

RACING INSTRUCTIONS and NOTICES

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RACING INSTRUCTIONS

PREAMBLE

These Instructions apply to all meetings held under the sanction of The Royal Horse Racing Club and to all races run at such meetings. Any person who takes part in any matter coming within these Instructions thereby agrees to be bound by them.

These Instructions are produced in both Arabic and English text. In the event of a dispute, any ruling will be based on interpretation of the English text which will be final.

The masculine shall be deemed to include the feminine and the neuter, and vice versa.

The singular shall be deemed to include the plural, and vice versa.

DEFINITIONS

In the Racing Instructions, the following words and phrases shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have or include the meanings hereby assigned to them.

ACTING STEWARD wherever the word Acting Steward or Stewards is used it means a person or persons officiating as a Steward at a race meeting.

AMATEUR RIDER is a person who holds a permit to ride as an Amateur from the Royal Horse Racing Club.

BLINKERS means a garment fitted over the horse's head with holes for eyes and ears, one or both the eyeholes being fitted with cowls (which may be extended) cutting out all vision to the rear, but permitting full forward vision.

CHEEK PIECES two lamb's wool (or synthetic) rolls which attach to the cheek straps of a bridle and preclude a rearward view.

CORRECT WEIGHT is the declared weight, including any

overweight, at which a rider is 'weighed out' by the Clerk of the Scales.

DAY means 24 hours finishing at midnight.

EAR PLUGS means a piece of equipment that is placed into the ears of the horse with the intention to reduce noise heard by the horse.

FORFEIT LIST is a record of arrears published under the authority of the club.

HANDICAP is a race in which the weights to be carried by the horses are adjusted by the handicapper for the purpose of equalising their chances of winning.

HOOD means a garment similar to the blinkers incorporating ear covers but without eye cowls.

HORSE includes colt, gelding, mare and filly.

JOCKEY is a person licensed by the club to ride for hire and in the absence of expressed reference in the context to an apprenticed rider, means an Apprentice Jockey.

LICENCE means and includes any approval, consent permission, permit to act in an official capacity, train or ride, given by the club.

MAIDEN is a horse which has never won a race other than a match or private sweepstakes at any recognised meeting in any country. In order to qualify as a maiden, these conditions must be fulfilled at the time of starting.

MATCH is a race between horses which are the property of two different owners on terms agreed by them and to which no money or other prize is added.

MONTH means a calendar month.

NOMINATOR is the person under whose name a horse is entered for a race.

OFFICIAL means any person acting in the capacity of Judge, Starter, Steward, Veterinary Surgeon, Starting Attendant, Farrier, Handicapper, Clerk Of The Course, Clerk of The Scales, Announcer, Commentator, Paddock Steward or their Assistants or any other person employed and approved by

Royal Horse Racing Club to act in any capacity at any race meeting.

PACIFIER means a garment similar to blinkers incorporating gauze over the eyepieces, but without eye cowls.

PASSPORT means the approved document of identity which bears a horse name and which has been issued by a recognised Turf Authority or Associated Organization.

PRIZE MONEY means the advertised value of the total prize-money but does not include:

- a) Any bonus payable to the nominator of a yearling or a stallion.
- b) Any amount paid in the form of a starter's rebate or subsidy.
- c) Any trophy or other non-monetary prize awarded under the conditions of the race.
- d) Any money paid by another Racing Authority by way of an incentive.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE means a substance which falls into any of the categories contained in a list published as a Notice by the Royal Horse Racing Club to be prohibited substances unless it is specifically excepted. It includes the metabolites of prohibited substances and their isomers and artifacts.

PUNISHMENT includes the suspension from riding or of any permit or licence, disqualification and/or the imposition of a fine;

PUNISH has a corresponding meaning.

RACE in respect of flat races means plate, cup, sweepstake, private sweepstake or match, but does not include a steeple chase, hurdle race, or National Hunt flat race. Provided that a horse which has only won a match or private sweepstake, may run in races for horses that have not won a race, or for horses that have not won a race of a specified value or distance and wherein the conditions of such a race there is an allowance

for horses which have not won a race or have not won a race of specified value or distance, it may claim the allowance.

RACING ASSOCIATION, ASSOCIATION, COUNCIL OR ROYAL HORSE RACING CLUB shall mean the Royal Horse Racing Club.

RACING CALENDAR is the official periodical published by the Royal Horse Racing Club under any given name.

RECOGNISED MEETING is a meeting held under the sanction of a recognised Turf Authority.

REGISTERED OWNER means each person who is a registered owner in accordance with the rules of a registered turf authority.

REGISTRY OFFICE is the office for the time being appointed as the Registry Office by the club.

RIDDEN FOR HIRE Any person who has ever held a professional jockey's licence from any recognised Turf Authority or who has ever been paid directly or indirectly for riding in a race within the period of the last three years.

SEASON For the purposes of these Racing Instructions, the Racing Season commences on October 1 each year.

SHADOW ROLL means a piece of equipment made of lambs wool (or a synthetic material) that is fitted over the nasal bone of the horse.

STARTER'S ORDERS indicates that all horses and riders are under the control of the Starter at the starting post.

STEWARDS Wherever the word "Steward" or "Stewards" is used, it means Steward or Stewards duly appointed and shall include all deputies and assistants .

SUSPENSION FROM RIDING IN RACES means the withdrawal for a stated period ,the right granted under the Racing Instructions to ride in races only.

SUSPENSION OF A LICENCE means the withdrawal for a stated period by the Race Meeting Stewards or the Royal Horse Racing Club of any licence, right or privilege granted under the Racing Instructions.

TIME OF ENTRY means the time fixed for closing of entries for any race.

TRAINER is a person who holds a licence issued by the Royal Horse Racing Club , to train horses under the Racing Instructions of the Royal Horse Racing Club.

TURF AUTHORITY means organisation responsible for controlling racing in any country and recognised as such internationally and by the Royal Horse Racing Club.

VETERINARY OFFICER OF THE CLUB means a registered veterinary surgeon licensed by the club and included in the list of officials published in the Racing Calendar or other official publication.

VISOR means a garment similar to blinkers in which both cowls have holes cut in them permitting limited side or rear vision.

