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THE APPEALS BODY
THE HANDICAPPING APPEALS BODY
THE COMPLIANCE AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE
STEWARDING COMMITTEE

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RULES OF RACING
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STEEPLECHASE RULES

PART I

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION OF WORDS AND PHRASES

1. (i) For the purposes of these Rules and any Regulation or Instruction issued thereunder, "a person" or "persons" shall, where appropriate, mean a natural person or body corporate including a partnership (which includes a Training Partnership). The Rules of Racing and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules mean these Rules and any Regulation or Instruction issued thereunder (hereinafter collectively referred to as these Rules), and they shall apply to:

(a) Any person who is a Jockey, Qualified Rider, Owner, Trainer, Authorised Agent, Authorised Rider's Agent, Authorised Representative or Jockey's Valet and nominated assistant or substitute as herein defined, and

(b) Every Official appointed by the IHRB, and

(c) Every other person who is the holder of an AIR Card, and

(d) All other persons in any way whatsoever concerned in or taking part in such Race 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, and

(e) All Race Meetings held under the jurisdiction of the IHRB.

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.

(ii) 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.

"Academy Hurdle" is a hurdle race confined to 3yo horses that have not run in any Race other than such a race or a Junior N.H. Hurdle in Great Britain as a 3yo.

"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.

"AIR Card" means the Association of Irish Racecourses identity card issued under Rule 149 by the IHRB.

"AlcoBlow" means the alcohol screening device for the initial screening of Riders for the presence of alcohol on their breath in line with the Alcohol Testing Procedures as published on the IHRB website.

"Alcometer" means the evidential alcohol breath detection equipment used by the IHRB in line with the Alcohol Testing Procedures as published on the IHRB website.

"Alert Sheet" means the method of recording Riders declared unfit to ride by the Chief Medical Officer together with those Riders who are serving a suspension from riding.

"Appeals Body" means a committee appointed by the IHRB under Rule 19C to conduct and determine a particular appeal or appeals referred to it pursuant to 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 IHRB 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 as a representative in relation to all matters connected with a Trainer's declared runners when a Trainer is unable to be present at some or all of a Race Meeting.

"Authorised Riders' Agent" is an agent appointed by a licensed Jockey and is licensed as such by the IHRB for the purposes of Rider nominations.

"Banned Substances" and **"Banned Practices"** means those substances and practices set out in the WADA list of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Practices 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 EN13158:2018 and be at least Level 2 (Racesafe modified version as approved in 2023) or such other standard as approved by 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 other than as approved by the IHRB and be in a serviceable condition.

"Care and Control" refers to the Trainer's obligation to oversee a Horse's management, care, health, and welfare during its active training and racing career, or while the horse is under the Trainer's supervision. This obligation ceases once the horse is no longer under the Trainer's care or management**.**

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

"Chief Medical Officer", or a designated Deputy, is the person appointed by the Directors of the IHRB to be responsible for the overall medical supervision of all Riders with particular emphasis on their fitness to ride and the co-ordination of the medical provision to Riders on Raceday. There is further responsibility for the provision of advice on medical matters to the IHRB. The Chief Medical Officer will also carry out any other duties as defined from time to time by the Directors of the IHRB. The Chief Medical Officer shall have all the powers as outlined for the IHRB Medical Officer.

"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.

"Costs" refers to all reasonable expenses incurred by the IHRB in connection with the investigation, legal proceedings, hearings, and enforcement of the Rules of Racing. This includes, but is not limited to, investigation costs, legal fees, administrative expenses, hearing-related costs, appeal costs, and any necessary expenditures related to the enforcement of sanctions. It also covers the costs of recovering fines or penalties and any other reasonable costs directly associated with maintaining the integrity and enforcement of the Rules.

"Cup" is any prize not given in money.

"Day" means a calendar day.

"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.

"Disciplinary Panel" means the panel appointed by the IHRB pursuant to Rule 19 from which the individuals to sit on a Referrals Committee or Appeals Body, to conduct and determine a particular case or cases or appeal or appeals, shall be appointed.

"Disqualified Person" means a person on whom disqualification has been imposed under these Rules, any previous Rules of Racing or the Rules of another Turf Authority.

"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 they have been selected to undergo a Dope Test.

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

"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 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 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 by HRI in accordance with these Rules and HRI Directive 8.

"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.

"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.

"IHRB Medical Officer" means a qualified doctor appointed under Rule 28 or any appropriately qualified substitute appointed under Rule 29 in accordance with Regulation 3(c) of the Constitution of the IHRB.

"IHRB Veterinary Officer" means the Veterinary Officer appointed under Rule 28 or any appropriately qualified substitute appointed under Rule 29 in accordance with Regulation 3(c) of the Constitution of the IHRB.

"Interference" means 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.

"Ireland" means the island of Ireland.

"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

"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.

"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 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 IHRB.

"Location" is any premises, facility, or place where the Horse is kept, including, but not limited to, the Trainer's Training Establishment or other premises, land or buildings, any approved yard(s), or any other site designated by the Trainer for the Horse's management, care, or training.

"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 Academy Hurdle or Junior N.H. Hurdle in Great Britain as a 3yo, 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.

"Match" is a Race between Horses, the property of two distinct Owners, on terms agreed by them.

"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 requirements as outlined within the Animal Remedies Regulations 2007 to 2017 and contain all the information necessary to maintain the register in accordance with Rule 148. A register which does not contain at least the information contained in Rule 148 may be deemed not to be a Medicines Register.

"Microchip" means an identifying microchip approved by any recognised Thoroughbred Stud Book Authority.

"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(xvii) 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.

"Novice" for the purpose of Hurdle or Steeplechase Races, a Horse will be regarded as a Novice if any wins that a Horse may have over Hurdles or in Steeplechases (if any), as applicable, is in accordance with the dates and provisions specified in the text found under 'Definition of a novice' at this link https://www.ihrb.ie/raceday

"Nursery Handicap" is one confined to two year old Horses.

"Office of the IHRB" is currently at the Curragh, County Kildare, R56 Y668.

"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.

"Optional Claiming Race" means a Claiming Race in which Horses may be entered to run without being available to be claimed.

"Overseas Trainer" is a Trainer who has satisfied the IHRB that they are currently licensed or permitted to train Horses 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, 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 fur 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 an 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 IHRB.

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

"RACE." means Racing Academy and Centre of Education as recognised by the IHRB or an alternative training and educational provider as approved by 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 Horses.

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

"Raceday Stewards" means a Raceday Steward or Raceday Stewards acting on any Raceday, or their duly appointed deputy or deputies, appointed in accordance with Regulation 64 of the Constitution of the IHRB.

"Race Meeting" is a meeting at which a series of Races under the control of the IHRB are 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.

"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 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 IHRB.

"Referrals Committee" means a committee appointed by the IHRB under Rule 19A to conduct and determine a particular case or cases referred to it pursuant to these Rules and Regulations, including disciplinary matters and other breaches 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.

"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.

"Restricted Trainer" means a Trainer who shall

(i) only be permitted to have such number of Horses, notified to HRI as being eligible to race at any one time, as may be specified by the Licensing Committee from time to time; and
(ii) not be entitled to be part of a Training Partnership which jointly holds a licence granted by the IHRB to train Horses.

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

"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 (xx), to take samples for the purposes of Dope Tests.

"Sampling Unit" means the area and equipment used for the purpose of sampling Horses.

"Senior Racing Official" is a person appointed or retained by the IHRB in accordance with Regulation 3(c) of the Constitution of the IHRB and 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), 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.

"Started" Every Horse shall be considered as having started which has not been withdrawn before a fair start has been affected.

"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 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 Raceday Stewards pursuant to the provisions of these Rules.

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

"Testing Officer" means a person appointed by the Doping Control Officer, pursuant to Rule 20 (xx), 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 device approved by the IHRB used to tie down a Horse's tongue.

“Trainee Official” means any Official undergoing training facilitated or approved by the IHRB to give individuals practical experience of the conduct of Race Meetings and of the implementation of the Rules of Racing and I.N.H.S. Rules. Notwithstanding completion of any traineeship, an appointment as an Official is at the sole discretion of the IHRB.

"Trainer" means

(i) a person who holds a licence to train Horses granted by the IHRB,
(ii) a Training Partnership which holds a licence to train Horses granted by the IHRB and/or a member or members of such Training Partnership, or
(iii) an Overseas Trainer.

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

"Training Partnership" means two persons who jointly hold a licence granted by the IHRB to train Horses.

"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.

"Unrecognised Meetings" are Meetings which are not Recognised Meetings within the meaning of these Rules.

"Veterinary Surgeon" means a Veterinary Surgeon who is registered as such with the Veterinary Council of Ireland 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 Raceday 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, save as otherwise specified in these Rules.

5. Where there are requirements or timelines set out within these Rules which refer to a Race Meeting, it 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.

7. Deleted.

PART III

RACEDAY STEWARDS

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

By way of exception the following decisions may be made by the Chairperson in conjunction with one other Raceday Steward prior to racing without a full panel of Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards.

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

Powers of Raceday Stewards

10. (i) The Raceday 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 IHRB within forty-eight hours of the decision for publication in the Irish Racing Calendar.

(ii) In addition to the powers of the Raceday Stewards set forth in Rule 10(i), the Raceday 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 subject 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 Raceday Stewards, they shall be entitled, where it appears to the Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards have control over and free access to, all stands, rooms, enclosures and other places used for the purposes of the Race Meeting.

12. The Raceday 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 IHRB to exclude. They have power to exclude, at their discretion, any person from all or any place under their control.

13. (i) The Raceday 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 Race Meeting.

(ii) 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 Raceday Stewards have power to sanction at their discretion any person over whom they have jurisdiction in accordance with Rule 13(i) 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 Raceday 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 RACE or to the IHRB for recommendations for further training or education.

(c) Following a report to the Raceday Stewards pursuant to Rule 277(iii) the Rider in question shall immediately be stood down and restricted from riding on that day by the Raceday Stewards. If the concentration level is found to be in excess of 22 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath the matter shall also be referred to the Referrals Committee.

(d) Following a report from the IHRB Medical Officer to the Raceday Stewards pursuant to Regulation R11 7(ii) the Rider in question shall immediately be stood down and restricted from riding by the Raceday Stewards until certified fit to ride by the Chief Medical Officer.

(ii) (a) Where it appears to the Raceday 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 Raceday 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 their discretion to make such referrals as they may deem necessary or the Raceday Stewards may refer the matter to the Referrals Committee, who shall decide thereon in accordance with these Rules.

(c) Where it appears to the Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards that a suspension greater than 90 days might be appropriate.

(iv) Where it appears to the Raceday Stewards that a matter coming before them ought to be referred to the Licensing Committee, they may so refer it.

15. The Raceday Stewards have power to adjudicate on all objections and to determine all questions arising in reference to racing at the Race Meeting. All oral evidence given by witnesses examined before them may be recorded by electronic means and/or by a longhand writer as the Raceday Stewards may be able to provide. Where the oral evidence of a witness is recorded by a longhand writer, the Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards.

16. The Raceday Stewards are authorised to state and announce that an objection or appeal has been lodged and also (if they so think fit and unless otherwise ordered by the IHRB) to publish and communicate their decision in respect of any matter within their jurisdiction or control. Any such action under this Rule shall be published on the IHRB website or elsewhere and 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 Raceday 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. (i) The Raceday Stewards have power to order the withdrawal of a Horse from a Race.

(ii) 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 Raceday Stewards who may order the withdrawal of the Horse from the Race and/or to deal with the matter under Rule 14.

(iii) 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 IHRB

pursuant to Rule 20(v); the current version of the relevant Regulation is Regulation 14 relating to 'The Taking of Samples From Horses'.

(iv) The Raceday Stewards have power to refuse to allow a Horse duly entered to run in any Race.

(v) The Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards for this reason may be liable to sanction under Rule 14.

19. (i) The members of the Disciplinary Panel shall be appointed by the IHRB. Members of the Disciplinary Panel may be appointed by the IHRB from time to time to a Referrals Committee or Appeals Body to conduct and determine a particular case or cases or appeal or appeals.

(ii) The term of appointment of all of the members of the Disciplinary Panel shall be three years unless otherwise determined by the IHRB and members may be re-appointed. Members of the Disciplinary Panel may be removed by the IHRB at any time.

(iii) The Disciplinary Panel may adopt such rules of procedure for the conduct of hearings at first instance and appeals as it thinks appropriate and, if such rules are in place, they shall be available to all parties.

19A. REFERRALS COMMITTEE

Powers and Appointment of the Referrals Committee

1. The members of a Referrals Committee shall be appointed by the IHRB from the Disciplinary Panel from time to time.

2. Where an issue is referred to the Referrals Committee pursuant to these Rules, the IHRB shall determine the size and composition of the Referrals Committee to hear the matter (e.g. 1, 3 or 5 persons). An uneven number must always sit at hearing and in the event of disagreement, the view of the majority shall prevail.

3. Each of the Referrals Committee members appointed to hear a matter shall (i) have had no involvement in the investigation of, or decision to proceed with, the matter and (ii) shall not have been involved as a Raceday Steward in the matter.

4. Hearings before the Referrals Committee shall be presided over by a Chairperson appointed by the IHRB.

5. The evidence at a hearing of the Referrals Committee may be recorded either by a stenographer or using electronic means and such records may be considered by the Appeals Body at the hearing of any appeal.

6. The Referrals Committee shall have all powers necessary for, and incidental to, the performance of its function of hearing and determining all issues referred to it pursuant to these Rules, including, without limitation, the powers of the Raceday 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 these Rules;

    (ii) to impose sanctions, in accordance with these Rules, including the power to (a) withdraw or suspend the licence of any person for any period of time, (b) impose a fine, for each breach of Rule, not exceeding €100,000 on any person who is subject to these Rules, (c) subject to Rule 270, suspend any person who is subject to these Rules for any period (d) suspend a penalty or suspension or part of a penalty or suspension under such terms and conditions as it may decide and/or (e) to declare a person a Disqualified Person;

    (iii) to provisionally or temporarily suspend the license of any person or to suspend any Horse from running, pending the outcome of a substantive hearing, where it determines it necessary to do so to protect the integrity and/or reputation of Irish racing.

    (iv) to accept or refuse to accept or cancel any registration under these Rules.

    (v) when considering any matter before it, 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 and subject to notifying any person potentially affected and giving the person a reasonable opportunity to deal with the issue of whether there has been such a breach of a different Rule or Rules or part of a Rule, to make a finding that there was such a breach of a different Rule or Rules;

    (vi) the power, whether on the application of a party to a hearing or of its own volition:

        (a) to appoint an expert to assist or advise it on a specific issue or issues, such expert to be and remain impartial and independent of the parties.

        (b) to expedite or to adjourn, postpone or suspend its proceedings, upon such terms as it shall determine where fairness so requires;

        (c) to extend or abbreviate any time-limit provided by these Rules or by the Referral Committee's own orders.

(d) to conduct such enquiries as appear necessary or expedient in order to ascertain the facts;

(e) to direct one or more parties to supply it and/or the other party or parties with further particulars of the case of that party, including details of all witnesses that party intends to call at any hearing together with details of the evidence to be given by those witnesses and that party shall comply with that direction;

(f) to establish a schedule for the exchange of written submissions and evidence, including witness statements and/or expert reports, in advance of the hearing or to require one or more of the parties to produce relevant documents and/or other relevant materials in the possession or control of that party, and that party shall comply with that requirement;

(g) to order that preliminary questions be heard and determined in advance of other issues in the case;

(h) subject to the consent of the parties, to consolidate the proceedings with other substantially similar or related proceedings and/or order that concurrent hearings be held in relation to such proceedings;

(vii) to decide on the admissibility, relevance and weight of any evidence (including the testimony of any factual or expert witness) and in doing so shall not be bound by any legal rules in relation to such matters;

(viii) to impose a fine not exceeding €10,000 should it decide that any complaint or objection made has been made frivolously and without good grounds by the complainant or objector;

(ix) to suspend a Horse or Horses from running in any Race or particular Races for such period or periods as it thinks fit;

(x) 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;

(xi) 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.

2. The Licensing Committee shall consist of not less than five members. All of whom shall be members of the Turf Club or the I.N.H.S 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 Chairperson whose term of office shall be for three years. In the event of the Chairperson's absence from any meeting of the Committee, the members in attendance shall elect an Acting Chairperson 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 IHRB, upon such terms and conditions and for such periods as 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, Trainers and Stable Staff 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 Raceday Stewards, 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.

