result in the Trainer being reported to the Stewards.

## **N16**

### **PASSPORTS FOR HORSES RUNNING IN GREAT BRITAIN**

The Directors of the British Horseracing Authority wish to advise Irish Trainers that when a horse is declared to run in any race in Great Britain the horse and its passport must be presented to a Veterinary Officer not less than three-quarters of an hour before the advertised time of the race for verification.

If the passport is not produced by the required time or the identity of the horse is not correctly verified, the horse will not be qualified to run.

## **N17**

### **RACECOURSE ACCESS CARDS**

Patrons entitled to free admission at all race meetings are reminded that A.I.R. Access Cards must be presented at the turnstiles for free access to be obtained, or in the case of Stable Employees their identification card including photograph at the Stable Yard entrance. Failure to comply with the regulation will be reported to the Directors of the IHRB on an individual basis. We would like to take this opportunity of extending our appreciation to the substantial majority of patrons who greatly assist in minimising our management costs by presenting their card when requesting free access. **(Notice received from the Association of Irish Racecourses).**

## **N18**

### **RACECOURSE STABLES**

The Directors of the IHRB wish to remind Stewards that cases of breaches of their regulations in regard to Racecourse Stables may be brought before them either by the Stewards' Secretaries, the Clerk of the Course or the Investigation Officers and that they have powers to deal with such cases.

### **RACECOURSE STABLE YARD**

The Directors of the IHRB give notice that authorised persons, being those listed in Regulation R9 of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S Rules entering the Racecourse Stable Yard on the day of a racemeeting shall do so only on the following terms and conditions.

- a) In the interests of safety, Licensed Trainers and stable staff may be in charge of one horse only when entering, leaving and exercising the animal in the stable yard.
- b) In the interests of safety a horse must be equipped with a bridle or a chifney which may be attached to a head collar other than when stabled, or when stabled at the direction of the Directors of the IHRB veterinary officer.
- c) Licensed trainers of horses selected for Directors of the IHRB veterinary inspection must ensure that their staff do not eat or drink in the testing area.
- d) Licensed trainers must ensure that passports presented for inspection are collected before leaving the Stable Yard.
- e) The person accompanying the horse should examine the passport veterinary list to check whether the horse's passport has been selected for inspection.
- f) Private veterinarians are only permitted to practice in the Stable Yard with the prior permission of the Directors of the IHRB veterinary officer on duty, irrespective of whether or not they are connected to the horse.
- g) Smoking is prohibited in the Racecourse Stable Yard Area.
- h) Trainers must ensure that horses in their charge are not left unattended in the Stable Yard area.

## **N19**

### **RESERVES**

The Directors of the IHRB wish to notify Trainers that proper use of the Reserve system can only be achieved with their full co-operation. Where a Trainer knows sufficiently early that a horse trained by him will not be a runner in a race in which Reserves have been listed, he should take steps to so inform the Trainers of any horses listed as Reserves. In this way it should be possible to utilise the system of Reserves to its maximum benefit.

**N20****RESTRICTION ON SMOKING IN RACECOURSE STABLE YARDS**

The danger of smoking in stables cannot be too heavily stressed and Racecourse Executives should take every precaution to avoid it. Notices should be prominently displayed near all looseboxes and further "No Smoking" notices should be posted in all forage and bedding stores. Gateman and others in authority should be instructed to draw the attention of offenders to these Notices, warning them that they will be reported to the Clerk of the Course if they persist in smoking. The Clerk of the Course is obliged to inform the Stewards of such persons who have been reported to him and the Stewards may treat the matter as a breach of the Rules.

**N21****SADDLEPADS**

The Directors of the IHRB are concerned that the interchange of saddlepads which is commonly practised may contribute to the spreading of contagious skin diseases among horses.

**N22****STEWARDS' CAR PARKS**

These Special Car Parks are reserved strictly for the following:-

- Members of the Turf Club
- Members of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee
- Members of Horse Racing Ireland
- Stewards of the Meeting
- Racing Officials

All the above have been issued with an appropriate Car Badge and are requested to make use of them when using these Car Parks. Instructions have been issued to Car Park Attendants not to admit cars which do not carry the appropriate Badge.

Personal Badges will not be accepted for admission to these Car Parks.

**N23****TACK**

The Directors of the IHRB strongly recommend that Trainers in the interest of safety would regularly inspect stable tack.

This advice is given because reports recently received by the Turf Club indicate that in certain cases, materials and methods of manufacture are not effective.

The practice of removing tack (such as a sheepskin noseband etc.) from a horse, prior to a race, after it has left or while it is leaving the Parade Ring is unacceptable because it is causing identification problems for Racecourse Judges. Any trainer who fails to comply with this Notice will be dealt with under Rule 14.

## N24

### VIEWING OF RACES

The Association of Irish Racecourses have brought to the attention of the Directors of the IHRB, it's concern about the ever growing tendency of Trainers and Riders to congregate during the running of races on the actual racetrack particularly in the area of the last hurdle or fence. This practice is dangerous not only to the individuals themselves, but also to the participants in the race and could have serious insurance and legal implications for the Racecourse Executive.