WARNED OFF A person warned off a racecourse is one who is not permitted to enter any racecourse under the control of the club.

WEIGHT-FOR-AGE describes any race in which weights are allotted on a weight-for-age scale, this may include penalties and allowances.

WINNER means the winner of a race (see definition of "Race").

RACING INSTRUCTIONS

PART 1

THE ROYAL HORSE RACING CLUB, STEWARDS OF MEETINGS, LICENSING AND PUNISHMENTS

- 1 The Royal Horse Racing Club is established for the following reasons:
 - (i) For the purpose of making, altering, amending and administering the Racing Instructions in the Sultanate of Oman.
 - (ii) For the purposes of carrying on the trade or business of racecourse management and for the purpose of education, entertainment and participation by the general public.
 - (iii) To perform any act to encourage horse breeding and horse ownership in the Sultanate of Oman and to improve the quality of racing.
 - (iv) To organise, represent and promote horse racing on an international basis.
 - (v) To promote tourism, trade and commerce in the Sultanate of Oman.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ROYAL HORSE RACING CLUB

- 2 Membership of the Royal Horse Racing Club is unrestricted and members shall be appointed by the Council of the Royal Horse Racing Club.

POWERS

- 3 The Royal Horse Racing Club has power at its absolute discretion:
 - (i) To fix the dates on which all meetings shall be held and in the case of emergency or expediency to order the abandonment of any race or race meeting or to make

any alteration in the date of any such meeting and to supervise and make such alterations as they may think advisable in the programme of or the conditions of any race at any meeting.

- (ii) To grant or refuse to grant without giving any reason, licences to jockeys, amateur riders and trainers. But no application by an existing licence holder for another licence of the same category will be rejected without enquiry.
- (iii) To accept or refuse to accept or to cancel any registration under these Racing Instructions notwithstanding any implication to the contrary.
- (iv) To accept or refuse to accept entries and in the case of expediency, to refuse to allow a horse duly entered to run in any race, in which event the club may direct that the entrance money be remitted to the owner.
- (v) To make enquiry into and deal with any matters relating to racing whether such matters arise in the Sultanate of Oman or elsewhere, and to refer any such matter to the club or others for investigation and report, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, to enquire at any time into the running of any horse upon any course or courses, whether a report concerning the same has been made or decision arrived at by the club or not.
- (vi) At any time to exercise any power conferred on the club.
- (vii) To conduct and determine appeals from the Stewards or decisions of any person or body of persons to whom they have delegated any of their powers pursuant to and as provided for by these Racing Instructions.
- (viii) To entertain and decide objections lodged under

these Racing Instructions.

- (ix) To determine and regulate the form of and the procedure for any of the aforesaid enquiries, appeals or objections, including the conduct and hearing thereof and to vary as they may think fit such form or procedure, whether laid down in these Racing Instructions or otherwise, and whether in a particular case or in general.
- (x) To publish or authorise the publication of, in any newspaper, notice or otherwise, any punishment imposed or any decision or any action taken by them or by the Stewards with respect to any matter or person.
- (xi) Publish from time to time such Notices as they may think fit and which Notices shall have the same force and effect as one of the Racing Instructions.
- (xii) To exercise any other powers conferred upon them by these Racing Instructions and to take any such action as they consider necessary for the purpose of carrying out or putting into effect these Racing Instructions.
- (xiii) To make new Racing Instructions or modify the Racing Instructions or Notices or any part thereof or to suspend any Instruction or Notice or any part thereof for such period or periods as they think fit without giving prior notice; but should they do so, they shall publish such action as soon as possible thereafter.
- (xiv)(a) To punish any person contravening the Racing Instructions or disobeying any proper direction of any official or whose conduct or negligence has led or could have led to a breach of these Racing Instructions.
- (b) To punish any licensed person or official whose conduct or negligence or neglect in performance

of his duties has led, or could have led, to a breach of the Racing Instructions.

- (c) To withdraw or suspend the licence of any person who has committed any breach of the Racing Instructions if good cause has been shown.
- (d) To revoke or withdraw the licence issued to any person if the Royal Horse Racing Club shall determine in the exercise of their absolute discretion that his conduct, whether or not conduct associated with racing, has rendered him unsuitable to continue to hold the licence issued to him.
- (e) To disqualify a person. Provided that where a maximum penalty is prescribed, such penalty is not exceeded. Further, that where a mandatory penalty is prescribed, that such penalty is imposed.
- (xv) To confirm, adopt or enforce any punishment imposed by the Stewards or the Royal Horse Racing Club or comparable authorities of any racing club in any other country except as provided for under Racing Instruction 85 (i).
- (xvi) To make reciprocal arrangements with any such club for the recognition or enforcement of each other's punishments.
- (xvii) To annul or mitigate any punishment imposed by the Stewards.
- (xviii) To prescribe the forms to be used under these Racing Instructions.
- (xix) To delegate to any person or body of persons all or any of its powers under these Racing Instructions.
- (xx) To exclude or cause or order to be excluded for any period or for an indefinite period from any premises owned, licensed or controlled by them any person whose conduct they, in their absolute discretion,

consider to be such as to make the presence of such person on such premises undesirable in the interest of racing even though such person has no consented to be bound by the Racing Instructions. If any person in respect of whom such an order has been made subsequently agrees to be bound by the Racing Instructions, he shall be and remain a disqualified person during the period of the said order.

(xxi) To order any horse to undergo sampling for prohibited substances.

(xxii) To review a report from the Veterinary Officer, on the health or vaccination status of any horse and to allow such horse to compete in a race, if satisfied that it presents no health hazard to other runners or to itself.

- 4 If any case arises which is not or alleged not to be provided for by these Racing Instructions, it shall be determined by the Royal Horse Racing Club.

STEWARDS

- 5 (i) The Royal Horse Racing Club will appoint
- (a) A Chief Steward and Advisor
 - (b) Stewards
 - (c) Stewards' Assistants

POWERS OF THE STEWARDS

- 6 The Stewards have control over and free access to all stands, rooms, enclosures and other places used for the purposes of the meeting.
- 7 The Stewards shall exclude from all such places under their control every disqualified person from all such persons or description of persons as they may from time

to time be required by the Royal Horse Racing Club to exclude.