   (iii) The IHRB may, through such person or persons as it may authorise for that purpose, grant or renew any licence or permit which these Rules or Regulations provide may be granted or renewed by the IHRB, where the applicable requirements for such grant or renewal have been met.

   (iv) A Stable Staff Licence may be granted or renewed by the IHRB in accordance with paragraph (iii).

7. The Licensing Committee has the power to fine Trainers or Riders or any other licence holders up to a maximum of €100,000 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 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 IHRB to amend the criteria and conditions under which all licences under Rules in Ireland are issued.

19C. APPEALS BODY

Powers and Appointment of the Appeals Body

1. The members of an Appeals Body shall be appointed by the IHRB from the Disciplinary Panel from time to time.

2. Where an appeal is made to the Appeals Body pursuant to these Rules, the IHRB shall determine the size and composition of the Appeals Body to hear the appeal (e.g. 1, 3 or 5 persons) and shall appoint a Chairperson of the Appeals Body. An uneven number must always sit at hearing and in the event of disagreement, the view of the majority shall prevail.

3. Each of the Appeals Body members appointed by the IHRB to hear an appeal shall
   (i) have had no involvement in the investigation of the matter, and
   (ii) shall not have been involved in the matter as a Raceday Steward or as a member of the Referrals Committee which heard the matter.

4. The Appeals Body shall have the following jurisdiction:
   (i) To hear and determine appeals against decisions of the Raceday 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 10(2)(b) of the Irish Horseracing Industry Act 1994 as substituted by Section 5 of the Horse Racing Ireland Act 2016.

5. An appeal shall be limited to a review of the issues and evidence which were before the initial decision maker subject to the provisions of Rule 256 and/or the discretion of the Appeals Body having considered an application for a de novo hearing.

6. The Appeals Body shall have all powers necessary for, and incidental to, the performance of its function of hearing, determining and adjudicating appeals pursuant to these Rules, including, without limitation, all of the powers of the Referrals Committee, the Licensing

Committee, the Raceday Stewards or Horse Racing Ireland as applicable with changes deemed to have been made to reflect the different context. For the avoidance of doubt, the Appeals Body shall have the power to increase, decrease, remove or suspend, in accordance with these Rules, any sanction, suspension, fine or other penalty imposed by the Referrals Committee, Licensing Committee or the Raceday Stewards, as the case may be.

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 Chairperson, who shall not be or shall not have ever been a member of either the Turf Club or the I.N.H.S Committee and not less than two Ordinary Members, who shall be members of the Turf Club or the I.N.H.S Committee, but not currently serving as Directors of the IHRB.

3. The Handicapping Appeals Body shall be appointed by the IHRB.

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 on terms as determined by them. In the cases of a Chairperson, the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be a person who would be qualified for such appointment.

   Should an Ordinary Member of the Handicapping Appeals Body be temporarily unable to sit as a member of the Body, 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 Chairperson. In the event that the Chairperson is unwilling or unable to preside over a particular hearing or hearings, the IHRB may appoint a person who would be qualified for appointment as a Chairperson to act as a temporary Chairperson, for the purposes of conducting those handicapping appeals.

6. The Handicapping Appeals Body shall have the jurisdiction 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 Raceday 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 Races at that Race Meeting, and

   (e) any other matter that might affect the safe operation of 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) decisions of the Referrals Committee, Appeals Body, Handicapping Appeals Body of Licensing Committee.

(b) a schedule of prohibited substances including any thresholds therefor and

(c) regulations for the taking of Samples.

The current version of which schedule ("Schedule of Prohibited Substances") is published on the IHRB website.

(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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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) To declare any person a Disqualified Person.

(xvi) 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.

(xvii)

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 on the Trainer's Training Establishment or otherwise in their Care and Control 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 IHRB pursuant to Rule 20(v); the current version of the relevant Regulation is Regulation 14 relating to 'The Taking of Samples From Horses'.

   (c) 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.

(xviii) The IHRB may publish their decisions or the decisions of the Committees of the IHRB in respect of any matter within their

jurisdiction or control. Such publication on the IHRB website or elsewhere 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.

(xix) To appoint members to the Disciplinary Panel, the Handicapping Appeals Body, the Licensing Committee, and any other Committee as the Directors of the IHRB shall deem necessary or 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 a Referrals Committee.

(xx) 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.

(xxi) 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.

(xxii) To set aside a decision of the Raceday Stewards where it has become apparent that there was a material error made or where otherwise considered appropriate. Upon exercising this power, the matter may be referred to a Senior Racing Official for investigation and all affected parties shall be notified.

(xxiii)

(a) The Directors of the IHRB shall have the authority to regulate and oversee media attendance at hearings. They may establish rules governing media access, conduct, and reporting to ensure compliance with IHRB Standards, Protocols, and Guidelines. The Directors also have the power to restrict or prohibit media attendance if deemed necessary in the interest of fairness, confidentiality, or the integrity of proceedings.

(b) Representatives of the media attending hearings must comply with the IHRB Guidelines and any instructions issued by the IHRB, the Chairperson, or Directors.

(c) Hearings of the Referrals Committee or Appeals Body shall be open to media representatives unless the Chairperson directs otherwise. When attending a hearing, the media must respect all instructions and notices as issued by the IHRB, the Chairperson or Directors. The Chairperson may also impose restrictions on the publication of certain matters arising during the hearing.

(d) The deliberations of Disciplinary Panels shall be conducted in private.

(e) All hearings shall be recorded by the IHRB, and such recordings shall remain confidential and be the sole property of the IHRB.

(f) Transcripts of these recordings shall not be made public. No person shall have the right to access or compel the production of a recording, copy, or transcript except where required by law, if they are an interested party, and upon payment of the relevant administrative fee.

21. When a Horse has been examined or tested and Samples taken pursuant to Rule 18 or to Rule 20(xvii) 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 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 IHRB shall be entitled to modify, suspend or delete any Rule or Regulation or to introduce any new Rule or Regulation for such period or periods as deemed necessary without advance notice. Any such action under this Rule shall be published on the IHRB website or elsewhere.

(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 by electronic means. Where Rules already provide that transmissions on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) 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 IHRB within such time limit as they may in their absolute discretion prescribe.

25. (i) Any person who is or has been an Owner, Shadow Owner, Trainer, Rider, Authorised Rider's Agent, Jockey's Valet or Assistant, holder of an AIR Card, Registered Agent or otherwise involved in racing shall on a request from 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 them.

(ii) A person who is mentioned in paragraph (i) above and who is required by or on behalf of the IHRB, Raceday 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.

(iii) Save in respect of telephone records and/or bank records which are dealt with under paragraphs (iv), (v) and (vi), failure to furnish such information, documentation or material or to answer questions by a Senior Racing Official under paragraph (i) of this Rule or to attend an enquiry or hearing and to bring such information, documentation or other material as required under paragraph (ii) 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.

(iv) 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 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 they shall notify the person concerned that they are 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 I.N.H.S 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.

(v) 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.

(vi) 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 IHRB that a sanction imposed was unduly lenient or if no sanction was imposed, following a finding of a breach of Rule either by:

(a) the Raceday Stewards on a Raceday, they may apply to the Referrals Committee to review the sanction or the decision not to impose a sanction, or

(b) the Licensing Committee or by the Referrals Committee they 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, or

(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 IHRB 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 Raceday Stewards on a Raceday, they 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, they 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards, or as the case may be, by the Licensing Committee or Referrals 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.

(vii) Where it appears to the IHRB that the Raceday Stewards may have erred by not making a finding of breach or by finding no breach had been committed, a Senior Racing Official may investigate and refer the matter to the Referrals Committee, or the Licensing Committee as deemed appropriate.

Part IV

OFFICIALS

General

28. The following Officials shall be appointed for every meeting by the IHRB: Raceday Stewards' Secretary, Clerk of the Course, Handicapper, Clerk of the Scales, Starter, Judge, Inspector of Courses, Veterinary Officer, Veterinary Assistant and Medical Officer, each of whom, as a qualification for their office, requires a licence to be granted annually by the Directors of the IHRB. Such other Officials as may be deemed necessary shall be appointed by the IHRB to perform such duties as may be assigned to them by 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 IHRB may appoint Trainee Officials, whose appointment shall be published in the Irish Racing Calendar. Trainee Officials shall be assigned duties at selected Race Meetings, with the permission of the Raceday Stewards. Trainee Officials have full authority to act as Officials.

29. In case of emergency, the Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 IHRB by the Clerk of the Course.

Nothing contained in this Rule shall in any way limit the power 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 an authorised substitute is the person responsible to the Raceday Stewards for the general arrangements of the Race Meeting and shall see that all courses are properly measured and marked and 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 Raceday Stewards may require. In carrying out their duties, they 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. All Horses running at the meeting shall be saddled in the saddling boxes or the pre-parade ring unless permission to saddle elsewhere has been obtained from the Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards. A Horse shall not be admitted to the parade ring or pre-parade ring unless such Horse is on the race card 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 Raceday Stewards. No person shall, without special leave from the Raceday Stewards, be allowed access to the parade ring except Officials of the Meeting, Owners, Trainers and Riders of Horses about to run in the next Race and any person refusing to leave shall be reported to the Raceday Stewards.

(iii) Confirm with the Racecourse Executive that a clean number cloth, of a pattern approved by 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 race card.

(v) Confirm to the IHRB any substitute Raceday Stewards or Officials appointed, of all complaints to and decisions of the Raceday Stewards, of all fines imposed 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 IHRB.

(vi) Have available for the information of the Raceday 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, at least one being an IHRB Medical Officer.

(b) that two Veterinary Surgeons are in attendance and that a humane killer is available for their use.

(c) that at least two ambulances are present.

(d) that when Hurdle Races or Steeplechases are to take place, the fence attendants are 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 Raceday 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 they feel 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. They may be assisted in carrying out bypassing procedures in accordance with Regulation 9.

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 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 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 an 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 their 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 IHRB.

Clerk of the Scales

36. The Clerk of the Scales, or an authorised substitute, shall:

(i) Weigh in the Riders in accordance with the Rules set out in Part XV and XVIII 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 responsible for

(a) declaring to the Clerk of the Scales the correct weight a Horse shall carry, and

(b) shall be responsible for ensuring that the Rider is weighed out with their 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 their discretion

any other Riders in the Race and report to the Raceday Stewards any Rider not presenting themselves 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 Raceday Stewards.

38. Deleted.

39. Deleted.

40. The Starter shall report to the Clerk of the Scales, for transmission to the IHRB, the time at which each Race was started and report to the Raceday Stewards by whom, or by what cause, any Race was significantly delayed in starting, including a false start.
They shall also report to the Raceday Stewards any Rider refusing to comply with their instructions in any respect.

Judge

41. (i) The Judge or an authorised substitute 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 their 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 they need to examine the photo finish image, the Judge must announce the 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, will normally be used to cover the whole width of the track at the finish. The relevant Regulation is Regulation 15 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 IHRB.

(vii) If for any reason the Judge is precluded from carrying out their duties, or is unable to do so, the Raceday Stewards in accordance with Rule 29 shall appoint a substitute to act as a Judge for the meeting.

(viii) If the Judge or their substitute is not in the Judge's box or is unavailable to place the Horses as they pass the winning post, the Raceday 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 their own authority or at the Judge's request or on an objection, investigate any matter in respect of a decision of the Judge and refer the matter to the IHRB or the Referrals Committee as deemed appropriate.

Raceday Stewards' Secretary

42. The Raceday Stewards' Secretary shall advise the Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards' Secretary will also carry out at a Race Meeting any other duties as defined from time to time by the IHRB including the role of a Raceday Steward as specified in Rule 8.

Veterinary Officer

43. The IHRB Veterinary Officer is responsible on Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards. The IHRB Veterinary Officer will also carry out any other duties as required.

Racecourse Executives

44. It is the responsibility of the Racecourse Executive to provide for Raceday 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. The Racecourse Executive, through the Manager, will also carry out such specific duties as may be required from time to time by the IHRB.

Each Racecourse Executive shall advise the IHRB annually 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 IHRB of the name of the new manager within seven days of the appointment.

PART V

RACE MEETINGS

General Regulations

45. Deleted.

46. All Racecourses must be licensed and all Race Meetings recognised by the IHRB. Such licence can be withheld or withdrawn should the 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:

(i) As necessitated by division of a Race or Races.

(ii) In accordance with Rule 217 in the event of a walk-over.

(iii) 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 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 in the Irish Racing Calendar before the first Race Meeting to be run each year at each Racecourse shall name the individuals having an Official capacity at that Racecourse.

Programmes, Riders Allowances

51. Deleted.

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

(i) 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.

(ii) 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

(iii) A Rider shall be entitled to claim the same riding allowance specified above throughout the day of racing as they were entitled to claim at the beginning of that day and shall be entitled to claim such allowance at any Race Meeting within the next three consecutive days.

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

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 courses 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. – 61. Deleted.

Conditions

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.

63. – 65. Deleted.

PART VI

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 is in the Care and Control of a Trainer in Ireland pursuant to Rule 148 (xii) 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 of 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 their 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 and finished three times in Flat Races or has run twice and been placed in the first 4 placings on both occasions, unless they feel 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 their 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 if it meets the qualifying provisions of Rule 68, unless they feel 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, subject to Rule 66(vi), 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) or (viii) of this Rule, as applicable.

(vi) Penalties incurred by winning after the time of declaration shall be added to the weight of the Horse as published on the race card. However, if the Horse is listed on the race card as being out of the Handicap, the penalty/penalties shall be added to the out of handicap weight (and not the minimum weight published on the race card).

(vii) If after the time of declaration in Flat Handicaps there are Horses weighted below 8st 7lbs 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 10st 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) Subject to Rule 66(i)(c), a Horse shall only be eligible to run in a Handicap provided, before the time of entry, it has run and finished at least three times in Flat Races under the Rules of Racing in Ireland, the Rules of a Specified Authority or a combination of both, subject to the following exceptions:

(1) Horses which, before the time of entry, have won a Flat Race, may at the discretion of the Handicapper, be handicapped and eligible to run in a Handicap; or

(2) Horses which, before the time of entry, have run twice and been placed in the first 4 placings on both occasions, may at the discretion of the Handicapper, be handicapped and eligible to run in a Handicap.

(b) In the case of nursery Handicaps only, a Horse must be returned in the Care and Control of a licensed Trainer in Ireland, pursuant to Rule 148 (xii) 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

(c) 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, unless the Horse has run and finished at least five times in Flat races, whereby the Handicapper may, at his discretion, assign an initial Handicap rating of 45.

(ii) The top weight at the calculation of the Handicap shall not be less than 9st10lbs or the top weight stipulated in the conditions of the Race.

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. However, on application to the Handicapper, and, at their discretion:

- A Horse may be allotted a weight and allowed run in a Handicap Steeplechase after it has run once in a Steeplechase in Ireland.
- A Horse may be allotted a weight equivalent to their Hurdle Rating and allowed run in a Handicap Steeplechase without having to run in a Steeplechase.
- A winner of a Steeplechase (with the exception of a walkover) may be allotted a weight and allowed to run in a Handicap Steeplechase.

(ii) (a) The top weight shall be 12st, 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 12lb, unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions of the Race, although when no top weight is stipulated, the Handicapper may at their discretion and in the fairest allocation of the weights increase the top weight beyond 11st 12lb.

Apprentice and Flat Jockeys Allowances

69. (i) 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:

- Pattern Races.
- Listed W.F.A. Races and all W.F.A. Races of the Advertised Value of more than €40,000.

- Ladies Races.
- Apprentice Races.

(ii) A Rider shall be entitled to claim the same riding allowance specified in this Rule throughout the day of racing as they were entitled to claim at the beginning of that day and shall be entitled to claim such allowance at any Race Meeting within the next three consecutive days.

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

70. – 77. Deleted.

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 the Master, 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 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 1st September and before 1st December 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 25th 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 1st December 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.

79. - 82 Deleted

PART VII

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 1st January in the year in which it is foaled.

Passports

85.

(i) Trainers shall ensure that Passports shall accompany the Horse at all times.

(ii) The Passport is not a deed of ownership.

(iii) The Passport must be readily available for inspection by the IHRB Veterinary Officer or Veterinary Assistant upon request.

(iv) 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 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 Turf Authority stating that the Horse has received the vaccinations required in accordance with these Rules.

(v) The Trainer is responsible for confirming that the equine influenza vaccination certification of the Horse is up to date and completely recorded in the Passport whether digital or paper and endorsing same accordingly.

(vi) Each recipient of a Horse must immediately check the identity of the Horse from the markings contained in the Passport and any other relevant information. This must be undertaken on each occasion that a Horse and Passport are received.