## N25

### MEDICINES REGISTER AND GUIDELINES FOR TRAINERS REGARDING THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF VETERINARY MEDICINES

#### Medicines Register

##### Notes on the use of the Medicines Register

All medications used on any horse in your training establishment or under your care should be entered.

This includes topical ointments, oral medicines and drugs given by injection.

All entries should be made on the same day that the medication is given.

<b>Date of administration to horse</b>	=	Insert any date on which the animal remedy was administered
<b>Authorised name of animal remedy administered (including brand and generic name)</b>	=	Insert the name of the brand and the drug administered
<b>Route of administration</b>	=	Enter the route of administration i.e. Oral (O) Topical (T) Intravenous (I/V), Intramuscular (I/M) Subcutaneous (S/C) Intra articular(I/A)
<b>Quantity of animal remedy administered</b>	=	Enter the quantity given each time there is an administration
<b>Reason for administration</b>	=	Specify the reason for the administration e.g. lameness etc.
<b>Name of person who administered remedy</b>	=	This should be the person who actually gave the drug to the horse. Prescription only medicines (POM) must also be authorised by the Trainer's veterinary surgeon

<b>Name of prescribing Veterinary Surgeon (when applicable)</b>	=	Enter the veterinary surgeon's name who prescribed the medicines
<b>Recommended withdrawal time (if applicable)</b>	=	The withdrawal time recommended by the veterinary surgeon should be entered
<b>Trainer's Signature</b>	=	The trainer should sign as having authorised all administrations

The Directors of the IHRB recommend that the declaration that the horse is "not for human consumption" is signed on all passports. If this is not done there are restrictions on the medication which can be used and more stringent reporting requirements. You should consult with your veterinary surgeon for details.

## **Guidelines for Trainers Regarding the Responsible Use of Veterinary Medicines**

### **Guidelines**

NOTE: The Directors of the IHRB wish to point out that familiarity with the guidelines as set out hereunder, is a condition on which the licence to Trainers is issued and renewed.

1. The following general guidelines are provided in order to reduce the occurrence of inadvertent race day positives arising from the presence of Prohibited Substances in blood and urine.
2. Proper liaison and regular communication with the stable's Veterinary Surgeon is essential at all times to ensure correct use of therapeutic medicines. The Trainer must ensure that only the appropriate prescribed medicines are used, and that they are withdrawn at the correct time prior to racing, in accordance with the professional judgement and opinion of the veterinary surgeon.
3. All Trainers/Authorised stable personnel should be acquainted with the Rules as they apply to the definition of "Prohibited Substances".
4. Trainers should be aware that most of the commonly used, licensed medicines are in fact Prohibited Substances if detected in a raceday sample.
5. All medicines should be kept in safe custody, and stored in accordance with the requirements of current medicines legislation and unavailable, other than to authorised stable personnel.

6. Medicines must not be left carelessly dispersed around stables and loose boxes or subject to free and unsupervised availability.
7. Horses receiving legitimate therapeutic medication, as prescribed by a Veterinary Surgeon, should not be stabled in close proximity to horses about to run, and similarly, all efforts must be made to avoid cross contamination of medicines, via feed, bedding, urine etc. between medicated and competing horses. Proximity between these animals should be avoided at all times. Contamination from handlers is always a possibility, and anyone using skin medication should avoid contact with the horse.
8. All medicines must be clearly labelled.
9. All horses must be clearly and correctly identified before they receive a medicine.
10. Use of all medicines must be clearly recorded in the Medicines Register, which must be made freely available for inspection if necessary, by officers of the Directors of the IHRB. Particular attention must be paid to the medicine administered; date of administration of the medicine, persons who administered the medicine, dose administered and reason for the administration. This must be in conformity with the current Animal Remedies Regulations.
11. The Trainer must take responsibility at all times for his/her stable staff. The Trainer must ensure that they are well briefed and particularly knowledgeable on the specific issue of Prohibited Substances and that they are also competent, at all times, to ensure the correct administration of medicines to the correct horse, as prescribed by the Veterinary Surgeon. It is desirable that one person only in any training establishment is permitted to administer medicines and is responsible for recording the details of each administration in the Medicines Register.
12. Only authorised bona fide medicines in compliance with the requirements of current medicines legislation may be administered to horses.
13. The Trainer is at all times responsible for the correct use of medicines in his premises, and it is incumbent on him/her to ensure that his/her staff are adequately trained on all such relevant matters. Further, he/she must ensure that following consultation with the Veterinary Surgeon, that they will be requested to take responsibility for medicines administration, only on the direct instruction of the trainer.
14. It is advisable, that at all times, the administration of a medicine to a stabled Horse is witnessed by the Trainer or his/her authorised representative.
15. The Medicines Register must be kept up to date at all times.