- 8 In addition to any other power conferred upon them by these Racing Instructions, the Stewards have full power:
- (i) To make (and if necessary, vary) all such arrangements for the conduct of the meeting as they think fit and to dispense with the starting stalls as provided in Racing Instruction 20 (iv).
 - (ii) Under exceptional circumstances, or if the weather or ground be in an unfit state for running, to postpone or abandon a day's racing or to postpone or abandon any races for that day whether before or after the commencement of the meeting or to cancel the requirement under Racing Instruction 55 that horses should be ridden in front of the stands.
 - (iii) To determine all questions arising in reference to racing at the meeting, except as otherwise provided in these Racing Instructions and subject to appeal under Racing Instruction 71.
 - (iv) At any time, to order an examination by such person or persons as they think fit of any horse entered for a race or which has run in a race.
 - (v) To make or cause to be made any test in their opinion desirable to determine whether any Prohibited Substance has been administered to any horse and to take possession on the course or elsewhere of any horse for any of the purposes aforesaid and to detain such horse for such period as they consider necessary.
 - (vi) To order down any rider without assigning any reason if they think fit to substitute another rider.
 - (vii) To prohibit any horse from starting in a race. Except that the stewards may allow a horse to run when its vaccination record is out of order due to an

- unintentional oversight provided that the advice of the veterinary officer on duty is that such permission would not expose any other runner to a disease risk.
- (viii) To order the removal of any shoes, racing plates equipment or gear which is not approved by the Stewards for use on that horse, or which, in their opinion, is unsuitable, unsafe or ineffective, and to punish any person responsible for the use of the same.
 - (ix) To order the withdrawal of a horse from any race at any time if in their opinion it is unfit to run or unable to start without unreasonable delay, or for any other reason, and declare such a horse a non-starter.
 - (x) In exceptional cases, to extend the time allowed for weighing-out, declaring weight, for starting, or for any other thing required by the Racing Instructions or conditions of a race.
 - (xi) (a) To punish the owner, trainer, rider and/or any other person found to be responsible for not allowing a horse to run on its merits in any race at the meeting or at any other meeting at which any one or more of them officiated as Race Meeting Stewards notwithstanding that no enquiry was held into the running of the horse in this/these other race(s).
 - (b) After enquiry to disqualify for such time and for such races as they shall determine any horse which has been the subject of fraudulent practice within the meaning of these Racing Instructions.
 - (c) After enquiry to order that future entries or declarations be not accepted for such time and for such races as they shall determine for any horse which in their opinion has been found to be unduly inconsistent, fractious or unsound.

- (d) After enquiry to punish by disqualification or otherwise any person who, in their opinion, has been responsible for or party to unduly in consistent running of any horse.
- (xii) To exclude at their discretion any person from all or any places under their control.
- (xiii) To enquire into, regulate, control, take cognisance of and adjudicate upon the conduct of all officials, owners, trainers, riders, grooms, persons attendant upon horses and of all persons frequenting the stands or other places used for the purposes of racing.
- (xiv) Unless otherwise provided for under these Racing Instructions, to determine and regulate in their absolute discretion the form of and the procedure for any of the aforementioned enquiries and to vary as they may think fit procedure whether in a particular case or generally and no enquiry or determination made by the Stewards may be rendered invalid or otherwise impugned for a defect or alleged defect in form or procedure.
- (xv) By notices exhibited and by form of public address system at the racecourse, to state and announce that an objection has been lodged, the subject and nature thereof, and also their decision in respect of such objection or of any other matter coming within their jurisdiction.
- (xvi) In addition to or in lieu of any other penalties or punishments as may be laid down in these Racing Instructions, to punish in accordance with Racing Instruction 11:
 - (a) Any person who in the opinion of the Stewards has committed any breach of any of the Racing Instructions.
 - (b) Any licensed person whose conduct or negligence

in the performance of his duties has led to or could have led to, a breach of the Racing Instructions.

- (c) Any person who gives or makes any false or misleading evidence, statement or declaration.
- (xvii) Make a report of all complaints to and decisions of the Stewards, of any accident between the time a jockey weighed out and weighed in, the result of any enquiry held by the Stewards and penalties imposed.

LICENSING COMMITTEE

- 9 (i) In accordance with Racing Instruction 3(xix), the Royal Horse Racing Club shall appoint a committee to be designated the Licensing Committee. The composition of the Committee will be at the discretion of the Royal Horse Racing Club, but will normally consist of at least two Council members of the Royal Horse Racing Club, the Secretary to the Royal Horse Racing Club and the Chief Steward & Advisor. A decision of three members of the committee including at least one Council Member will be considered valid.
- (ii) The Licensing Committee shall meet to conduct an enquiry on the recommendation of the Royal Horse Racing Club or Stewards and such enquiry shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures determined by the Royal Horse Racing Club.
- (iii) In exercise of Racing Instruction 3 (ix), the Royal Horse Racing Club may determine and regulate the form of and the procedure for any enquiry by the Licensing Committee including any enquiry:

- (a) To be held upon receipt of an application for a licence from any person required by these Rules to hold a licence; or,
 - (b) To be held as a result of a recommendation pursuant to Racing Instruction 9 (ii), including the conduct and hearing thereof and to vary, as they think fit, such form of procedure whether laid down in these Racing Instructions or otherwise, whether in a particular case or generally, and no hearing before or determination made by the Licensing Committee may be rendered invalid or otherwise impugned for a defect or alleged defect in form or procedure.
- (iv) The Royal Horse Racing Club may act in accordance with the powers conferred upon them pursuant to these Racing Instructions on any determination of the Licensing Committee provided that any person aggrieved by a decision of the Licensing Committee shall have a right of appeal to the Royal Horse Racing Club and such appeal shall be held and conducted in accordance with such form and procedure as the Royal Horse Racing Club may think fit and determine in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by Racing Instruction 3 (ix).
- (v) A person attending or required to attend before the Licensing Committee shall not be entitled to be represented by any other person, whether a member of the legal profession or otherwise, provided that an Apprentice Jockey may be represented by his master.