Discrepancies must be reported immediately to the Racing/Stud Book Authority (as appropriate) of the country in which the Horse is currently resident.

(vii) The Passport must contain records of all vaccinations.

(viii) The Passport of each Horse on the Trainer's Training Establishment or otherwise in their Care and Control, 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:

(a) is gelded; or
(b) its appearance is significantly different to the passport description (e.g. coat colour, white markings etc.); or
(c) dies

along with notification of the relevant change.

(ix) The Passport is invalidated if the seal (spine) is damaged or broken. In this event the Trainer must make immediate contact with the Racing Authority/Stud Book Authority (as appropriate) of the country in which the Horse is currently resident.

(x) The loss of a Passport must be notified immediately to the Racing Authority/Stud Book Authority (as appropriate) of the country in which the Horse is currently resident.

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 this Rule and in compliance with HRI Directive 16 and not before the Monday following registration of the name, except when the name has previously been registered in Great Britain.

(b) HRI maintains a register of racehorse names for the administration of Horse Racing in Ireland. The conditions and particulars of Horse naming and maintenance thereafter are outlined in HRI Directive 16.

(ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

(iv) When a name is registered for a Horse foaled outside Ireland a letter code will be added to denote the country of origin.

(v) 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.

(vi) 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.

(vii) 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.

Qualification of Horses

87 (i) A Horse is not qualified to be entered or run for any Race:

(a) 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.

(b) 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).

(c) 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 (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.

(d) If and so long as it is:

(i) in the Forfeit List, or

(ii) in the Official Forfeit List or list of Arrears officially notified by a Turf Authority of any country.

(e) If the conditions exclude the Horse from the Race.

(f) Scheduled to be run during any period for which the Horse has been restricted from running by the Raceday Stewards, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body.

(ii) A Horse is not qualified to start for any Race:

(a) If a vaccine has been administered within the previous seven days. For the avoidance of doubt there must be six clear days between vaccination and Raceday.

(b) If the Horse has had a tracheostomy.

(c) If an intra-articular injection of any substance has been administered within the previous 15 days. For the avoidance of

doubt there must be 14 clear days between the injection and Raceday.

(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 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 1st January and foaled on or after the 1st January 2020.

(g) If the Horse has been subjected to any method of immunocastration.

(h) If it has been administered clenbuterol otherwise than in accordance with all of the following conditions:

(i) the clenbuterol has been administered for therapeutic use following a clinical diagnosis of airway disease by a Veterinary Surgeon supporting its use as an appropriate treatment;

(ii) the diagnosis and administration are documented in the veterinary and treatment records, which must be made available to the IHRB on request;

(iii) the clenbuterol product administered must be licensed for use in horses in Ireland, or imported or supplied in Ireland by a Veterinary Surgeon in accordance with applicable law;

(iv) administration must be for not more than 14 consecutive days and otherwise in accordance with the authorised directions for use;

(v) there must be at least 30 clear days between the day on which the last dose of a course of treatment is administered and the day of the Race; and

(vi) no more than two courses of treatment may be administered in any period of six months, each course being for not more than 14 consecutive days, with at least 30 clear days between the last day of the first course and the first day of the second course.

(i) 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.

(j) 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.

(k) 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 of such change.

(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 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 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

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 Raceday Stewards may allow an additional 10 minutes for late arrival where the Raceday 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 Raceday 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

(viii) When a Horse has been placed first and prior to the Winner All Right signal being authorised a person appointed by the IHRB shall verify the identity of the Horse.

Equine Influenza Vaccinations

91. (i) It shall be a breach of these Rules for any Horse, including a companion Horse or a lead 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) A primary course of vaccination which shall comprise:

(a) First vaccination; and

(b) Second vaccination between 21 and 60 days after the first; and

(c) Third vaccination between 120 and 180 days after the second; or

(d) Any other schedule of primary vaccination which at the time of vaccination was deemed compliant by the IHRB and/or another Turf Authority.

(2) Booster equine influenza vaccination administered within six months or at such interval(s) as the IHRB may direct.

(ii) A Horse shall not be qualified to start if a vaccine has been administered within the previous seven days. For the avoidance of doubt there must be six clear days between vaccination and Raceday.

(iii) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Rule a Horse may run in a Race before receiving the third vaccination of the primary course.

(iv) 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 on the day of entry for a Race or in the case of an early closing Race on the day of final forfeit or the supplementary entry stage.

(v) Vaccinations shall only be administered and certified by a registered Veterinary Surgeon.

(vi) Once a Horse is in a Trainer's Care and Control, vaccinations may not be administered nor 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.

(vii) 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 Turf Authority.

(viii) The Trainer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this Rule for all Horses under their Care and Control.

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. When a Horse declared to run is trained by a Trainer not licensed in Ireland or Great Britain, a Racing Clearance Notification (RCN) 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.

Adverse Analytical Findings in Equines

96. (i) 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 available on the IHRB website, it shall be a breach of these Rules and the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body as the case may be, shall direct that:

- the Horse be restricted from running for such time as it shall determine;
- the Horse be disqualified from the Race(s) in question, the placings amended and the stake 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.

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.

(ii) When a Horse has been examined or tested and Samples taken pursuant to Rule 20(xvii) 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 available on the IHRB website, it shall be a breach of these 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:

(a) not a Prohibited Substance which is prohibited at all times; and

(b) 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.

(iii) When a Horse has been examined or tested and Samples taken pursuant to Rule 18 or to Rule 20(xvii) 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 Appeals Body, as the case may be, may direct that:

- the Horse be disqualified, the placings amended, 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 and/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.

(iv) 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 a registered member of stable staff and/or a current holder of an AIR Card

  (a) to be in possession of or have on their premises or

  (b) to administer or cause or direct or permit to be administered to a Horse while under their care 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 or any other Statutory Instrument in particular the European Union (Veterinary Medicinal Products and Medicated Feed) Regulations 2022
  - substances contained in the schedule of substances prohibited at all times as published on the IHRB website.

PART VIII

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. All declaration of runners shall close at 10.00 a.m.

98. 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 same.

100. Deleted.

101. (i) 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.

(ii) 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. – 107. Deleted.

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 VIII or

(b) Omission to register multiple ownership in accordance with Rules 121 and 122;

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.

109. Deleted.

Subscriptions

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

111. Deleted.

Owner's Q.R. Levy

112. A levy as determined by the IHRB 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.

113. – 118. Deleted.

PART IX

OWNERSHIP

Register of Owners

119. HRI maintains a register of racehorse Owners for the administration of horseracing in Ireland. This Owner registration is not legal confirmation of ownership.

The conditions of Owner registration and the maintenance thereafter are outlined in HRI Directive 15.

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, the placings amended, and the stake forfeited, 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 Company 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.

(viii) 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.

Partnership

122. (i) The registration and maintenance thereafter of a Horse partnership, consisting of two to six persons, shall be administered by HRI in accordance with HRI Directive 15.

Syndicate

(ii) The registration and maintenance thereafter of Syndicates, consisting of three to one hundred persons, will be administered by HRI in accordance with HRI Directive 15.

Lease

(iii) The registration and maintenance thereafter of a lease (of a Horse) for a day will be administered by HRI in accordance with HRI Directive 15.

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 thereof.

Company Owner

(iv) The registration and maintenance thereafter of a Company Owner will be administered by HRI in accordance with HRI Directive 15.

Club Owner

(v) The registration and maintenance thereafter of a Club owner, consisting of not less than five members who do not have ownership rights with the Horse(s) being owned/leased by the club, will be administered by HRI in accordance with HRI Directive 15.

123. Deleted.

PART X

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 IHRB, or

(b) be the holder of a Qualified Rider's permit who has obtained permission from 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(v).

(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 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(v).

(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 IHRB, or

(b) be the holder of a current Qualified Riders permit issued by 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(v) 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(v).

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 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 IHRB must be passed fit by the Chief Medical Officer, 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 the Chief Medical Officer prior to the issue of such licence or permit.

(viii) 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 Chief Medical Officer following Neuro-psychological testing carried out in accordance with the provisions of Regulation R11.

(ix) 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 Chief Medical Officer following Neuro-psychological testing carried out in accordance with the provisions of Regulation R11.

(x) A person applying for an Apprentice Jockey's licence for the first time must obtain a Minimum Riding Weight set by the Chief Medical Officer following testing carried out in accordance with the procedures as published on the IHRB website.

(xi) An Apprentice Jockey's licence shall not be renewed for any person unless

(a) the Chief Medical Officer has approved a Minimum Riding Weight for that person under the provisions of Rule 154(vii)(b).

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 IHRB and shall make themselves 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 Alert Sheet. The relevant Regulation is Regulation 11 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 defined twelve-month period as determined by the IHRB, upon application to 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 and the I.N.H.S. Rules shall pay an annual fee as determined by the IHRB and from which agreed contributions shall be made for the benefit of determined funds/associations. Details of such fees are available on the IHRB website.

(v) (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 they sign 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 they hold a current licence or permit, the type of licence or permit held, and that they are 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 their licence or permit would qualify them to ride, if it were being run under the Rules of the Turf Authority which issued such 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 they have been suspended from riding by the Raceday Stewards, the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body, subject to the provisions of Rule 270 or on any Raceday which coincides with a Raceday in a foreign jurisdiction on which they have been suspended from riding by the foreign Turf Authority, subject to the provisions of Regulation R18.

(d) 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.

(vi) Any Rider, if so ordered by the Raceday Stewards or the IHRB, may be examined at any time by an IHRB Medical Officer.

(vii) Any Rider who has been declared unfit to ride by the IHRB Medical Officer 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 IHRB Medical Officer.

(viii) 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 their licence withdrawn**.**

(ix) A person who is the holder of a Jockey's licence may only act as an Authorised Agent in respect of a Horse which they themselves train.

Jockeys' Agent

126. A Jockey, and a Trainer under Rule 153(ii) may appoint an Authorised Rider's Agent on payment of a fee as determined by the IHRB and published on the IHRB website.

Jockeys' Retainer

127. In the absence of a 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.

128. Deleted.

129. Employers retaining the same Jockey have precedence according to the priority of their retainers, but if an Owner or such accredited representative has released a Jockey for a certain Race they are not entitled to claim said Jockey back under that retainer.

130. Deleted.

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 they present themselves at the scales ready to ride at the weight at the hour appointed, they are to be paid even though they may not be put up.

Where the Raceday 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 they are at the scales ready to ride at the weight at the hour appointed even if they may not be put up.

(ii) Deleted.

(iii) In the event of a Jockey failing to present themselves to be weighed in, in accordance with Rule 227(i), and the Horse that

they rode is consequently disqualified, the Raceday 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 their master) shall pay for each mount a defined contribution to the Jockeys' Accident Fund.

Jockeys' Valet

132. (i) No person shall act as a Jockeys' Valet unless they have obtained a licence from the IHRB or be a person nominated by a licensed Jockeys' 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 they nor their 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 as determined by the IHRB and published on their website. They are granted for a defined twelve-month period as determined by the IHRB and must be applied for in writing.

(ii) During the term of their licence a Jockey's Valet and any assistant or substitute duly nominated 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, is likely to be prejudicial to the interests of the IHRB or is likely to cause damage to the interests of horseracing 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 their licence withdrawn or any Assistant or substitute found to be in breach of this paragraph is liable to have their 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 they obtain a licence from the IHRB. Licences are subject to an annual fee as determined by the IHRB and published on their website. They are granted for a defined twelve-month period as determined by the IHRB and must be applied for in writing.

The IHRB or the Referrals Committee or the Licensing Committee may in their absolute discretion at any time 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 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 determined by the IHRB and published on their website 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 Raceday Stewards, the Licensing Committee, 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 horseracing in Ireland whether or not an act shall otherwise amount to a breach of these Rules, Regulations or any instructions made hereunder.

(iii) If an Authorised Rider's Agent becomes a Disqualified Person, such person's licence is thereby automatically revoked.

134. Deleted.

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 IHRB.

The permit must have been issued before that person may ride in a Race. Permits will be issued annually for a defined twelve-month period as determined by the IHRB.

(ii) The annual registration fees are determined by the IHRB together with agreed contributions to be made for the benefit of funds and associations as determined by the IHRB. Details of such fees and contributions can be found on the IHRB website.

(iii) A levy as determined by the IHRB in consultation with the Directors of the Qualified Riders Accident Fund (QRAF) shall be paid by a Qualified Rider to the QRAF 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 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 (21) Races open to Jockeys (other than I.N.H Flat Races) in Ireland in any one season. When riding Horses owned by themselves or any person who may be deemed as immediate family, for example spouse, civil partner, child, whether by birth, marriage or adoption, sibling, parent(s) or grand-parent(s) 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 they ride shall pay into such Fund or Funds as determined by the IHRB, 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, their spouse or civil partner, child, whether by birth, marriage or adoption, sibling, parent(s) or grandparent(s), or is owned in partnership between such persons.

(vii) A claim for exemption from the payment under this Rule, indicating that the Horse is the property of the Rider or their 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 they appear in the Forfeit List, or become a Disqualified Person, their 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:

(i) 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.

(ii) 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 the licence was issued by the IHRB or by any Turf Authority and the total number of winners ridden. Such application shall be decided upon by the Licensing Committee.

137. – 144. Deleted.

PART XI

TRAINERS, STABLE EMPLOYEES AND APPRENTICES

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

145. (i) Any person who has a Horse under their care, training, management or superintendence in Ireland, shall, before such a Horse is qualified to run in any Race under these Rules of Racing and/or the I.N.H.S. Rules, obtain a licence from the IHRB to be a Trainer under each set of rules. Such licence shall be renewable annually and subject to a fee as determined by the IHRB together with agreed contributions to be made for the benefit of determined funds/associations, to include but not limited to the Drogheda Memorial Fund. The Regulations dealing with the issuing of licences are contained in the Regulation 1 relating to "The Issue of Licences".

(ii) All licence holders, other than the holder of a Hunter's Chase licence, must also subscribe to the Irish Racing Calendar annually.

(iii) A Restricted Trainer

(a) shall only be permitted to have such number of Horses, notified to HRI as being eligible to race at any one time, as may be specified by the Licensing Committee from time to time; and

(b) shall not be entitled to be part of a Training Partnership which jointly holds a licence granted by the IHRB to train Horses.

(iv) A Raceday Steward shall only be entitled to obtain a licence to train Horses as a Restricted Trainer, which Horses must be the property of the Restricted Trainer, their spouse, civil partner, child, whether by birth, marriage or adoption, sibling, parent(s) or grandparent(s) or in a partnership between such persons.

(v) Each person in a Training Partnership shall be jointly and severally responsible (and liable to the IHRB and where applicable Horse Racing Ireland) for the obligations imposed on a Trainer under the Rules of Racing and/or I.N.H.S. Rules as applicable, including in relation to sanctions.

146. Deleted.

147. (i) A Trainer shall train Horses:

In strict compliance with these Rules and Regulations and in accordance with instructions from time to time issued by the IHRB; and

shall make themselves conversant with the contents of the Irish Racing Calendar.

(ii) Any person who is not a Trainer, who owns, trains, enters or runs a Horse within the jurisdiction of the IHRB, 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 from the Race(s) in question, the placings amended and the stake forfeited.

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 an Overseas Trainer (excluding one licensed in Great Britain) which remains in Ireland may continue to run in Races in Ireland for the duration of the period specified on the Racing Clearance Notification. In the case of a Horse which runs in a Race whilst under the care of an Overseas Trainer licensed in Great Britain when no Racing Clearance Notification is required, that Horse may continue to run 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 the IHRB 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(xvii). It shall be a breach of these Rules for the Overseas Trainer not to do so and render them liable to sanction. 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 notified to HRI as being in the Care and Control of a Trainer in Ireland pursuant to Rule 148(xii). Any Horse which runs in violation of this Rule shall, on objection under Rule 262, be liable to disqualification and from such disqualification the placings in the Race shall be amended and the stake forfeited.

(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 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 Race Meeting at which they have declared runners, they shall appoint an Authorised Representative to represent them 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 appoint an Authorised Representative on an annual

basis by lodging the appropriate authorisation form together with the relevant fee as published on the IHRB website, with the Office of the IHRB. A Rider may only act as an Authorised Representative when they do not hold any riding engagements at the Race Meeting at which they are to act as the Authorised Representative. The Trainer must make the Authorised Representative fully aware of the riding instructions and the Authorised Representative shall be obliged to represent the Trainer at any Stewards Enquiry, if required to do so, and such evidence as they shall give shall be binding on the Trainer.