LICENCE APPLICATION

- 10 By applying for a licence, each applicant will be deemed to have agreed that:

- (i) The licence issued to him, unless and until revoked or withdrawn pursuant to these Racing Instructions, shall remain valid for the racing season or part racing season with respect to which it is issued, but upon expiry or prior revocation or withdrawal, the rights and/or privileges conferred shall cease.
- (ii) The licence issued to him may be revoked or withdrawn or suspended by the Royal Horse Racing Club if the Racing Association shall determine, in the exercise of their absolute discretion that his conduct, whether or not conduct associated with racing, has rendered him unsuitable to continue to hold the licence issued to him.
- (iii) The Royal Horse Racing Club, in exercise of their absolute discretion, may impose such restrictions as they consider appropriate either when issuing a licence or at any time during the period of its validity.
- (iv) The fees to be paid in respect of a licence shall be such as The Royal Horse Racing Club shall from time to time decide.
- (v) Any person making application for a licence for the first time may be required to undergo an examination based upon the Racing Instructions of the Royal Horse Racing Club and/or a training course the duration and content to be determined by the Council of the Royal Horse Racing Club - and to complete an application form setting out previous experience in horse racing.
- (vi) They agree to be bound and abide by the Royal Horse Racing Club Racing Instructions and Notices.

PUNISHMENTS

- 11 (i) Without prejudice to any other powers of punishment imposed by these Racing Instructions, any person or body authorised by these Racing Instructions to punish any person, may do so by disqualification or suspension for any period.
- (ii) No person shall be entitled to make any claim for amages by any reason or in consequence of the imposition, annulment, removal, mitigation or remission of any punishment imposed or purporting to be imposed under the Racing Instructions.
- (iii) No official or member of the club shall be liable to any person as a result of or in any way (either directly or indirectly) arising out of the exercise of any right, privilege, power, duty or discretion conferred or imposed or bona-fide believed to have been conferred or imposed under the Racing Instructions.
- (iv) Notwithstanding anything in these Racing Instructions, when an appeal has been duly instituted against a suspension or disqualification imposed under these Racing Instructions, the Royal Horse Racing Club may, in their absolute discretion and subject to such conditions as they think fit, suspend the operation in whole or in part of the Racing instructions imposing disabilities upon suspended or disqualified persons and horses until the determination of such appeal.
- (v) The power of disqualification in this context includes also the power to disqualify a horse for any reason including failure to start on more than three successive occasions, willful behaviour, and constituting a danger to the public, jockeys, officials or other horses.

PART 2 OFFICIALS

- 12 (i) A Director of Racing and Secretary to the club may be appointed by the club for a period at their discretion.
 - (ii) The following officials shall be appointed for each racing season by the club: Stewards, Handicappers, Clerk of the Scales, Judges, Starters, Veterinary Officers.
 - (iii) The following officials shall be appointed by the racecourse staging the meeting, Racecourse Manger, Medical Officers, Clerk of the Course.
- 13 In case of emergency, the Stewards may, during a meetng, appoint a substitute to fill any of the above named offices for that meeting only. Such substitute will have the responsibilities and authority to act in that capacity
- 14 Every complaint against an Official shall be made to the club in writing, signed by the complainant.
- 15 No person acting in any Official capacity at any racemeeting may have any pecuniary interest in any race at such race meeting.

VETERINARY OFFICER

- 16 The Veterinary Officers shall have responsibility:
- (i) To observe all races and to liaise with Stewards over selection of horses for sampling.
 - (ii) To examine all runners and their passports prior to racing for identification and vaccination purposes and ensure all runners are physically fit to start.
 - (iii) To inspect runners in the paddock in order to observe and report to the Stewards instances of clinical evidence of skin disease, drugs, sweating or other abnormality and the use of non approved or inappropriately applied gear and or racing plates.

- (iv) To provide evidence on horses marked with the whip.
- (v) To make clinical examination on horses sent for sampling.
- (vi) To supervise the sampling unit, and be responsible for manning of the unit, the custody and delivery of samples to the forensic laboratory.
- (vii) To examine horses on the Stewards' instructions which have run badly to ascertain an explanation.
- (viii) To undertake field enquiries.
- (ix) To inspect all runners post race and report to the Stewards any abnormalities.

CLERK OF THE SCALES

17 The Clerk of the Scales shall:

- (i) Weigh the riders in accordance with the conditions of the race and the Rules and furnish the starter with a list of runners.
- (ii) See that extra weight or any variation from the weight appearing on the programme be declared at scale. For any horse, such weight with number, also any alteration of colours and if a horse be wearing a hood or blinkers or visor, shall be announced and the Stewards informed in writing. In the event of a dead-heat for first place each horse running the dead-heat is deemed to be a winner.
- (iii) Order the announcement of such alteration in regard to allowances, overweights, change of riders and withdrawals as may be required.
- (iv) In all cases, except as provided in Racing Instruction 52 (iv) weigh in the riders of the horses placed by the Judge and report to the Stewards any rider not presenting himself to be weighed in or not drawing his correct weight as provided for in Racing Instruction 53 (iii).

- (v) Should an objection be lodged or an enquiry announced, order the appropriate signal to be exhibited. Once the result of an enquiry is known he should announce the result followed by "weighed in".
- (vi) At the close of each day's racing send a return of weights carried in every race and names of the riders specifying allowances claimed and overweight (if any) and of the horses which failed to complete the course, stating reasons.

HANDICAPPER

- 18 (i) The Handicapper in making a handicap shall allot the weights to be carried in accordance with the definition of a handicap and any rating system in use by Royal Horse Racing Club. The weights for all handicaps, and all other races, shall be published and no alteration shall be made to a weight except if the weights were incorrect because of:
- (a) A clerical error by the handicapper or the Royal Horse Racing Club at the time of publication of the weights and or declaration.
 - (b) Incomplete or inaccurate information on the form, age, sex or penalty value of any entry.
 - (c) A correctly nominated horse was not included in the original entries.
 - (d) Incorrect or amended conditions affected the original set of weights.
- Such alterations or additions may only be made before all horses are under starter's orders.
- (ii) The Handicapper will be responsible for allocating weights according to the conditions or terms of the race, provided that no horse is assigned more than 64 kgs or less than 52 kgs. Should a weight allotted

to a horse fall outside these parameters then the Handicapper may adjust the base weight so that, where possible, the penalties and allowances are maintained as originally published in the conditions of the race. A horse allotted a weight lower than the permitted bottom weight will be assigned the official bottom weight of 52 kg.

- (iii) A winning horse will become liable for penalties provided in the conditions of any race won, following publication of entry.
- (iv) Trainers of Purebred Arabian and Thoroughbred horses imported to race under the Rules of the Royal Horse Racing Club must supply an official race performance record acceptable to the Royal Horse Racing Club. The racing record of an imported horse must be lodged with the Royal Horse Racing Club prior to entry. Failure to do this will make the horse ineligible for races in Oman.

THE JUDGE

19 The Judge and/or his assistant shall:

- (i) Occupy the Judge's box at the time the horses pass the winning-post or the race may be declared void. He must announce his decision immediately or after consulting the photograph and shall base his decision exclusively on the position of the horses' noses at the time they pass the winning-post. Such decision shall be final unless an objection to the winner or any placed horse is made and sustained. Provided that this Rule shall not prevent a Judge from correcting any mistake, such correction being subject to confirmation by the Stewards, provided that the 'weighed in' signal has not been given.

- (ii) At the end of each day's racing, sign a report of the result of each race.
- (iii) The Judge will inform the Chairman of Stewards, of the result of each race once he is satisfied that he has reached the correct conclusion. The Chairman of Stewards (once the jockeys have weighed in) will inform the Announcer who will announce the official result over the public address system.
- (iv) The Judge may use the advice of the Stewards to determine the result in a close finish.

STARTER AND STARTING

- 20 (i) The Starter shall obtain a list of runners for each race from the Clerk of the Scales in the Weighing Room.
- (ii) Every horse shall be at the post ready to start at the appointed time. Horses may be led to the starting gate, carrying the jockey, provided the sanction of the Stewards has first been obtained.
- (iii) On arrival at the starting post, all riders must immediately place themselves under the control of the Starter.
- (iv) The horses must be started by the Official Starter or his authorised substitute and all races shall be started from starting stalls, provided that a race may be started with a flag by special permission of the club or in case of emergency, by permission of the Stewards .
- (v) (a) The Starter shall call over the names of the runners and assign the horses to the places drawn by lot, all horses taking their place at the start in the order drawn for them. The rider who has drawn No.1 must always be placed in the stall nearest the inside rail, the other jockeys must take

- their place in ascending order.
- (b) Horses drawn odd numbers will normally be loaded first, followed by those with even numbers, but this may be varied at the discretion of the Starter in the interests of speedy, safe and efficient loading to effect a fair start.
 - (c) If a horse is scratched from a race, all horses drawn on the outside of the scratched horse's allotted draw, may be moved in towards the inside rail, if it is deemed expedient to do so.
 - (d) The Starter must ensure that the back gates are closed and securely locked on all horses.
- (vi) The Starter shall give all orders necessary for securing a fair start.
- (vii) In a start with a flag, the Starter has full power to remove an unruly horse and should he do so, he must place it at such distance to one side or behind the other runners that it cannot gain any advantage itself or cause danger to or prejudice the chances of the other horses and riders engaged in the race. Permission may be given by the Starter for a horse to be held or the Starter may himself order an unruly horse to be held but in all cases, the horse must be held "at a stand" behind the other runners. Should an unruly horse cause undue delay it may be withdrawn by the Stewards and declared a non-starter.
- (viii)(a) In a start from starting stalls, the Starter shall report immediately to the Stewards any horse which fails to enter the place allotted by the draw or which becomes unruly.
- (b) Permission may be given by the Starter for a horse to be held or the Starter may himself order a horse to be held in any stall.
- (ix) (a) Should the Starter consider that through any

cause a horse is unable to start he shall at once so notify the Stewards.

- (b) Should the Starter consider that it is impossible to get a horse into a starting stall in a reasonable time or if, in his opinion, any horse has been prevented from starting by the mechanical failure of any starting stall, or any reason of its not being placed in its starting stall, or if a start has been effected while any horse is riderless, or if any horse was denied a fair start, and the Stewards are of the opinion that such occurrence materially prejudiced the chances of such horse, the Stewards may declare such a horse to be a non-starter and make any appropriate orders.
- (x) The Starter shall report to the Stewards any rider who misconducts himself at the start.
- (xi) (a) Should the Starter consider that through any faulty action of the starting stalls, or for any other reason, a fair start has not been effected, he shall declare it a false start and order the riders, by means of a recall flag or false start siren to return to post. The Starter's decision on these points shall be final. When the Starter has declared a false start, the Stewards shall decide whether the race is to be restarted as soon as practicable or whether the race is to be abandoned.
 - (b) Where the recall flag is raised or the false start siren is activated without the order of the Starter, he shall nonetheless declare it a false start.
 - (c) Should the Starter declare a false start and the recall flag is not raised or the false start siren is not activated, the race may, on enquiry, be declared void and re-run.
 - (d) Should the Starter declare a false start and the

recall flag be raised or false start siren activated, any horse completing the course will be disqualified.

- (xii) A start in front of the starting post or on a wrong course is void and the horses must be started again as soon as practicable. But in the event of any horse running the course from a void start, the trainer or owner may, with the consent of the Stewards, withdraw his horse from the race.
- (xiii) The Starter shall report to the Stewards all cases in which he has dispensed with the starting stalls or made any notification under Racing Instruction 20 (xi) his reasons for doing so, and through what cause any delay was occasioned.
- (xiv) Under no circumstances will any trainer, attendant, Starter's assistant, or any handler be allowed to use a whip or otherwise strike in any way any horse while that horse is under the control of the Starter prior to and during the start of any race.
- (xv) No owner, trainer, or employee will be allowed upon the course at the start without the permission of the Stewards.
- (xvi) All horses that have not started in a race administered by a recognised Turf Authority must be approved by the Starter or other authorised person as being tractable whilst entering, standing and leaving the stalls before it can be declared to start in a race started from stalls. It shall be the responsibility of the trainer to obtain from the Starter or other authorised person a Certificate to the effect that the horse has been so approved and to produce same to the Stewards and the Royal Horse Racing Club on demand.
- (xvii) The Starter shall maintain with the Royal Horse Racing Club a list of all approved horses.