Failure to lodge the appropriate authorisation form appointing an Authorised 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 a Stewards Enquiry is called and the riding instructions are relevant to the nature of the enquiry and the Trainer has not either, appointed an Authorised Representative or the Authorised 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 Trainer may only train Horses at the Training Establishment. If a Trainer wishes to change, relocate or have an additional yard to the Training Establishment, they may only train Horses from such establishment or addition upon inspection and approval by the IHRB.

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 Raceday Stewards, the Referrals Committee, the Licensing Committee or the Appeals Body, as the case may be, unless the Trainer provides a satisfactory explanation. The members of a Training Partnership shall be jointly and severally liable for any such responsibility and liabilities.

(ii) For the purpose of Rule 20 (xvii) any Trainer, Owner or other person who in the opinion of IHRB 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 Trainer shall ensure that they and each staff member and any other person with 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. A Trainer shall comply and shall ensure that all staff comply with these Rules and Regulations and shall be responsible for the safe keeping and administration of medicines. It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Trainer not to do so.

(iv) 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 and to include the following information:

Date of administration to Horse	=	Insert any date on which the animal remedy was administered
Authorised name of animal remedy administered (including brand and generic name)	=	Insert the name of the brand and the generic name of the drug administered
Route of administration	=	Enter the route of administration i.e. Oral (O) Topical (T) Intravenous (I/V), Intramuscular (I/M) Subcutaneous (S/C) Intra articular(I/A)
Quantity of animal remedy administered	=	Enter the quantity given each time there is an administration
Reason for administration	=	Specify the reason for the administration e.g. lameness etc.
Name of person who administered remedy	=	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
Name of prescribing Veterinary Surgeon (when applicable)	=	Enter the Veterinary Surgeon's name who prescribed the medicines
Recommended withdrawal time (if applicable)	=	The withdrawal time recommended by the Veterinary Surgeon should be entered
Trainer's Signature	=	The Trainer should sign as having authorised all administrations

(v) All entries should be made on the same day the animal remedy is given.

(vi) 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.

(vii) Only authorised medicines administered in compliance with the requirements of current medicines legislation may be administered to Horses.

(viii) The Medicines Register must be made available for inspection when requested by 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.

(ix) 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.

(x) 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 their charge they may withdraw suspend or refuse their licence to train Horses.

(xi) (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 Raceday 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.

(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 and approved 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 their 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 to be 'not qualified', the Trainer shall be liable to any sanction available to the Raceday 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 of Ireland or Great Britain 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 an 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 their Horses for all types of starts and should make every effort to ensure that their 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 Raceday. Requests for permission to load Horses last will not be granted on Raceday 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 IHRB Medical Officer, then during that period, they shall not ride work or be asked to ride work for or by 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, a Trainer shall arrange that, in the absence of the Trainer from the Training Establishment, some responsible person will be present who will be in a position to facilitate those carrying out the inspection or testing on behalf of the IHRB.

(xii)

(a) A Trainer must maintain, in the manner prescribed, accurate, current records of the identity and location of each Horse at their Training Establishment or under their Care and Control at any other Location.

(b) A Trainer must notify HRI within twenty-four (24) hours when any Horse:

(i) arrives into or leaves the Training Establishment or the Trainer's Care and Control,

(ii) is gelded, or

(iii) dies.

(c) When a Horse is leaving a Training Establishment or the Trainer's Care and Control, including upon its retirement from racing, the Trainer must notify HRI of the Horse's new location and provide the necessary details of the individual(s) or entity taking charge of the Horse.

(d) For a Horse to be eligible to run in a Race, it must have been under the continuous care, control and training of the Trainer at the Trainer's Training Establishment, for at least 14 clear days prior to a Race.

(e) Failure to comply with these Rules may lead to sanction including but not limited to the cancellation of an entry, withdrawal of a Horse from a Race, a fine, and or disciplinary action.

Stable Employees

149. (i) No Trainer shall engage and retain any Stable Employees in respect of whom a current AIR Card has not been issued by or on behalf of the IHRB.

(ii) AIR 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. AIR Cards are the property of the IHRB, they are returnable on demand and may be granted subject to conditions, refused or cancelled at any time by the IHRB at their absolute discretion. When an employee leaves the employment of any Trainer, the Card must be returned to 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 their last racing employer and receiving a reference. Failure to do so may result in the Stable Employee's previous Trainer making a complaint to the IHRB.

(iv) 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 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 automatic termination at the end of the third year. (Thereafter the term may be on an annual basis).

(b) Apprentices must complete the Racing Academy Centre of Education (RACE) Trainee Jockey Traineeship Course in advance of being licensed.

(c) All Apprentices will be required to attend a Professional Development Course in RACE. or any alternative training

and educational provider as approved by the IHRB in advance of being licensed.

(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.

(vi) 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.

(vii) 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 them in any capacity, without the written consent (to be lodged at the Office of the IHRB) of the Trainer to whom they are apprenticed.

(viii) 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.

(ix) Any application for a licence, entitling an Apprentice to ride shall be made by the Trainer to whom they are apprenticed.

(x) 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:

(a) Initially the dispute or complaint will be referred to the secretary of the Licensing Committee.
(b) 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 these Rules. Any finding of the Referrals Committee may, under Rule 256 be appealed to the Appeals Body.

(xi) 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.

(xii) A person who has held a Flat Jockey's licence issued by any Turf Authority shall not be entitled to enter into an apprenticeship.

(xiii) A person shall not be eligible to hold a licence as an Apprentice after the 31st 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 their master, unless they have ridden in 25 or more Races not less than 5 days prior to the day of the intended mount.

(ii) Horses aged three years old and upwards that are trained by any Trainer, other than those trained by their master, unless they have ridden in 3 or more Races not less than 5 days prior to the day of the intended mount or unless the Race is confined to Apprentice Riders.

Example: If a 10lb claiming Apprentice has their third ride on Monday the first day they can ride for a Trainer other than their 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 they are booked.

(iii) 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 IHRB.

Trainers shall also return cards when requested to do so by the IHRB. Winning race cards are issued to Trainers on behalf of their Apprentices but remain the property of the IHRB.

(iv) Trainers or their Authorised Representative must be present when a Trainer's Apprentice who is riding for the Trainer is weighed out.

Apprentices are entitled to request the attendance of their parent, master and/or the Trainer or their Authorised Representative for whom they have ridden at any Enquiry in which an Apprentice is involved.

In the event of the Trainer or an Authorised Representative not being available to attend a person deemed acceptable to the Apprentice and the Raceday Stewards may accompany the Apprentice at the enquiry.

(v) 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 Raceday Stewards will not permit a Horse to be led to the start of any Race when ridden by a 10lb claiming Apprentice Rider.

(vi) When a 10lb claiming Apprentice is booked to ride in a Race it is the responsibility of the master to ensure that the intended mount is a suitable ride for the Apprentice.

154. (i) 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 Chief Medical Officer. Such Minimum Riding Weight will be reviewed annually.

(ii) Each Apprentice's Minimum Riding Weight shall be approved by the Chief Medical Officer and published on RÁS, following completion of the Jockeys Educational Course or set by the Chief Medical Officer following testing carried out in accordance with the procedures relating to Apprentice Minimum Riding Weight as published on the IHRB website.

(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 Chief 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 Chief 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 Raceday Stewards, on receiving such a report from the Clerk of the Scales, may refer an Apprentice to the Chief Medical Officer for consideration of a review of that Apprentice's Minimum Riding Weight.

(vi) The Chief Medical Officer shall have discretion to set a new Minimum Riding Weight for an Apprentice, if in the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer there are concerns about the health or physical condition of that Apprentice, subject to the right of appeal by that Apprentice to the Appeals Body.

(vii) (a) Apprentices may make application at monthly intervals to the Chief Medical Officer to review their Minimum Riding Weight.

Apprentices must present themselves to the Chief Medical Officer or a designated deputy to be weighed in in a fully hydrated state (USG ≤ 1.020).

(b) A Minimum Riding Weight may be approved by the Chief Medical Officer for an Apprentice who was licensed in another racing jurisdiction.

(viii) Individual Minimum Riding Weights must be reviewed annually by the Chief Medical Officer on or before licence renewal.

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.

155. Deleted.

PART XII

RACING COLOURS

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 shall be fined not less than €50.

157. – 164. Deleted.

PART XIII

THE FORFEIT LIST

165. A Forfeit List shall be kept at the Registry Office in accordance with HRI Directive 8. 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.

166. Deleted.

167. On the publication of the name of a person on the Forfeit List such person, so long as their name remains on the Forfeit List, shall be deemed to be a Disqualified Person. When 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 Forfeit List the registration of such companies or Club shall automatically be cancelled.

168. Any person whose name appears on the Forfeit List shall continue to be bound by these Rules during any period of disqualification arising from such publication.

169. Deleted.

170. Deleted.

PART XIV

WEIGHTS, PENALTIES AND ALLOWANCES

Weight For Age Scales

171. The Weight For Age Scales which appear in Appendices 1 and 2 are published by 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 7lbs 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 10st in any Race unless an allowance under Rule 52 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.

175. Deleted.

176. 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.

186. Deleted.

187. Deleted.

188. Allowances must be claimed at the time of entry where practicable 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.

189. – 192. Deleted.

PART XV

DECLARATION, DIVISION, BALLOTING, NON-RUNNER, WEIGHING OUT

The Weigh Room

193. Admission to the weigh room is restricted to Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards.

No person without special leave from the Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Race Meeting and the name of the Race, and shall be in writing signed by the Owner or an Authorised Agent, or in the case of Horses trained outside of Ireland, by the Overseas Trainer or provided that a signed authority is held by them, by an Official

of the Turf Authority under whose rules the Overseas 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 their care in that Race that is not carrying the Owner's registered colours.

(b) Deleted.

(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 relevant Regulation is Regulation 16 relating to '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 Raceday Stewards or their representatives following consultation (where practical) with the Trainer or an 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 Raceday 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):

- before the Horse is loaded into the stalls; or
- 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 Raceday 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 may be liable to sanction 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 on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) or 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 on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) or 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 on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) or 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 may be liable to sanction in accordance with 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 IHRB to remit or reduce the fine imposed and lift any restriction on running if a valid excuse which was not made known to the Raceday Stewards of the day can be produced.

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

(a) Blood Disorder, Respiratory Infection

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 IHRB to revise the 13 day restriction imposed on running where the diagnosis of respiratory infection is subsequently proven, to the satisfaction of the IHRB, to have been incorrect.

(b) Coughing, Nasal Discharge, Allergy

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.

(c) In Season

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 Race Meeting.

(d) Illness, Stress, Injury

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 3 days (on which the Office 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 they 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 (xvii) 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 their 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 a Senior Racing Official who may subsequently refer the matter to the Referrals Committee.

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

(a) Off Feed

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.

(b) Ground Conditions

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 Raceday Stewards.

(c) Declared in Error

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.

(d) Non-Appearance or No Excuse

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.

(e) Other Reasons for Non-Running

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.

(f) Permission or Order of the Raceday Stewards

Where for any reason a Horse is withdrawn from an engagement by permission of the Raceday Stewards no fine or suspension will be imposed.

When a Horse is withdrawn by order of the Raceday 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 Race Meeting.

When a Horse is withdrawn by order of the Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards from all Races. Should any Horse run in violation of this provision it is liable after enquiry to be disqualified, the placings amended, and the stake forfeited, by the Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards.

(xi) Where a Trainer is persistently sanctioned for breaches of Rule 194, they may be reported to the Licensing Committee.

Rider Nominations

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 they:

(a) are qualified to ride in the Race,

(b) claim any weight allowances correctly,

(c) weigh 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 Raceday Stewards who may order the substitution of the Rider and/or deal with the matter under Rule 14(i).

(ii) 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 Raceday Stewards if;

(a) the Rider is incapacitated through injury or illness or

(b) fails to present themselves at scales 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 their intention to run, as per Rule 194 (iii) (c) they must nominate a Rider. If the Rider expects to carry overweight of 2lbs, that probable amount shall be declared on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) or 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 both may be liable to sanction.

(iii) The relevant Regulation is Regulation 3 relating to 'Rider Nominations'.

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 Raceday Stewards may extend the time allowed for weighing or declaring weight.

(ii) If a Rider after they have weighed for a specified Horse, and before they have 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 a Rider under Rule 195 (i) will only be allowed by the Raceday 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 a Rider.

The request for a substitution will only be granted by the Raceday Stewards if the Rider booked is incapacitated through injury or illness on the day or fails to present themselves at scale within the time fixed under Rule 196(i).

(v) When a Rider fails to present themselves to be weighed out within the time fixed under paragraph (i) of this Rule, a fine of not less than €200 Is liable to be imposed on the Rider, unless a satisfactory explanation is provided to the Raceday Stewards.

An application may be made to a Senior Racing Official of the IHRB to remit or reduce the fine imposed if a valid excuse which was not made known to the Raceday Stewards can be presented.

(vi) The Clerk of the Scales is required to satisfy themselves 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 they are 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 will be given a 4lb weight allowance known as a 'Safety Allowance', which includes compensation for the wearing of a Body Protector of an approved standard.

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 paragraph (iv) of this Rule, 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.

(iii) (a) A Rider shall be responsible for the fit condition of the saddle which they use 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 IHRB. The Regulations dealing with stirrup irons are contained in Regulation 10 relating to 'Riders' Equipment'. A Rider who fails to comply with the foregoing shall be reported to the Raceday Stewards and may be liable to sanction in accordance with 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 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 they are wearing a skull cap of the pattern approved by the IHRB. The Regulations dealing with Helmets are contained in Regulation 10 relating to 'Riders' Equipment'. A Rider who fails to comply with the foregoing shall be reported to the Raceday Stewards and may be liable to sanction in accordance with 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 on 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 they are wearing a Body Protector. A Rider who fails to comply with the foregoing shall be reported to the Raceday Stewards and may be liable to sanction in accordance with Rule 14 (i).

(vi) No article which under this Rule should have been put on the scales may be added after weighing out and every article which has been put on 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 race card and issued by the Racecourse Executive with a pattern approved by the IHRB. The number cloth must be presented to the Clerk of the Scales at the time of weighing out and prior to weighing in shall be returned to the person appointed to receive it. When saddling Horses, number cloths should be placed over the lead cloth to ensure the number is clearly visible.

When a Horse wears a sheet or rug in the parade ring, they are also required to use a parade ring number cloth over the sheet or rug.

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 sanction at the discretion of the Raceday Stewards.

Where the number cloth contains speed sensing equipment in accordance with the conditions of the Race, the Trainer must ensure their Horse carries this equipment and that it is not interfered with. If a Horse is identified as not carrying the speed sensing equipment when required, it may be withdrawn by order of the Raceday Stewards. Any Trainer found to be in breach of this Rule may be liable to sanction by the Raceday Stewards under Rule 14.

200. – 203. Deleted.

PART XVI

STARTING

204. The Horses must be started by the Official Starter or their 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 Raceday 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 such 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 Regulation 13 relating to 'Starts and Starting Stalls'.

(ii) The Starter, or an authorised substitute, must be satisfied that the correct numbers of declared runners for each Race are present at the start and 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 Horse 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 Horses shall take their places in consecutive numbers from the Horse 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 allotted stall 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 flag person whereupon they 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 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 been 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 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 their assistant shall give orders for a white flag to be raised by the advanced flag person 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, and

(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 their 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 Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards under Rule 14.

209.

(i) Should the tapes be broken by a Horse or the 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 they shall declare a “false start” and they shall signal to the advance flag person by waving a flag. On this signal the advance flag person 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 Raceday Stewards under Rule 10 of these Rules. In the absence of a signal from the Starter the advance flag person shall lower the white flag when the Horses have started.

(iii) If a start shall be declared a “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 a “false start” under paragraph (i) of this Rule or from a void start, the Horse may, with the consent or by order of the Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards.

210. Deleted.

PART XVII

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 Raceday 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.

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)

(i) 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.

(ii) No item of equipment carried or worn by a Horse in the parade ring shall be removed from the Horse before the start of the Race, unless such removal is required or permitted under these Rules or Regulations, or is authorised by the Raceday Stewards.

(iii) 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.

(d) If in the opinion of the Raceday 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 Race Meeting. 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 Raceday 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 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 and/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)

(a) Any Rider who fails to obtain their best possible placing as a result of misjudgement (including a misjudgement of the winning post, easing their mount without good reason or stopping riding) shall be guilty of an offence under this sub-rule.

(b) Any Rider who appears to have misjudged the number of circuits 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 this sub-rule has been breached that the Horse achieved its best possible placing.

(v) The Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards shall seek a report from the Trainer or their Authorised Representative or conduct a Stewards Enquiry relating to previous performances. In conducting a Stewards Enquiry under this sub-rule the Raceday 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 Raceday 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.

212C.

General Matters under Rule 212

(a) Where the Raceday 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 Raceday 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).

(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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards' Secretary or IHRB Veterinary Officer on duty in the stables.

(ii) The Rider, the Trainer or in their absence the Trainer's Authorised Representative or the Owner shall report in the first instance to the

Clerk of the Scales or their assistant or a Raceday Stewards' Secretary or the IHRB 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 Raceday 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 a Horse come to the notice of the Owner or Trainer after the Horse has left the Racecourse, it must be reported as soon as possible to a Raceday 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 Raceday 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, the placings amended, and the stake forfeited.

(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 Raceday 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 order that the placings shall remain unaltered.

With regard to (b) above, when deciding whether they are so satisfied the Raceday 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 (i)(b) above, 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 Raceday 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) For the purpose of this Rule the following definitions apply:

1. Dangerous riding

A Rider is guilty of dangerous riding if they cause 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 they fail to take reasonable steps to avoid causing interference or cause 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.

(v) Before attempting to pass another Horse on the inside, where the course is unrailed, a Rider should be satisfied that their Horse has the speed to do so. Before reaching the next obstacle, doll or section of running rail, they must be clear of the Horse they have overtaken on the inside, and it is their responsibility to ensure that they do 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 their line to the inside of the next obstacle, doll or section of rail but they must not move their 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, the Rider shall turn back and ride the course correctly from such point or they shall pull up. They shall not otherwise continue in the Race nor shall they 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,

the placings amended, and the stake forfeited and the Rider reported to the Raceday Stewards.

In the event of all Riders remaining in the Race taking an incorrect course, the Raceday 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, the placings amended, and the stake forfeited, and the Rider reported to the Raceday Stewards.

216. (i) During the running of a Race a Rider who has parted company with their mount at an obstacle or at any other section of the course shall not re-mount and continue to Race. Should they do so, the Horse shall be disqualified, the placings amended, and the stake forfeited, and the Rider shall be liable to sanction by the Raceday Stewards or the Referrals Committee.

(ii) A Rider must pull up their Horse if;

(a) It is lame or injured and/or

(b) It has no more to give or has tailed off through fatigue and/or

(c) It has a problem which is materially affecting its performance.

(iii) A Rider must dismount as soon as reasonably possible to do so from any lame or injured Horse.

(iv) Where a Rider pulls up their Horse, they cannot re-join the Race or jump any further fence or hurdle and they must wait in the area where they pulled up until all Horses still in the Race have passed, provided it is safe to do so.

(v) 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 Raceday Stewards, the Clerk of the Course, or by their representatives.

(vi) If any flag, post or boundary mark shall have been knocked down, removed, or effaced, without the authority of the Raceday 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 Raceday 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 their return to the Scales. Failure to do so may render them liable to a fine by the Raceday 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 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.

220. Deleted.

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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Regulation 16 relating to the 'Weigh Room and Parade Ring' - Shoes and Calkins.

Advantaging another Runner

226. (i) A Rider must not

(a) 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 their Horse to fail to achieve its best possible placing, or

(b) 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 (a) or (b) above prohibits bona fide pace making where no such manoeuvre is made.

(ii) Where it is determined that a Rider is found to be in breach of part (i) of this rule, the Trainer of the Horse may also be found to be in breach of this Rule unless they provide a satisfactory explanation.

(iii) Common ownership means that the Horses in question share one or more Owners in common.

PART XVIII

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 their 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 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 weigh room. 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 weigh room 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 Chairperson of the Raceday 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 they or the Horse is disabled, they 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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.

(vi) A Horse shall not leave the Racecourse Stable Yard until at least 30 minutes after the Winner All Right announcement, unless permission to leave earlier is granted by an IHRB Veterinary Officer.

230. (i) Should a Rider be too ill to weigh in, the Horse shall not be disqualified on that account, provided that the Rider weighed out at not less than their proper weight.

(ii) If a Rider does not present themselves to weigh in, their Horse shall be disqualified, the placings amended and the stake forfeited, unless they can satisfy the Raceday Stewards that there were justifiable reasons for such failure to present and provided that the Rider weighed out at not less than their 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, the placings amended, and the stake forfeited.

231. (i) If a Rider cannot draw the weight at which they weighed out the Clerk of the Scales shall allow the Rider 1lb. If the Rider cannot then draw the weight, the Horse will be disqualified, the placings amended, and the stake forfeited.

(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 Raceday 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.

232. Deleted.

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

Accidents to Riders

234. Any Rider who has parted company with their 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 IHRB Medical Officer. Failure to do so shall leave the Rider subject to sanction by the Raceday Stewards or the Referrals Committee.

235. Deleted.

PART XIX

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 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 I.N.H.S Committee will only be arrived at with the agreement of both sets of Stewards.

237. – 243. Deleted.

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 liable to sanction.

245 – 247. Deleted.

248. If a Race is not run or is declared void, the stakes, forfeits and entrance money will be returned.

249. A Race may be declared void if no qualified Horse covers the course.

250. – 255. Deleted.

PART XX

DISPUTES, OBJECTIONS, APPEALS, RIDER SUSPENSIONS

256. The decision of the Raceday 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 Raceday 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 with the IHRB. 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 Raceday Stewards wholly or partly as they think fit but they cannot increase any penalty imposed beyond the limits imposed on the Raceday 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 IHRB. 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 Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the IHRB as appropriate shall appoint a member of the Referrals Committee, the Disciplinary Panel 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 or hearing 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. No recording devices may be used at any enquiry or hearing other than the recording equipment provided or used by the IHRB. A transcript of the evidence given will be made available to an appellant upon request in the event of an Appeal being successfully lodged. 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 these Rules. 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 Raceday 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 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, with the requisite qualification and registration either in this jurisdiction or any other jurisdiction, retained by such person or appellant.

260. (a) In the event of an appeal against a decision of the Raceday 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 IHRB.

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(s), the placings amended and the stake forfeited 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 is made on the day of the meeting, then the Raceday 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 they 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 Raceday 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 Raceday 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 their correct weight; or

(d) that the Horse or Rider was not qualified under the conditions of the Race; or

(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 their 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. Where a complaint, objection or appeal is withdrawn prior to hearing, the IHRB may retain all or part of the deposit lodged.

264. An enquiry by the Raceday Stewards may be called for mandatorily by any Raceday Stewards or by any Raceday 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 Official in the Race Meeting in their official capacity. Nothing in this Rule shall prevent any person entitled to object under Rule 262 exercising their rights in accordance with the Rule within the time limits therein set out.

265. An objection cannot be withdrawn without leave of the Raceday 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.

(i) Costs and/or expenses incurred by the IHRB in connection with any Appeal, Referral, Enquiry, Investigation 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.

(ii) Awarding Costs: The award of costs and expenses shall be at the discretion of the Referrals Committee, Appeals Body or Licensing Committee as the case may be. Unless the Referrals Committee, Appeals Body or Licensing Committee provide otherwise any costs awarded against any party shall be recoverable on a party and party basis.

(iii) In determining the liability for and apportionment of costs and expenses, the Referrals Committee, Appeals Body or Licensing Committee may have regard to behaviour that is unreasonable, frivolous, or vexatious, where such behaviour is held to have directly caused expense by contributing to the duration or complexity of hearings, or a party has acted with willful disregard for fairness, truth, or these Rules.

(iv) Amount of Costs: In the event of the amount of such costs not being agreed, the Bill of Costs shall be submitted for adjudication to a mutually agreed independent legal costs accountant whose decision thereon shall be final and binding. The expense of the legal costs accountant shall be borne by the party seeking adjudication. In the event of disagreement as to the identity of the independent legal costs accountant, the IHRB shall request the President for the time being of the Institute of Legal Costs Accountants to nominate such accountant and his nomination shall be accepted by the parties in dispute. The independent legal costs accountant shall, having given each party an opportunity to make submissions (oral or written or both at the accountant's discretion), adjudicate on the matters in dispute and decide on the amount due on foot of the Bill of Costs. The legal costs accountant shall certify the amount due and such certificate shall be final and binding on the parties.

(v) Recovery of Costs: Costs awarded by the Appeals Body, Referrals Committee or Licensing Committee shall be payable forthwith upon them being agreed or on the issue of a Certificate by the independent legal costs accountant.

(vi) Enforcement of Orders: Costs awarded but not paid shall be recoverable as a simple contract debt by summary proceedings instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction in Ireland or Northern Ireland at the option of IHRB. In addition, and without prejudice to the institution of such proceedings, any deposit which may have been paid may be forfeited in part discharge of such costs. In addition, and without prejudice to the foregoing, a failure to pay costs shall be a valid ground for the IHRB to refuse to renew any license, permit or permission until such costs have been discharged in full.

(vii) Right to Appeal: Any party subject to a costs order by the Referrals Committee or Licensing Committee has the right to appeal the decision. Appeals may be submitted to an Appeals Body in accordance with the Rules of Racing, which will review the order and may confirm, amend, or set aside the costs order as it deems appropriate.

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, they may request the Chief Executive Officer of the IHRB or a duly appointed deputy 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. (i) Subject to the provisions of Rule 260, all Rider suspensions imposed by the Raceday 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

(a) if a Rider on the commencement date is already suspended for any other offence under these Rules, or the Rules of any other 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 (iii) and (iv) of this Rule; or

(b) if a Rider elects to serve a suspension of four days or less commencing earlier than the fourteenth day upon agreement with the IHRB.

(ii) Except as provided in sub paragraphs (iii) and/or (iv) 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 in which Qualified Riders are permitted to ride, 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.

(iii) Riding suspensions imposed under the Rules of Racing of four 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 four 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 an application to 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 four 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.

(iv) (a) When a riding suspension under the Rules of Racing is for four 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 they are engaged to ride, or

(b) When a suspension under I.N.H.S. Rules is for four 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 they are engaged to ride

the Rider may have the suspension date deferred to a different day, on application to 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.

However, if the Rider becomes aware anytime up to 48 hours prior to the Race taking place that their mount will not run, they should inform 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 XXI

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; or

(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 (xvii), 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 Horse or to any Trainer or Authorised Representative or to any other person having charge of, or access to, any Horse.

(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 Horse 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 they know or ought to 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 they know or ought to 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 these 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 notified to HRI pursuant to Rule 148 (xii) 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, which has been notified to HRI pursuant to Rule 148 (xii) 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 Raceday 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 their 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 they can satisfy the Raceday Stewards that they 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 Race Meeting.

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 they are riding or to instruct any person on their 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 Jockeys' Valet, Valets' Assistant or Authorised Riders

Agent during the term of their licence or in respect of any meeting at which they are 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 their 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 Racecourse Executive.

(c) Be present in the betting ring during a Race Meeting, unless they can satisfy the Raceday Stewards that they had good reason to be there.

4. It shall be a breach of these Rules for:

A Trainer, in respect of any Horse under their care or control, or the holder of an AIR Card in respect of any Horse under the Care and Control of the Trainer by whom they 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 they own or a Shadow Owner in respect of any Horse of which they are 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 their behalf to do so, and/or

(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 these 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 they know 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 these Rules for any person involved in horseracing 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 horseracing 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 that ownership.

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/permit from the IHRB, or

(b) an Owner registered in Ireland, or

(c) a Horse in a Trainer's Care and Control 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 18 relating to 'Sanctions imposed by a Foreign Turf Authority' 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 the Race(s) in question, the placings amended accordingly, and the stake forfeited and/or may be declared ineligible to be entered or run in any Race(s) for such time as they shall determine.

(ii) Any Horse which is found to have run at an Unrecognised Meeting shall be disqualified, the placings amended and the stake forfeited 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 their 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 Raceday 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 part of a Racecourse, Stand or Enclosure other than those areas to which the general public is permitted access;

(vi) enter or be granted entry to any licensed premises to engage in providing services;

(vii) be employed in any capacity by a Trainer unless an application to employ the individual has been approved by the Licensing Committee which may be subject to such conditions as the Licensing Committee at their discretion may impose.

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 these 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 they do not commit, or engage in, any Doping Offence. It is also the personal responsibility of every Rider to acquaint themselves with all the provisions of these Rules and any procedural guidelines published by the IHRB and with all Banned Substances and Banned Practices. A Rider is responsible for any Banned Substance detected in samples provided by them. 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(xx). Such alcohol breath tests shall be conducted in substantial compliance with the Alcohol Testing Procedures as published on the IHRB website.

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(xxi) 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 (xx), shall report the matter to the Raceday 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 practices 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 IHRB may publish from time to time procedures for the conduct of Dope Tests, such procedures will be published on the IHRB website.

(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 these 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)

(i) 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 their "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.

(ii) Save as otherwise provided in this Rule, the cost of the "B" sample analysis and all reasonable related administrative, legal, and ancillary costs shall be borne by the Rider. Any such request must be made within fourteen days of the said notification to the Rider. The IHRB shall provide an itemised breakdown of these costs within a reasonable time, specifying the payment deadline and demand. Where any dispute arises regarding the liability or amount of these costs, it shall be determined by the Referrals Committee at the hearing with an appeal against such determinations thereafter to the Appeals Body in accordance with the general provisions relating to Appeals in these Rules.

(iii) In the event that the Rider fails to pay such costs within the specified payment deadline, the IHRB shall have the right to take enforcement action including but not limited to refusing to issue or renew any licences or permits held by the Rider or taking legal action to recover the costs through summary proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction in Ireland.

(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 their discretion, make arrangements to have the "B" sample analysed, in which case, the cost of the "B" sample analysis shall be borne by the IHRB.

(c) A Rider who has neither accepted the results of the "A" sample analysis nor requested that their "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 their discretion, make arrangements to have the "B" sample analysed, in which case, the cost of the "B" sample analysis shall be borne by 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 their 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 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 represented, legally or otherwise, 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. 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) 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 accordance with 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, howsoever imposed. However, the Referrals Committee and the Appeals Body may take previous penalties imposed into account in making their respective decisions. Confirmation from 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.

PART XXII

FEES AND FINES

281. All licencing/permit fees for all Trainers, Riders and Racecourses shall be reviewed and set annually by the IHRB and published on the IHRB website or on the IHRB integrity portal. Contributions are made for the benefit of specified funds and associations.

282. All registrations, and more particularly those set our hereunder, the fees for which are determined by the IHRB and published on the IHRB website, shall be valid under these Rules where appropriate;

(i) Registration of agreement with a Jockey.

(ii) Registration of a Hunter's Certificate.

(iii) Registration or re-registration of an Authorised Riders' Agent.

(iv) Annual registration of a sponsorship agreement with a Jockey with a determined amount to be paid to the credit of the Jockeys' Accident Fund.

(v) Annual registration of a sponsorship agreement with a Qualified Rider from which a determined amount to be paid to the credit of the Qualified Riders' Accident Fund.

(vi) Annual registration of a sponsorship agreement with a stable.

(vii) Annual registration of an Authorised Representative.

(viii) Annual registration of a sponsorship agreement with an Owner.

283. All fines and fees provided for under these Rules shall be treated as a debt to the IHRB.

PART XXIII

NEW RULES

284. – 289. Deleted.

290. Pursuant to the resolutions of the Stewards of the Turf Club and the Stewards of the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee passed on 25th July 2017, the IHRB shall have the power on and from 1st 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.

291. – 294. Deleted.

PART XXIV
FUNDS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Jockeys' Accident Fund

295. The Jockeys' Accident Fund is incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee and is administered by the Directors of that company in accordance with their Articles of Association and any Regulations made thereunder. The Jockeys' Accident Fund CLG remains a recipient of contributions as outlined within these Rules and in line with the figures and apportionment as determined by the IHRB in consultation with the Directors of the Jockeys' Accident Fund. Any queries in relation to this fund can be directed via the offices of the IHRB.

Qualified Riders' Accident Fund

296. The Qualified Riders' Accident Fund is incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee and is administered by the Directors of that company in accordance with their Articles of Association and any Regulations made thereunder. The Qualified Riders' Accident Fund CLG remains a recipient of contributions as outlined within these Rules and in line with the figures and apportionment as determined by the IHRB, in consultation with the Directors of the Qualified Riders' Accident Fund CLG. Any queries in relation to this fund can be directed via the offices of the IHRB.

Jockeys' Emergency Fund

297. The Jockeys' Emergency Fund is a recipient of contributions as outlined within these Rules and in line with the figures and apportionment as determined by the IHRB in consultation with the Trustees. Any queries in relation to this fund can be directed via the office of the IHRB.