Furthermore, the Starter must also keep a Starter's List which shall be posted in the Racing Calendar listing the names of all horses ineligible to start for want of adequate training whilst entering, standing and leaving the gate. The horses shall be schooled under the supervision of the Starter or other authorised persons.

- (xviii) Any horse which appears on the Starters' list may not be declared for any race until such time as it has been removed from the Starters' list by the Starter or the Stewards.

PART 3 HORSES

- 21 The age of a horse shall be reckoned as being from January 1 in the year in which it is foaled.

REGISTRATION OF NAMES

- 22 (i) A name may only be registered for a horse in the Sultanate of Oman by application to the Royal Cavalry Horse Registry Office on the prescribed form signed by or on behalf of the owner.
- (ii) For horses imported to Oman a complete record of the horse's performances must be lodged with the Royal Horse Racing Club by close of entry.

PART 4
OWNERS, COLOURS
OWNERS

- 23 (i) The Royal Horse Racing Club will maintain a register of the names of owners of horses. The name of an owner may only be registered by application on the prescribed form signed by the owner or authorised agent.
- (ii) An owner can appoint in writing or on a special form signed for that purpose an “authorised agent” who will act on his behalf. Such agent will be subject to the Racing Instructions.
- (iii) No person under the age of 18 years may own or race a racehorse, unless the Royal Horse Racing Club has given specific approval.

RACING COLOURS

- 24 (i) Every owner in whose name a horse is to run may register colours by application to the Royal Horse Racing Club and colours so registered shall not be taken by any other person. All disputes as to the right to particular colours shall be settled by the club.
- (ii) When an owner has more than one runner in a race, the runners shall carry different coloured caps to distinguish them, or in the case of an owner having more than one set of registered racing colours, such owner may be permitted to use a second or other sets of colours in a race.
- (iii) The registered colours for any horse at time of declaration cannot be changed except by a decision of the Stewards and a penalty may be imposed.
- (iv) The registration of racing colours shall be renewed

anually at a fee so prescribed by Royal Horse Racing Club.

- (v) The registration of a set of racing colours will lapse if it is not renewed for 3 consecutive years. Such colours will then become available.

DEATH OF AN OWNER

- 25 Nothing in these Racing Instructions shall prevent the personal representative of a deceased person running a horse solely under the description "Executor(s) or Administrator(s) or Personal Representative of Deceased". Unless and until called upon by the club to do so, a personal representative need not apply to be put on the register of owners provided that the deceased owner was registered at the time of his death.

PART 5 TRAINERS

- 26 Every trainer of a horse running under these Racing Instructions must obtain from the Royal Horse Racing Club, subject to such restrictions and conditions as they consider necessary, either:
- (i) A licence, to be applied for on the prescribed form which may be granted for any period up to a year, or,
 - (ii) A permit, in the case of a person training only those horses which are the sole property (free from all leases or other joint arrangements, except those between persons for whom he is entitled to train) of himself, his spouse, parents, sons or daughters (or the executors or administrators of such persons), to be applied for on the prescribed form which may be

granted for any period up to a year.

- (iii) A trainer may be issued with a probationary licence, at the discretion of the Royal Horse Racing Club, if he previously trained horses in a country not a recognised Turf Authority, provided that he has satisfied the Royal Horse Racing Club that he has a good knowledge of the Rules Of Racing and horse management. A probationary trainers licence will lapse at the end of the season of issue, or a full licence will be issued once the applicant has shown his competence.
- (iv) Applications for a trainer's licence will be rejected if applicant is aged under 18. Applicants for Licence to Train in the Sultanate of Oman must meet with the following requirements and conditions:
 - (a) To understand and adhere to the Royal Horse Racing Club rules of racing.
 - (b) To have at least two horses to train.
 - (c) To have a suitable and appropriate track for training horses, (both the stable and track may be inspected by a Royal Horse Racing Club representative).
 - (d) To have and maintain a proper stable in accordance with the standards already established in the Sultanate of Oman.
 - (e) To have veterinary care by a veterinarian experienced in horse racing.

27 Each trainer shall:

- (i) (a) Conduct his business properly and with due regard to the interest of his owners and is responsible for the good management and training of the horses in his charge.

- (b) Be responsible for all matters pertaining to the running of his stable including stable routine, feeding, security inside the stable and the welfare and conduct of his stable staff.
 - (c) Conduct his business and fulfill his responsibilities in compliance with all directions, if any, of his owners and of the Royal Horse Racing Club.
 - (d) Fulfill his obligations to his retained jockey.
 - (e) Be required to declare his horses in training prior to the beginning of the season.
 - (f) Notify Royal Horse Racing Club of any horses which leave or come into his stable during the season
- (ii) Failure by a trainer to fulfill Racing Instruction 27(i) to the satisfaction of the Royal Horse Racing Club shall constitute an offence under these Racing Instructions.

PART 6

JOCKEYS, APPRENTICE JOCKEYS, AMATEUR RIDERS

JOCKEYS

- 28 No person shall ride in any race under these Rules unless he has obtained:
- (i) A Jockey or Amateur Rider licence issued by the Royal Horse Racing Club pursuant to these Racing Instructions. A Licence will not be granted to persons under the age of 16.
 - (ii) A current licence issued by a recognised Turf Authority. Should the licence be issued by an unrecognised Turf Authority, he must also provide a clearance certificate issued by that Turf Authority.
 - (iii) As an Apprentice, permission granted by the Royal Horse Racing Club pursuant to Racing Instruction 29.

- (iv) A Probationary Rider licence may be issued to a rider at the discretion of the Royal Horse Racing Club, provided that a licensed trainer or official from the Royal Horse Racing Club recommends that a probationary licence be issued. A full licence will be issued, if and when the Royal Horse Racing Club is satisfied as to the rider's competence and knowledge of the Racing Instructions. A Probationary Rider licence will lapse at the end of the season of issue and the Royal Horse Racing Club reserves the right to withdraw such Probationary Rider Licence at any stage without assigning a reason.