Stable Employees Bonus Scheme

298.

1. Trainers shall make an agreement with registered stable staff on an annual basis in compliance with the Stable Employee Bonus Scheme (SEBS) Guidance (the "Agreement"). This Agreement must include the date of the meeting, how the monies provided under the SEBS are to be distributed including any individuals or categories of staff who are to be omitted from distribution and be signed in accordance with the SEBS Guidance.
2. A copy of the signed Agreement must be lodged with the Office of the IHRB within seven days of signing or when requested by IHRB.

3. A completed copy of the Agreement must be permanently displayed in a communal area where all staff working at the Trainer's premises can view the agreement.

4. Monies must be distributed in accordance with the Stable Employee Bonus Scheme (SEBS) Guidance and with the Agreement.

5. Trainers shall make a written declaration that payment has been made in accordance with the Agreement within fourteen days of a request from the IHRB. The declaration must include details of any deviation from or alternation of the terms of the Agreement.

6. Submission of false, inaccurate, or misleading information, or failure to comply with any obligation under this Rule, shall constitute a breach and may be subject to disciplinary action under the Rules.

Drogheda Memorial Fund

299. This Fund is established for the permanent and temporary relief of current and former Trainers and Jockeys when in necessitous circumstances, arising from age, sickness, accident, or misfortune, and for the widow/widowers or partners. The Drogheda Memorial Fund is a recipient of contributions as outlined within these Rules and in line with the figures and apportionment as determined by the IHRB in consultation with the Trustees. Any queries in relation to this fund can be directed via the offices of the IHRB.

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	6
	5yrs	4	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Two Miles and a Half	4yrs	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
	5yrs	6	4	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Three Miles	4yrs	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
	5yrs	8	6	4	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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	---	---	---	---	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15
	4yrs	13	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1	---	---
	5yrs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Two Miles and a Half	3yrs	---	---	---	---	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
	4yrs	15	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1	---
	5yrs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Three Miles	3yrs	---	---	---	---	26	25	24	23	22	22	21	20
	4yrs	18	17	15	13	11	9	7	6	5	4	2	1
	5yrs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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

Appendix 2

Rules of Racing – IHRB Flat Weight-for-age scale (lb)

		Jan		Feb		Mar		April		May		Jun		July		Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec	
Dist	**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**
5f	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	24	22	20	18	18	17	17	16	16
1000m	3	15	15	14	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6f	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	26	24	22	21	20	19	18	17	17
1200m	3	16	16	15	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
7f	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	28	26	24	23	22	21	20	19	19
1400m	3	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	0	0
8f	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	32	29	27	25	24	23	22	21	21
1600m	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
9f	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
1800m	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10f	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
2000m	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11f	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
2200m	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12f	3	25	25	24	24	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4
2400m	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13f	3	26	26	25	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4
2600m	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14f	3	26	26	25	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4
2800m	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15f	3	28	28	27	27	26	25	23	22	21	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	5	4	4
3000m	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16f	3	29	29	28	28	27	26	24	23	22	21	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5
3200m	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18f	3	30	30	29	29	28	28	26	25	24	23	22	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	5
3600m	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20f	3	32	32	31	31	30	29	28	27	25	25	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6
4000m	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix C

REGULATIONS

R1 – ISSUE OF LICENCES/PERMITS

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R1

THE ISSUE OF LICENCES/PERMITS

The Licensing Committee shall consider applications for the granting or renewal of licences/permits. Subject to a right of appeal to the Appeals Body, the Licensing Committee has the right to issue, refuse to issue, suspend or withdraw any licence/permit. The Licensing Committee, in considering whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence/permit, may have regard to information as to the character, good name or financial strength of the applicant.

The Licensing Committee may refuse an application or suspend or withdraw a licence/permit if an applicant, licensee or permit holder is or becomes a Disqualified Person or is subject to any form of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings in Ireland or in any other jurisdiction. An applicant for the grant or renewal of a licence/permit or a licensee/permit holder must inform the Licensing Committee of any such bankruptcy or insolvency.

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. All such applications are made via the IHRB website and considered by the Licencing Committee.
2. Persons who have satisfactorily completed an apprenticeship immediately preceding their application may be issued with a licence, unless during the 14 days subsequent to their name being published, a complaint has been received by the IHRB from an 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 an Official if required and the Secretary to the Committee or their designated representative.

LICENSING PROCEDURE FOR JOCKEYS

Jockeys' Licence:

1. Applications are made online via the IHRB website where required documents can be uploaded and form part of the application for consideration.
2. All applicants must complete a medical examination by their own GP and also by an IHRB approved doctor, details of such doctors are available on the IHRB website. The Jockey must also complete a

baseline concussion test. These medicals upon receipt are considered and approved, or otherwise, by the Chief Medical Officer.

3. Where applicants have never held a licence, they must complete a 2-day induction course at RACE. or any alternative training or education provider as approved by the IHRB, a report from which will be made available to the Licensing Committee in advance of their interview. Exemptions may apply at the discretion of the Licensing Committee.
4. Their experience / ability must be certified by way of a minimum of two references from current licensed Trainers.
5. Applicants must attend an interview with the Licensing Committee.
6. In certain cases, applicants may be restricted to a specific Trainer or Horse or a specific type of Race.
7. As a qualification to ride in Steeplechases or Hurdle Races, applicants must be at least seventeen years of age.
8. 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.
9. Any Jockey having less than three rides in a licensing period may be liable for re-assessment before an application is reviewed by the Licensing Committee.
10. All Jockeys must maintain their own records in all regards and ensure that they are qualified to ride.
11. All applications for Riders licensed by another Turf Authority require clearance from such Turf Authority to accompany their application.

New Apprentice Jockeys' Licences:

The following terms and conditions must be fulfilled:

1. Applications for apprenticeship to be submitted via the IHRB website and completed where required by the Apprentice and the master.
2. Proof of identity and proof of address to be submitted.
3. Work permit (if applicable) to be submitted.
4. Medical Questionnaire to be completed in full by the applicant.
5. The Apprentice must complete a medical questionnaire with their own GP and a medical examination by an IHRB approved doctor, details of such doctors are available on the IHRB website. These medicals upon receipt are considered and approved, or otherwise, by the Chief Medical Officer.
6. The Apprentice must also complete a baseline concussion test.
7. Where applicants have neither held a riding licence nor completed the RACE. Trainee Jockey Traineeship Course, they must pass an

assessment at RACE. or any alternative training and educational provider as approved by the IHRB, a report of which will be made available to the Licensing Committee in advance of their interview.

8. The master may also be required for interview by the Licensing Committee before an Apprentice licence is considered.

9. The applicant must have held an AIR Card for a period of not less than one Month prior to application for a licence to ride.

10. Masters must agree to release Apprentices on all designated days to complete the procedures for establishing a Minimum Riding Weight and to attend any other course as deemed necessary by the IHRB. Failure to comply will result in an apprentice licence **not** being renewed and the Deed of Apprenticeship cancelled.

11. The master may be reported to the Referrals Committee if they fail to comply with (10) above.

12. 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.

PROCEDURES FOR ISSUING QUALIFIED RIDERS PERMITS

1. All first-time applicants for permits must initially register for an account with the IHRB via the integrity portal and upon approval of the account continue to submit their application.

2. A practical assessment, 1 day induction course, medical examinations (by an IHRB approved doctor and the applicants GP) and a baseline concussion test must all be successfully completed before the application is referred to the Licensing Committee for consideration.

3. Assessments will be held at RACE., or any alternative training or education provider as approved by the IHRB. Following the assessment, a report will be forwarded to the IHRB and/or the Licensing Committee for consideration.

4. Attendance at all course lectures is compulsory and failure to attend all will result in the applicant being required to complete the course in its entirety.

5. A panel of IHRB approved doctors for the medical examinations can be found on the IHRB website.

6. Persons who have held a licence or permit in another jurisdiction and have successfully completed a similar course may make an application for exemption from all or parts of this process. Applicants who fall into this category must discuss their individual case with the Licensing Committee who may require their claim to be supported with documentary evidence.

7. Completed applications will be processed and facilitated on a first come first served basis.

8. 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.

9. Upon renewal all categories must have a minimum number of three rides for the period of their permit, which can be either Point to Point rides or Racecourse rides. Failure to satisfy the minimum ride requirement on renewal will result in the applicant being referred to 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 RACE. or any alternative training or education provider as approved by the IHRB.

10. QR Upgrading System:

    a. Formal application to be completed and returned to the IHRB.

    b. Experience to be certified by way of reference(s) from current licensed Trainers.

    c. Applications will be judged on their merits by the Licensing Committee, 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 an applicant has shown 'proven ability' either in Point to Points or on the Racecourse, then an upgrading request may be considered without the minimum having been achieved. If there is no proven ability on the Racecourse and the applicant has ridden in Point to Points upgrading may be considered for a Category B permit.

11. QR's and Category C only:

    Holders of Category C permits may apply for special permission to ride in Races under the Rules of Racing against Jockeys in accordance with Rule 135. Such permission if granted, will be confirmed to Family Owned and Trained Horses only i.e., those Horses which are the sole property of themselves, their spouse or civil partner, their parent or sibling or child, whether by birth or by marriage, or in partnership between such person.

12. Qualified Rider to Jockey:

    Applicants must have had a minimum of 20 rides as a Qualified Rider, although this may be reviewed by the Licensing Committee in respect of 'proven ability', in which case restrictions may be applied.

13. Jockey to Qualified Rider:

    The conditions for reverting to Qualified Rider status are contained in Rule 136.

14. Applicants who have not renewed their permit for a period of less than 5 years from expiration may be referred to the Licensing Committee and may be directed for practical reassessment.

15. Applicants who have not renewed their permit for more than 5 years must repeat the process in its entirety.

SECTION 1

LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR TRAINERS' LICENCES

1. Applicants for the grant or renewal of a Trainer's licence are required to demonstrate that:

   1.1 They have the competence and capability to train Horses;

   1.2 They have access to an appropriate Training Establishment from which to do so and appropriate security of tenure for such Training Establishment;

   1.3 Relevant health and safety obligations are complied with;

   1.4 They have or will have such minimum number of Horses notified to HRI as being eligible to race pursuant to Rule 148 (xii) and such minimum number of runners each year as may be specified by the Licensing Committee as regards each category of Trainer;

   1.5 They provide full details of their employment status and comply with all relevant employment responsibilities;

   1.6 They have appropriate public liability insurance and employers' liability insurance. Such insurance must cover the 'Training of Racehorses' and the IHRB must be listed as a 'Notice Party';

   1.7 Appropriate financial resources are available to the training business;

   1.8 They are otherwise in all the circumstances a fit and proper person to hold a Trainer's licence.

2. The Licensing Committee shall, from time to time, determine the procedures to be followed in respect of applications for the grant or renewal of Trainers' licences, including the fees to be paid. Such procedures and the relevant application forms will be published on the IHRB website.

3. Such procedures and application forms may provide more detail and specifics regarding the above criteria and modified criteria or restrictions in respect of a Restricted Trainer, a Training Partnership, Hunter Chase licence and other categories of Trainer or prospective Trainer (for example, a Trainer who was licensed a number of years previously but has not renewed their licence).

4. Competence and Capability

4.1 Each applicant will have to satisfy the Licensing Committee that they are competent to and capable of, training Horses, with due regard to the welfare of the Horses and the interests of Owners.

4.2 The applicant must also demonstrate their competence and capability to run the proposed training business or where the business is to be

carried on in whole or in part by another person, the competence and capability of the person(s) concerned to run the business.

4.3 A first-time applicant:

4.3.1 Must be at least 21 years of age unless exceptional circumstances apply;

4.3.2 Shall be required to submit appropriate identification documents;

4.3.3 Shall be required to have satisfactorily completed an appropriate course as required by the IHRB, unless they have satisfactorily completed a similar course in another jurisdiction;

4.3.4 Must have a minimum level of experience as a Restricted Trainer, Point to Point Handler, Jockey or a Qualified Rider, or verifiable experience as a Stable Employee either under the jurisdiction of the IHRB or in another jurisdiction having been licensed by a Turf Authority. Applicants who do not meet this criterion will be required to demonstrate to the IHRB that they are suitably qualified including provision of a written statement of experience with supporting documentation;

4.3.5 Shall submit an appropriate business plan for review;

4.3.6 Shall be called for interview unless the Licensing Committee determines otherwise.

5. Training Establishment

5.1 A first-time applicant shall not be granted a licence prior to the Training Establishment from which they propose to train Horses being approved by the IHRB following inspection.

5.2 A Training Establishment must be suitable and secure for the purpose of training Horses, to include having appropriate gallops, schooling facilities and stables. There may be additional or differing criteria determined for the training of Horses under the Rules of Racing and the training of Horses under I.N.H.S. Rules.

5.3 Applicants must have appropriate planning permission to use the relevant Training Establishment for the training of Horses.

5.4 Applicants must have appropriate security of tenure in respect of the Training Establishment. This may include owning the Training Establishment or having an appropriate lease or tenancy in respect of same.

5.5 All applications shall provide a list of all proposed staff together with a brief description of their experience.

6. Health and Safety

All relevant health and safety obligations under the Health, Safety and Welfare at Work Act 2005 (as amended) or any such statutory instrument must be complied with in respect of a Training Establishment and any other place of work.

7. Number of Runners and Horses in Training

7.1 All Trainers other than Restricted Trainers must have a minimum of five (5) Horses notified to HRI as being eligible to race pursuant to Rule 148 (xii) and a minimum of twelve (12) runners per year (pro-rated dependent on when their licence is granted). These numbers may be reviewed annually prior to the renewal of a licence.

7.2 In the case of first-time applicants, the applicant should provide a list of the Horses that are likely to be assembled in the event of the application being successful.

8. Employment Status

8.1 Each application must state the employment status of the applicant(s) (applicants who trade via a limited company or partnership may, for the purposes of their application, be seen as an 'employee'). A licence is issued on the basis that the applicant(s) is/are training either as a sole trader or as an employee of a company or partnership. Should the employment status of the applicant(s) change, the licence will not transfer and will terminate immediately in the absence of any prior approval by the Licensing Committee.

8.2 When applying for a licence as an employee of an individual, a partnership or a company, the applicant must provide full details of their employer. In the case of a company the following information may be required:

8.2.1 The Constitution or Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company;

8.2.2 The names and addresses of directors and company secretary;

8.2.3 The names and addresses of beneficial shareholders and their shareholdings.

8.3 A copy of the contract of employment and/or service contract must be provided to the Licensing Committee.

9. Insurance

All applicants are required to ensure that public liability insurance and employer's liability insurance is in place providing such minimum cover as may be required. Such insurance must cover 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 prior to the existing policy expiring. Failure to comply may result in a licence being suspended.

10. Financial Resources

10.1 An applicant (or both applicants in the case of a Training Partnership) must provide a tax clearance certificate for both the applicant and the training business / employer (e.g. limited company, partnership or individual).

10.2 Bank references and proof of sufficient working capital on the part of the Trainer/Training Partnership (or applicant/both applicants in the case of a Training Partnership) and/or training business may be required. The training business or employer may be required to provide an undertaking or guarantee in respect of any fines that may be levied on the Trainer by the IHRB.

10.3 The Licensing Committee shall take into account the financial track record of an applicant or either applicant in the case of a Training Partnership and (whether or not the business is owned by the applicant(s)) all the relevant circumstances in assessing the likely financial soundness of the training business / proposed training business.

10.4 First time applicants will be required to satisfy all relevant factors listed below, however, applicants applying for a renewal of a Trainer's licence may be required to produce documents only upon request:

10.4.1 Whether the applicant (or either applicant in the case of a Training Partnership) has been the subject of any judgement debt or award in Ireland or elsewhere, which remains unpaid or was not satisfied within a reasonable period;

10.4.2 Whether the applicant (or either applicant in the case of a Training Partnership) has ever, in Ireland or elsewhere, made arrangements with their creditors, filed for bankruptcy, had a bankruptcy petition served on them, been adjudged bankrupt, or been the subject of any other bankruptcy process (including any restrictions order or undertaking or sequestration of assets);

10.4.3 Whether the applicant (or either applicant in the case of a Training Partnership) has been a director or other officer or shareholder of a company which has gone into insolvent liquidation or has been placed into examinership whilst the applicant was so connected to the company or within 12 months of ceasing to be so connected;

10.4.4 That the training business to which the application relates is solvent and able to pay debts as they fall due and otherwise has sufficient financial resources.