APPRENTICE JOCKEYS

- 29 (i) Any person bound as an Apprentice may be granted by the Royal Horse Racing Club permission to ride in races with the consent of his master.
- (ii) Any trainer licensed by the club desiring to take an Apprentice shall first apply for the approval of the club which may be given or granted on such terms and conditions as the club think fit, or be withheld without reason.
- (iii) All Apprentice Agreements shall contain such provisions as shall be prescribed and approved by the club and shall be for a period of one year. Extensions by one year periods may be granted following a review by a board appointed by the club. Apprentice Agreements shall be lodged at the Registry Office of the club.
- (iv) All engagements for an Apprentice to ride in races must be made by his master and no Apprentice shall ride in any race for any person other than his master without his master's consent.
- (v) Any Apprentice leaving his employment without the

consent of his master or without just cause shall have his Apprentice Agreement cancelled.

- 30 (i) A licenced trainer may employ an Apprentice Jockey after prior approval from the Royal Horse Racing Club. The application for the approval must be made in writing and the Apprentice Agreement signed by all parties.
- (ii) An Apprentice Jockey holding a licence issued by a recognised Turf Authority may transfer his Indentures on a short term basis to a licensed trainer in the Sultanate of Oman with the written approval of the Turf Authority and Trainer (Master) who holds the indentures.

AMATEUR RIDERS

- 31 (i) An Amateur Rider's licence will not be issued to any one who has ridden for hire unless two years have expired since last holding a professional jockey's licence. However, the club may issue a licence if they believe that the circumstances in which the applicant "rode for hire" justify the issue of an Amateur Rider's licence.
- (ii) Before the Royal Horse Racing Club will issue a licence to ride the applicant must provide the licensing department with a letter of recommendation from a trainer licensed by the Royal Horse Racing Club or other recognised Turf Authority.
- (iii) It is an offence under these Rules for a person who holds an Amateur rider's licence to accept payment either directly or indirectly for riding in a race with the exception of expenses approved by the Royal Horse Racing Club.

JOCKEY FEES

- 32 (i) The riding fee for a jockey shall be determined from time to time by the Racing Association and shall be payable when the rider has weighed out for and is fit to ride in a race. A percentage of the riding fee may be deducted by the Royal Horse Racing Club for the purposes of the Jockeys' Accident Insurance Scheme. Such percentage will be determined by the Royal Horse Racing Club.
- (ii) In addition:
- (a) For a winning ride, 10% of the value of the prize money to the winner.
 - (b) For the placed horses, 10% of the value of the prizemoney to the placed horses.
 - (c) For these purposes, the value of the prize shall not include any trophy won under the conditions of the race nor any money or trophy won for any person other than the owner.
- 33 When an amateur rider rides, any prize money percentages earned by the amateur will be paid back into the race fund.
- 34 Any agreement or retainer between a jockey and a trainer or owner must be registered with the Royal Hore Racing Club

PART 7 PENALTIES AND ALLOWANCES

- 35 (i) In calculating the amount a horse has won in any race, account shall be taken of all prizemoney derived from stakes, excluding any prize given specifically to the trainer, rider or stable in the conditions of the race.
- (ii) The value of a race to the winner shall be calculated before deduction of the percentages payable under Racing Instruction 81 and in the case of a dead-heat

after the prizes have been divided in accordance with Racing Instruction 63 shall be used for the purpose of calculating penalties, allowances and qualifications.

PART 8
ENTRIES, DECLARATIONS, WITHDRAWALS, SALES
WITH ENGAGEMENTS
ENTRIES AND DECLARATIONS

- 36 (i) Every entry and declaration shall be received at a place and time appointed by Royal Horse Racing Club and may be withdrawn or altered up to the respective time of closing.
- (ii) A horse which is entered in a race for which it is not eligible will render the trainer liable to a penalty.
- (iii) The list of entries shall be closed at the advertised time and except in very exceptional circumstances as determined by the Royal Horse Racing Club, no entries will be accepted after that time, always excepting that any race which attracts five or fewer entries may be reopened for a further period of 24 hours and that horses may be transferred to other races in accordance with instructions by the club.
- (iv) A race which attracts less than six entries may be abandoned and a substitute race inserted or an existing race divided at the discretion of the Royal Horse Racing Club . The conditions of the substitute race must be published prior to the close of entries. The list of entries shall be closed at the advertised time and except in very exceptional circumstances, no entries will be accepted after that time.
- (v) When a substitute race has been framed, but is not required as a substitute, the Royal Horse Racing Club may run the race as an extra race.

FORM OF ENTRY OR NOMINATION

- 37 (i) Entries and withdrawals of such entries before the time of closing shall be made in writing and signed by the owner of the horse or his authorised agent.
- (ii) For the purpose of this Rule, an Email message shall be deemed to be in writing.
- 38 No horse shall be entered unnamed. The entry shall state the registered name of the horse.
- 39 Entries and subscriptions shall not become void on the death of the person in whose name they are made or taken and all rights, privileges and liabilities that could have attached to the deceased person had he or she been alive shall attach to his or her personal representative.

STRIKING OUT OF ENGAGEMENT

- 40 (i) A striking out of engagement shall be made in writing by the owner or his authorised agent, subject to the Racing Instructions relating to sales with engagements and for the purpose of this Rule, an Email message shall be deemed to be in writing.
- (ii) The document striking a horse out of engagements shall state the name of the horse and give details of the engagement.

SALE WITH ENGAGEMENTS

- 41 When a horse is sold with his engagements or any part of them the seller cannot strike the horse out of any such engagements.