11. Fit and Proper Person

11.1 In considering any application or renewal, the Licensing Committee must also be satisfied, taking into account any fact or matter that it considers appropriate, that the applicant(s) is suitable to hold a licence. Relevant considerations include the honesty and integrity, business competence and capability and financial soundness of the applicant(s).

11.2 Applicants may be required to be Garda vetted.

11.3 Applicants must make full and frank disclosure of all matters relevant to the application and failure to do so may be considered a relevant factor in the assessment as to an applicant's competence, honesty and integrity.

11.4 Among the criteria the Licensing Committee will have regard to in assessing honesty and integrity are the following:

11.4.1 Whether the applicant (or either applicant in the case of a Training Partnership) has been convicted of any criminal offence in Ireland, or elsewhere, excluding offences which are spent under the Criminal Justice (Spent Convictions and Certain Disclosures) Act 2016 and in the case of foreign offences, such as may be appropriate. Particular consideration will be given to offences of dishonesty, fraud, financial crime, drugs and those relating to sexual conduct, violence, animal welfare and health and safety;

11.4.2 Whether the applicant (or either applicant in the case of a Training Partnership) is the subject of any proceedings of a criminal nature, has been charged in connection with any alleged criminal offence or is aware of circumstances which may lead to them being so charged;

11.4.3 The applicant's record of compliance (or that of either applicant in the case of a Training Partnership) with the regulatory requirements of the IHRB (or its predecessors), of any other Turf Authority or of a regulator of any other sport in which they have participated or have been otherwise involved;

11.4.4 Whether the applicant (or both applicants in the case of a Training Partnership) has been candid, open and truthful in all their dealings with the IHRB or a Turf Authority or sports regulator in relation to the present or relevant previous licence applications;

11.4.5 Whether or not the applicant (or either applicant in the case of a Training Partnership) has been dismissed from any previous employment or position of trust or has been asked to resign or resigned on grounds connected with their honesty or integrity;

11.4.6 Whether there are any other issues which are likely either to: significantly impair the ability of the applicant(s) to safeguard the welfare of the Horses in the Trainer's Care and Control or to meet the regulatory requirements of the IHRB, or render the applicant (or either applicant in the case of a Training Partnership) a threat to the health, welfare or safety of others involved in horseracing, or to the integrity of the sport.

11.5 An applicant's (or either applicant in the case of a Training Partnership) fitness and propriety includes assessment of the fitness and propriety of those with whom they are or may be associated or connected with in their personal or business dealings. For example, if the applicant has been a director or shareholder of a company that has committed a criminal offence, that matter will be taken into account and its ultimate relevance to their suitability will be assessed in the light of the applicant's responsibility (if any) in relation to that offence. Also, where the applicant is to be an employee of a company or other person(s) running the proposed training business, the honesty and integrity of the employer may be relevant to an assessment of the fitness and propriety of the applicant, as may be the honesty and integrity of those associated with

or connected to the employer (e.g. directors, company secretary and shareholders).

LICENSES AND PERMITS TO TRAINERS AND RIDERS

Licences and permits issued to Trainers and Riders are strictly non-transferable.

Trainers / Riders must always carry their licences for production when requested by Raceday Stewards or Officials both in Ireland and abroad.

R2 - Deleted

R3

RIDER NOMINATIONS

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 an Authorised Representative will be required to give a verbal explanation to the Raceday Stewards. The Raceday Stewards using their powers under Rule 10(i) may allow the nomination of a Rider at that time. If however the Raceday 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

Where a Rider is unable to ride the Horse for which they have been nominated under Rule 195 (i) the matter is processed as follows:

(a) The Clerk of the Scales must be informed as soon as possible by the Rider, Authorised Riders' Agent or the Trainer and provided with an explanation for the Raceday Stewards. It is the ultimate responsibility of the Trainer to ensure that the Clerk of the Scales is so 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 to the Clerk of the Scales at the next meeting at which they are 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 IHRB Medical Officer 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 Raceday 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 themselves 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 themselves 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 themselves available to switch to another Horse owned by the same Owner or trained by the same Trainer.

The Raceday 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 their original mount is a non-runner.

In cases when there is a request to substitute a Rider the Raceday Stewards shall have total discretion whether to approve the named replacement Rider where, in their opinion, 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 Raceday Stewards whether or not to allow a change is final.

4. Availability of Rider

The IHRB draws 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 Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards may impose a fine not exceeding €500 on any person whom they find to be in breach of this Regulation.

R4 – Deleted

R5

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 Office of the IHRB.

2. All contracts must include the following information:

   (a) Date of signing

   (b) Name and address of Owner, Trainer or Rider

   (c) Name and address of sponsor

   (d) Nature of sponsor's business

   (e) Exact description of name, logo or word(s) to be used within the permitted branding site

   (f) Contract expiry date

   (g) Declaration by Owner, Trainer or Rider that they 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:

   (a) Any tobacco products

   (b) Breath testing or other devices which mask the effects of alcohol

   (c) The occult

   (d) Private investigation agencies

   (e) Commercial services offering advice on personal or consumer problems

   (f) Guns or gun clubs

   (g) Pornography

   (h) 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, 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 Raceday Stewards through the Racecourse Manager before the first Race.

4.2 Only in very exceptional circumstances will the Raceday Stewards allow the objection and the decision of the Raceday Stewards is final.

Owners Sponsorship

Branding Areas and Dimensions

5.1 Branding will be permitted in the following areas:

Colours

(a) 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.

(b) 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 Raceday 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:

(a) Breeches (defined as personal garments worn as part of the Rider's equipment)

(b) 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:

(c) 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.).

(d) Coccyx Site: One site not exceeding 10 sq. inches (64 sq. cm. on the rear of the breeches at the base of the spine.

(e) Posterior Site: One site of 32 sq. inches (206 sq. cm) on the rear of the breeches, positioned below the coccyx site.

(f) 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.

Sponsorship for Minors and Apprentices

8. Any sponsorship contract for Apprentices must be countersigned by their 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 directed via the IHRB.

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.

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

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 they 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 IHRB, may at their absolute discretion, decide whether the Horse shall be allowed to run in the said Race.
6. Horse Racing Ireland shall inform an IHRB Raceday Integrity Officer of all claims made not more than 25 minutes after the “Winner All Right” announcement has been authorised.
7. Once the IHRB Raceday Integrity Officer has been advised of claims received such claims may not be withdrawn.
8. The successful claimant(s) shall then be determined by an IHRB Raceday Integrity Officer in the presence of one or more of the Raceday Stewards, subject to point 9 of this Regulation.
9. Should there be more than one claim for the same Horse with the same pre-designated Trainer an IHRB Raceday Integrity Officer shall initially reduce by drawing of a lot, in the presence of one or more of the Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards. The identity of any claimant will not be disclosed until after the time for making claims has elapsed.

10. The claiming price shall be debited to the successful claimant's Horse Racing Ireland account or in the case of a non-account holder a credit/debit card.

11. 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 Trainer or their representative in charge of 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.

12. Any objection lodged against any Horse subsequent to the Race being run shall have no effect on any claim made.

13. Arrears due as a consequence of a successful claim shall be subject to Rule 165.

14. 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. Arrears due as a consequence of a claim shall be subject to Rule 165.

15. 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 the "walking over".

16. 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.

17. All claims will be published on the IHRB website (www.ihrb.ie) and the HRI RAS website (www.hri-ras.ie/) on the next working day following the Race.

18. In the event of a Claiming Race being declared void by the Raceday Stewards, any claims in such Race will be annulled.

19. Any person who commits a breach of this Regulation shall be reported to the Raceday 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.

Optional Claiming Races

1. Horses may be entered in Optional Claiming Races without the requirement to stipulate a claiming price.

2. The Trainer of any Horse entered in an Optional Claiming Race must, at time of entry, stipulate if the Horse has been entered to run and can be

claimed or has been entered to run and cannot be claimed. This cannot be amended once the Race has been closed for entry.

3. All Horses entered in Optional Claiming Races to be claimed are subject to the Regulations outlined under subheading "CLAIMING RACES" above.

4. The weight to be carried by a Horse entered in an Optional Claiming Race not to be claimed is set out in the conditions of the Race as published in the Irish Racing Calendar and printed on the race card.

Submitting a Claim

1. A Horse may not be claimed for less than or more than the advertised claiming price.

2. 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.

3. Any person wishing to make a claim must first complete pre-authorisation. Pre-authorisation can be done either by completing the pre-Authorisation form on RÁS at www.hri-ras.ie/information-centre/claiming-race-information or by phoning the client accounts department in HRI on 045-455444. Any issues in relation to pre-authorisation will be communicated to the individual ahead of the Race. Claims will not be accepted from a Rider riding in the Claiming Race.

4. Any person who does not hold a HRI account can contact the client accounts department for pre-authorisation. A member of the client account team will arrange to pre-authorise a debit or credit card for the purposes of the claim.

5. Client accounts will only accept pre-authorisation calls from 8:30am on the morning of the Race and up to 1 hour before the advertised time of the Race. All pre-authorisations must be received at least 1 hour before the advertised time of the Race and will not be accepted after that time.

6. A pre-authorisation form does not constitute a claim. The details on the form will include but not limited to, the name of the claimant, contact details of the claimant, the designated Trainer, the designated collector of the Horse and their contact details and the value of the pre-authorisation.

7. Claimants wishing to claim more than one Horse must complete the pre-authorisation in respect of each Horse to be claimed.

8. Once pre-authorisation has been approved any person wishing to make a claim must call the designated telephone line 045-455444 after the Race and no later than 15 minutes after the "Winner All Right" announcement has been authorised in accordance with Rule 229.

Successful Claimants

1. 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 pre-authorisation, 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.

2. In the event of a claimed Horse holding any subsequent entries or declarations at the time of the claim such engagements shall pass to the successful claimant. However, if the Horse is ineligible for these engagement(s) pursuant to Rule 148(xii)(d), the successful claimant shall not take up these engagement(s) and shall not be liable for any associated fees.

3. The Trainer of a Horse which has been successfully claimed will not be eligible to run that Horse for a period of three (3) months following the day of the Claiming Race in question unless;

   (a) they are the successful claimant; or

   (b) they are 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; or

   (d) the designated Trainer no longer holds a valid licence.

4. The successful claimant must ensure the designated person collecting the Horse is either at the track or will be before the final Race on the day of the claim.

5. It is the responsibility of the new Owner to check the markings and microchip of the claimed Horse against the passport to confirm identity.

Trainers' Responsibility

1. Any Horse declared for a Claiming Race must be available for viewing by prospective purchasers at its Training Establishment 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 the Horse has been covered by a stallion in the previous twenty one days and whether or not the Horse has been confirmed in foal and such

information will be published on the IHRB website and the HRI RAS website prior to the Race.

2. 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.

3. After unsaddling, all Horses that have run in a Claiming Race shall be taken straight to the Racecourse Stable Yard and may not be removed from there without clearance from the IHRB Veterinary Officer or the Veterinary Assistant.

4. It is the responsibility of the Trainer (or their designate) on the race card on the day of the claim to ensure they hand over the Horse to the person designated to collect the Horse. If for any reason the person designated to collect the Horse is delayed, arrangements must be made by the Trainer named on the race card to care for the Horse until the hand-over has taken place.

R7

DOPE TESTING OF RIDERS

ALCOHOL BREATH TESTING CONCENTRATION LEVEL OF ALCOHOL

Pursuant to Rule 20(xxi) of the Rules of Racing and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules, the Directors of the IHRB hereby publish that the level of concentration of alcohol referred to in Rule 277(iii) shall be a concentration of alcohol in excess of 22 micrograms per 100 millilitres in breath.

ALCOHOL TESTING STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

The Directors of the IHRB publish procedures on the IHRB website, pursuant to Rule 20(xxi). 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.

ANTI-DOPING PROCEDURES

The Directors of the IHRB publish these procedures on the IHRB website, pursuant to Rule 278 (iii). These procedures should be followed as far as is reasonably practicable. However, any deviation or deviations from the procedures set out therein shall not invalidate a finding of a Doping Offence under Rule 278(ii) 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.

BANNED SUBSTANCES AND BANNED PRACTICES

Take notice that, pursuant to the Rules of Racing and Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules, and in particular the definition of “Banned Substances” and “Banned Practices” 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 Rules and definitions, 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

Use of particular substances may be permitted under a Therapeutic Use Exemption in the treatment of particular medical conditions but only with the express permission of the Chief Medical Officer.

R8 – Deleted

R9

RACECOURSES AND RACECOURSE STABLES

CONSTRUCTION AND ERECTION OF HURDLES, FENCES AND WINGS

1. Hurdles

(a) Hurdles shall be laced in such a manner as to leave the top bar, which must be padded, exposed on the take-off side.

(b) Hurdles shall be laced in such manner as to make it difficult to see through birch (or gorse, if used).

(c) 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).

(d) 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.

(e) There shall not be less than five hurdles in each flight.

2. Plain Fences

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

(e) 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

(a) The apron on a regulation fence shall not entirely fill the ditch.

(b) 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.

(c) 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 securely fixed about two inches below ground level.

(d) 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

For Races under Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules, continuous plastic rail is the most effective method of indicating the course to be followed, particularly desirable on bends and in the last furlong. However, there are situations where continuous rail can be impractical eg; starts where a chute is used or at track intersections. Also, for safety reasons, a Clerk of the Course may use their discretion not to use continuous rail to indicate the course to be followed. Where continuous rail is not being used, dolls or spurs can be used. Such dolls or spurs must be clearly visible and must indicate quite clearly the course to be followed.

When dolls or spurs are being used they will be used in conjunction with a bundle of birch on one end and this bundle of birch will be used to determine the correct course.

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.

BYPASSING OF HURDLES AND FENCES

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 a high-visibility outer garment and having in their possession a circular orange disc approximately 18 inches in diameter fixed to a stake and an orange flag.

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 centre of the hurdle or fence facing the oncoming Horses with the bottom of the disc at least one foot clear of the top of the hurdle or fence. When a warning disc is placed on a hurdle or fence, the hurdle or fence shall not be jumped and the disc shall remain in place for the remainder of the Race and that hurdle or fence shall be omitted 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 on or before 8.00am of the day fixed for the closing of entries for a meeting, the closing for declarations of the meeting and the day of the Race 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 their authorised deputy shall immediately notify the change to Horse Racing Ireland and the IHRB. This procedure will ensure that the relevant communications 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 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 Raceday 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 racetrack 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.

PROHIBITION ON ADMINISTRATION OF TREATMENTS

Any administration of treatments by any person, including Veterinary Surgeons, of Horses 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 for any person to administer or attempt to administer any medicines at a Race Meeting without the express permission of the IHRB Veterinary Officer.

No type of syringe for injection or any other device for the administration of medicine is permitted in the Racecourse Stable Yard without the express permission of the IHRB Veterinary Officer.

PRE-RACE AND POST-RACE ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTROLYTES

Any Trainer wishing to administer electrolyte solutions to Horses in their 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 their assessment before permission for administration will be granted.

3. The administration must be personally overseen by the IHRB Veterinary Officer or Veterinary 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 unit.

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 AND INTEGRITY OF RACECOURSE STABLES

The Raceday Stewards view with concern the fact that Horses are left unattended in Racecourse Stable Yard areas. It cannot be emphasised strongly enough that this is an obvious security and integrity 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 the Racecourse Stable Yard (including the spouse or civil partner of the Owner but excluding children) may only be admitted to the Racecourse Stable Yard provided that they are accompanied by the Trainer or their Authorised Representative and must sign the Racecourse Stable Yard register book in the presence of an IHRB Raceday Integrity Officer. Only the Owner printed on the race card is included in the above category.

Any defects which Trainers see in the area of Racecourse security and integrity generally, or on a particular Racecourse, should be reported to the IHRB Raceday Integrity Team, or to the Head of Racing Regulation & Integrity at the Office of the IHRB, who will try to ensure that corrective action is taken, if deemed necessary.

Applicants for AIR Cards should allow at least 14 days from the time of receipt of the application by the IHRB, to enable their application be processed and cards issued.

The following persons ONLY may be admitted to Racecourse Stables:

(a) Raceday Stewards and Officials of the Race Meeting.

(b) Officials of the IHRB.

(c) Gardai/Police Officers on duty.

(d) 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.

(e) Owners (maximum of two) of Horses stabled in Racecourse Stables (including spouse or civil partner of the Owner but EXCLUDING children) provided that they are accompanied by the Trainer or their duly Authorised Representative.

(f) Holders of a valid AIR Card, employed by a Trainer having Horses stabled in the Racecourse Stables. The AIR Cards will be read when the holder is making their initial entry into Racecourse Stables and must be retained on their person for scrutiny during the course of the day's racing.

A mandatory fine will be levied on Trainers whose employees do not present a valid AIR Card at the point of entry to the Racecourse Stable Yard. Trainers whose employees are persistent offenders may be reported to the Raceday Stewards under Rule 149. Temporary passes may be issued by an IHRB Raceday Integrity Officer in respect of these employees, to enable entry to be gained to the Racecourse Stable Yard for that day only.

(g) Farriers holding a current AIR Card.

(h) Persons employed by the management of the Racecourse and bearing a badge of authority from the management.

(i) The spouses or civil partners of licensed Trainers having Horses stabled in the Racecourse Stable Yard who are in the possession of a valid AIR Card.

RACECOURSE STABLE YARD

Authorised persons entering the Racecourse Stable Yard on the day of a Race Meeting shall do so only on the following terms and conditions.

a) A person 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 IHRB Veterinary Officer.

c) Trainers of Horses selected by the IHRB for veterinary inspection and testing must ensure that their staff focus on the task at hand and do not eat or drink in the testing area nor use their mobile phones for the duration.

d) Private Veterinary Surgeons are only permitted to practice in the Racecourse Stable Yard with the prior permission of the IHRB Veterinary Officer, irrespective of whether or not they are connected to the Horse.

e) Trainers must ensure that Horses in their charge are not left unattended in the Racecourse Stable Yard area.

AIR CARDS

Any person in charge of a Horse and not in possession of a valid AIR Card will not be permitted into the Stable Yard. Admission may be allowed for persons who are in possession of a letter of introduction from their employer, provided an AIR Card has been applied for from the IHRB. Persons found to be in breach of this Regulation will be reported to the Raceday Stewards.

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 to be accredited for uninterrupted access to the Racecourse Stable Yard 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 accredited 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 Stable Yard will be avoided and the risk to the safety of Horses and people will be minimised.

R10

REGULATIONS RELATING TO RIDERS' EQUIPMENT

MOUTH GUARDS

Custom-fitted mouth guards are mandatory for all Riders while riding in any Race under I.N.H.S. Rules unless a prior exemption has been granted by the IHRB Chief Medical Officer.

Riders must be in possession of a mouth guard on mounting and must have it in use prior to the start of any Race. Mouth guards may be removed on pulling up.

A Rider who fails to comply with the foregoing shall be reported to the Raceday Stewards and may be liable to sanction in accordance with Rule 14 (i).

BODY PROTECTOR

A Body Protector must be worn at all times when mounted on a Horse and fulfil the following criteria:

(a) Must be of the standard approved by the IHRB as defined as standard EN13158:2018 Level 2 (Racesafe modified version as approved in 2023) or such other standard as approved by the IHRB and have evidence of Quality Testing from organisations such as BETA.

(b) It must be worn with a harness (crotch strap) by Riders when weighing out, weighing in and during a Race. It must not have an attachment between the Body Protector and the saddle or girths.

(c) The Body Protector must not be modified in any way other than the Racesafe modified version as approved by the IHRB.

(d) It must be in a serviceable condition.

An IHRB Medical Officer or the Chief Medical Officer may direct that a Body Protector be replaced post inspection.

RIDING APPARREL AND BOOTS

Every Rider shall, in all Races, wear riding boots of a type approved by the IHRB.

Every Rider shall, in all Races, wear white breeches of a type approved by the IHRB, unless written permission has been granted by the IHRB to wear breeches of a different colour or type.

HELMETS

All Helmets must comply with at least two different international helmet testing standards and carry evidence of quality testing from recognised organisations.

Further guidance on approved standards and testing requirements is available at www.ihrb.ie/jockey-safety-information

All Riders, when mounted on a Horse, must wear a Helmet that:

a) It is of the correct size for the Rider, in serviceable condition, with the chin strap properly adjusted and always fastened when mounted.

b) Must not have a chin cup, cradle, or draw lace; the chin strap must pass under the jaw and be secured by a quick-release buckle. Metal hooks are expressly forbidden.

c) Any Helmet subjected to severe impact, or worn by a Rider who has suffered concussion, must be replaced.

An IHRB Medical Officer or the Chief Medical Officer may direct replacement after inspection.

GOGGLES

In the interest of personal safety, 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.

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

A whip shall not be used in a Race unless it conforms to the following specifications and has been approved in advance by the IHRB:

1. Riders may only use an air-cushioned whip conforming to the following specifications:

   (a) the maximum length (including flap) shall not exceed 70 centimetres.

   (b) there shall be no binding within 17 centimetres of the end of the flap.

   (c) the minimum diameter for a whip shall be 1 centimetre.

   (d) the overall weight shall not exceed 160 grams

   (e) 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.

(f) 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 Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards shall take into account if the Rider appeared to have hit their mount with the whip 9 times or more during a Race when their whip-hand had left the reins.

(h) The use of the whip with the arm being or appearing to be above shoulder height in the opinion of the Raceday Stewards.

(i) The use of the whip without allowing or appearing to allow their mount at least three strides to respond.

4. In determining whether an enquiry is required the Raceday Stewards may consider the following:

(a) How the Rider has used the whip during the course of the entire Race, with particular attention to its use in the closing stages;

(b) The manner in which the whip was used, including the degree of force;

(c) The purpose for which the whip was used.

5. If the Raceday Stewards are satisfied that a Rider is in breach of this Regulation and/or the Raceday 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.

6. The Raceday Stewards shall impose a penalty in accordance with the penalty guidelines as approved by the Directors of the IHRB.

7. In the investigation of alleged breaches of this Regulation, it is recommended that the IHRB Veterinary Officer is asked to clinically examine the Horse.

SPURS

The use of spurs while riding at a Race Meeting is prohibited.

R11

RIDERS DECLARED UNFIT TO RIDE

1. All Riders, with riding engagements at a Race Meeting who are on the Alert Sheet should be cleared by the Chief Medical Officer in advance of being declared to ride and must present themselves to the IHRB Medical Officer on duty for clearance prior to their first ride on the Raceday.
2. A Rider on the Alert Sheet shall not present themselves to be weighed out for or ride in any Race until they have been examined and declared fit to ride by the Chief Medical Officer or an IHRB Medical Officer.
3. If a Rider suffers a fall or is injured in any way, they must present to the IHRB Medical Officer before being weighed out for any subsequent Race or before leaving the Racecourse. If through confirmed incapacity the Rider cannot do this the IHRB 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 Chief Medical Officer before the Chief Medical Officer can make an assessment as to the fitness of the Rider to resume Race riding.
5. If a Rider is of the opinion that they are fit to resume riding before the date specified by the Chief Medical Officer, other than in cases of concussion, an application may be made to the Chief Medical Officer for the matter to be referred for an independent medical opinion.
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 Chief Medical Officer or an IHRB Medical Officer to the Raceday Stewards and a Rider shall not be permitted to ride until such time as the Chief Medical Officer has confirmed medical clearance. On such date that the Rider is deemed fit to ride their name will be removed from the Alert Sheet.
7. Special protocols for dealing with concussion are set out below:-
   (a) Whenever a Rider suffers a suspected concussion, the IHRB Medical Officer in attendance at the Racecourse or at the Point to Point meeting will carry out a standardised medical assessment.
   (b) If a diagnosis of concussion is made the IHRB Medical Officer will report the matter to the Raceday Stewards. The Raceday Stewards shall restrict the Rider from riding in accordance with Rule 14(i)(d). The Rider may present themselves for a two part Post-concussion evaluation but only after a minimum six 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 Chief Medical Officer

(c) 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 Chief Medical Officer until such time as the Chief 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 only present for such a test within a time frame permitted by the Chief Medical Officer. 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 IHRB 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 Chief Medical Officer.

Each Rider is required to complete a computerised test as approved by the Chief Medical Officer together with 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 Chief Medical Officer.

The Rider must also present for assessment by an IHRB approved sports physician who shall report the results of such assessment to the Chief Medical Officer.

The Rider will be declared fit to ride and removed from the Alert Sheet should the Chief Medical Officer be satisfied with the results of the test and assessment of the Rider.

9. **Frequency of Neuro-psychological (NP) baseline testing**

All persons holding a Jockey's licence, or a Qualified Riders permit 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/permit by the Licensing Committee, following a report from the Chief 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/ permit.

10. **Post-concussion evaluation**

A post-concussion evaluation shall consist of a neuro-psychological test carried out in accordance with Paragraph 7 (c) above and a physical examination by a sports physician appointed by the IHRB, the results of which shall be forwarded to the Chief Medical Officer. In addition to this test and examination the Rider may be required by the Chief Medical Officer to attend for examination before a consultant neurologist or neurosurgeon.

11. **Approved Clinics**

a. Mallow - Red House Surgery
   Phone - 022-21478
   www.redhousefamilypractice.com

b. Naas - Vista Primary Care Centre
   Phone - 045-848731
   www.vistaprimarycare.com

c. Santry - Sports Surgery Clinic
   Phone - 01-5262300
   www.sportssurgeryclinic.com

and such other Clinics which may be approved from time to time by the IHRB.

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R13

STARTS AND STARTING STALLS

HORSES WHICH CAUSE PROBLEMS AT STARTS

While the IHRB Starter 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 Raceday Stewards any Horse which, in a Race started by flag or tape, has in their 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 Raceday Stewards under Rule 14. The Starter may also report to the Raceday Stewards and the Office of the IHRB any Horse which, in a Race starting from stalls, has in their 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 Raceday 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 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 IHRB no 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(v).
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 Racecourse 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 valid AIR 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 Horse 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 rider of a lead Horse in this regard.

9. The Raceday 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 Raceday 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 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 no 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 Raceday 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 loading process shall commence upon instruction by the IHRB Starter to the Starting Stalls Team Leader and Horses will be loaded as directed by the Starting Stalls Team Leader unless otherwise directed by the IHRB Starter, whose decision shall be final in all matters concerning the loading process.

2. The Starting Stalls Team Leader has an important role to play in the supervision of this area.

3. Preferential treatment in the loading of Horses should only be given where their Trainers have obtained permission for such from the Raceday Stewards. Such request from Riders should not be tolerated by the Starter who has however the ultimate discretion at the start. Any

Horse which seriously misbehaves at the start will be reported to the Raceday Stewards.

4. In the interests of efficiency and speed, the Starter must make themselves aware of those Horses known to be troublesome in stalls.

5. 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 so they may be assisted by Raceday Stewards and/or Raceday 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	**Right Handed Track**
Bellewstown	Ballinrobe
Dundalk	Clonmel
Killarney	Cork
Laytown	Curragh
Leopardstown	Down Royal
Listowel	Fairyhouse
Naas	Galway
Navan	Gowran Park
Tipperary	Limerick
	Punchestown
	Roscommon
	Sligo
	Thurles
	Waterford & Tramore

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.

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 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 will undergo an assessment 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 Trainer's Training Establishment and by a different IHRB Starter.

The Trainer will give an undertaking that they have 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

TAKING OF SAMPLES FROM HORSES

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, bucket, scraper, cooler and muzzle should be available for the Horse in the Racecourse Sampling Unit. These must be supplied by the Trainer or their 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 their 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 paragraph 7 the words Responsible Person means the Trainer or their representative.

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 upon request to the IHRB 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 they may request the Trainer or an 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 IHRB Veterinary Officer 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 a 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 a designated Laboratory. The IHRB will advise the Responsible Person of their entitlement to have themselves, the Owner or a similar suitably qualified person attend the analysis of the “B” sample, should they so wish. On receipt of the Laboratory Report, 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 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. For screening sampling for total carbon dioxide concentration, the Horse will be identified by an IHRB Official, and blood Samples taken for screening by the IHRB Veterinary Officer in the presence of the Responsible Person. These screening Samples will not be split into A and B portions as with conventional regulatory samples. However, if analysis of one or more of these Samples indicates that regulatory sampling is required, this will be undertaken in accordance with this Regulation with the exception that the B portion of the regulatory Sample will always be analysed, and at the same designated Laboratory that conducted the A portion analysis.

SAMPLING UNIT

It is the responsibility of Trainers to ensure that winning Horses are presented without delay to the 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 AND PRACTICES

Pursuant to Rule 20(v) of the Rules of Racing and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules, the Directors of the IHRB publish a schedule of Prohibited Substances, threshold levels where applicable, and prohibited practices on the IHRB website and give notice that each item referred to therein is a Prohibited Substance as defined or a prohibited method within these Rules.

R15

USE OF THE PHOTO FINISH CAMERA

1. In the event of a close finish, the Judge may examine the photo finish image before announcing the decision and 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 the 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 the 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 the Horse is ahead by however small a margin. If the Judge cannot distinguish which Horse is in front, they 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, ½ length, ¾ length, 1 length, 1¼ lengths, 1½ lengths, 1¾,lengths, 2 lengths, 2¼ lengths, 2½ lengths, 2¾ lengths, 3 lengths, 3¼ lengths, 3½ lengths, 3¾ lengths, 4 lengths, 4¼ lengths, 4½ lengths, 4¾ lengths, 5 lengths, 5½ lengths, 6 lengths, 6½ lengths 7 lengths, 7½ lengths, 8 lengths, 8½ lengths, 9 lengths, 9½ 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:

   (a) nose – from tip of nose to back of nostril

   (b) short head – from back of nostril to front point of eye

   (c) head – from front point of eye to back of jaw bone

(d) neck – from back of jaw bone to point of shoulder

(e) half a length – from point of shoulder to hip bone

(f) three quarters of a length – from hip bone to point of buttocks

(g) 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 will be forwarded to the Registry Office together with the Judge’s Photo Return.

10. No other print will be made unless the Raceday 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

THE WEIGH ROOM AND PARADE RING

HORSES ALLOWED INTO PRE-PARADE RING AND PARADE RING

A Horse shall not be allowed into the pre-parade ring or the parade ring without the permission of the Raceday 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 Raceday 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 weigh room to ride in a Race until they return to the weigh room after the Race. The taking of photographs or videos on mobile telephones or other digital devices in the weigh room or changing rooms is strictly prohibited.

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 paragraph 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 may be reported to the Raceday Stewards to deal with accordingly.

PROCEDURE FOR MOUNTING IN PARADE RING

The following procedures shall be adopted at all Racecourses.

Upon the official signal to mount, Riders shall be present in the parade ring and Trainers must ensure that the Rider mount the Horse on the walk without undue delay, ensuring the Horse continues to proceed around the parade ring. Horses shall not cross the parade ring except with the permission of an IHRB Official.

Trainers are responsible for all staff in ensuring they comply with all Rules, Regulations and Procedures.

Any Trainer or Rider who fails to comply, or whose conduct contributes to a failure to comply, shall be liable to sanction and such fine as deemed appropriate.

SHEETS AND 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 parade ring, 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 Raceday Stewards.

The above Regulation regarding the removal of sheets or rugs may be suspended in the following circumstances.

1. Subject to permission from the Raceday 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 Raceday Stewards through the Raceday 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

It is a requirement that all Horses be fully shod prior to entering the parade ring, unless in exceptional circumstances in which case permission must have been granted in advance by the IHRB.
Furthermore, 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

¼ “. 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 ¼” in height. No other protrusions are allowed.

TONGUE STRAPS

Tongue Straps must be made of:

- Non-self-adhesive, crepe/stretch bandages, or
- Adjustable synthetic Tongue Strap with a velcro closure, or
- Nylon material, or
- Leather

For the avoidance of doubt, rubber elastic bands or self-adhesive bandages will not be permitted to be used as Tongue Straps.

Tongue Straps must be utilised in accordance with the following guidelines:

- All Tongue Straps must be looped but not tied around the tongue and secured comfortably around the lower jaw.
- The Tongue Strap shall not restrict blood flow.
- The Tongue Strap should be tied such that the effective width is not less than 15mm so as to avoid a tourniquet effect.
- Tongue Straps must not be secured to either the bit or the bridle due to the risk of damage to a Horse’s tongue should the bridle be dislodged in an incident.
- Tongue Straps must be clearly visible at all times.
- Tongue Straps must be removed as soon as practical post-race.

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

No Hood or other item of headgear which is red in colour may be worn during the Race.

The following diagrams are for illustrative purposes

BLINKERS



HOOD



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)

SHEEPSKIN CHEEK PIECES



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.

EYECOVER



R17 - Deleted

R18

SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY A FOREIGN TURF AUTHORITY

(a) When the IHRB receives notification from a 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 a Trainer's Care and Control 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 they have 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.

(b) 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.

(c) Where an application under paragraph (b) 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 6 (ii).

(d) 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 by the Referrals Committee or the Appeals Body.

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