PART 9
DECLARATION OF RUNNERS AND RIDERS

- 42 (i) Every declaration to run must be lodged with the Royal Horse Racing Club at such time as stipulated in the conditions of entry. Such declarations shall be subject to withdrawal or alteration up to the time fixed for declaration.
- (ii) Unless otherwise approved all declarations shall state the name of the race and shall be in writing signed by the owner or his authorised agent on the prescribed form.
- (iii) Trainers must state their preference when declaring a horse in more than one race.
- (iv) Trainers must confirm colours and/or cap colours at time of declaration in the case of declaring two or more horses with the same owner in any race. Should a cap colour not be declared the Royal Horse Racing Club will assign a cap colour without consultation.
- (v) Trainers and/or their representative must declare a rider by the prescribed time for each horse declared to start.
- a) Should a trainer fail to name a rider by the prescribed time the Royal Horse Racing Club may assign a rider without consultation and the trainer or any other person at fault may be fined.
- b) Any change of rider thereafter can only be made with the approval of the Stewards.
- c) Any change of rider after the prescribed time for naming of riders shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Racing Instruction 44 (iv) where practicable.
- (vi) With each entry the trainer must declare if the horse will be wearing blinkers, cheek pieces, ear plugs,

hood, pacifiers, shadow roll, tongue tie or visor. Failure to do so will mean the horse will not be allowed to start carrying this equipment.

- (vii) If at the time of closing declarations there are less than six (6) declared runners, the Royal Horse Racing Club may :
 - (a) Reopen the race for entry to all eligible horses.
 - (b) If after reopening the race there is still only one declared runner, the race will be abandoned.
 - (c) If after the implementation of Racing Instruction 42 (vii) (a) there is more than one declared runner but less than six (6), the race may be abandoned.
- (viii) (a) The race may be abandoned and a substitute race inserted or an existing race divided at the discretion of the Royal Horse Racing Club.
 - (b) When any race is divided the amount of prizemoney may be divided.
- (ix) Provided that the Royal Horse Racing Club, in its absolute discretion, may abandon any race (whether re-opened or not) which in its opinion fails to attract a suitable field.

PART 10 FORFEIT LIST

- 43 For so long as the name of a registered owner or any other person or horse is in the Forfeit list or for so long as the name of a registered owner or any other person is in a list similar to the forfeit list published by a recognised Turf Authority, such person or horse is disqualified. The registration in accordance with these Racing Instructions of any registered owner or any licence given by the Racing Association to any person whose name is in the forfeit list or in a list similar to the forfeit list published by a recognised Turf Authority shall be cancelled.

PART 11
WEIGHING ROOM, WEIGHING OUT, NON RUNNERS,
EQUIPMENT
WEIGHING ROOM

- 44 (i) No person shall be admitted to the weighing room or designated area for weighing in or weighing out riders without special leave from the Stewards except an official of the meeting, the trainer and rider, or other person having the care of a horse engaged in the race. Any person refusing to leave shall be reported to the Stewards.
- (ii) No persons other than officials of the meeting, jockeys and apprentices shall be permitted access to the jockeys' room.
- (iii) Each rider who has been engaged to ride in a race shall be physically present in the jockeys' room no later than one (1) hour prior to post time for the first race in which he is scheduled to ride, unless excused by the Stewards, or the Clerk of Scales and upon arrival shall report to the Clerk of Scales his engagements. In the event a rider should fail for any reason to arrive in the jockeys' room prior to one (1) hour before post time of a race in which he is scheduled to ride, the Clerk of Scales shall so advise the Stewards, upon receiving advice from the trainer or his authorized agent, who thereupon may name a substitute rider and shall cause announcement to be made of any such rider substitution.
- (iv) If a rider after being declared is prevented by accident or illness or other cause from riding, the Stewards may permit another rider to be substituted.
- (v) It is the responsibility of the trainer to ensure that the

colours declared for runners are made available at the scales room no later than 45 minutes prior to their respective races.

WEIGHING OUT

- 45 (i) No rider shall be weighed out (except as provided below) for any race unless the horse and the rider have been declared under Racing Instruction 42.
- (ii) Should a rider who has been declared not present himself to be weighed, another rider may, with the permission of the Stewards, be substituted, provided always that he can be weighed within the time specified in (iii). Any rider may be punished if, in the opinion of the Stewards, he fails to fulfill a race riding engagement. The Stewards may also punish any person responsible for a rider committing a breach of this rule.
- (iii) Every rider must be weighed for a specified horse by the Clerk of the Scales at the appointed place not less than 15 minutes before the time fixed for the race. In exceptional cases, the Stewards may extend the time allowed for declaring runners under this Rule for weighing, declaring weight and exhibiting numbers.
- (iv) No jockey will be allowed to weigh out carrying more than one kilogram over the allotted weight unless prior approval has been given by the Stewards. Any jockey in breach of this rule may be punished and/or another rider substituted.
- (v) Any rider who accepts a ride for more than one horse in any race may be punished.
- 46 The following articles must be put on to the scales both in weighing out and weighing in:
- (i) Everything carried or worn by the rider and by the horse in a race except the number cloth, skull cap, whip, goggles, bridle (including noseband), rings,

muzzle, hood, blinkers, visor, cheek pieces, tongue tie, pacifier, shadow roll, earplugs, martingale, breastplate and anything worn on the horse's legs or hooves.

- (ii) To compensate for the rider having to wear a body protector the scales will be adjusted by one (1) kg.
- (iii) Any rider who weighs out, or attempts to weigh out when not wearing an approved body protector may be punished.

47 If a rider, after he has been weighed for a specified horse and before he has come under starter's order, is prevented by accident or illness from riding in the race, another rider may be substituted provided there is no unreasonable delay.

NON-RUNNERS

- 48 (i) Every horse which has been declared a runner under Racing Instruction 42 shall run in the race. If it fails to do so, the Stewards shall hold an enquiry. If they are satisfied that the horse was unfit to run or that circumstances unacceptable to the Stewards prevented the horse from running, they may impose a penalty on the owner or his representative or place a ban on acceptance of entries for such horse for a specified number of meetings.
- (ii) If a horse is withdrawn from a race on veterinary grounds a certificate from a veterinary surgeon must be submitted within forty-eight hours of the running of the race. Such horse will not be permitted to take part in a race within ten days of its withdrawal, unless a Veterinary Certificate stating its suitability to race, is received by the Royal Horse racing Club.
- (iii) Trainers are personally responsible to ensure that notification of any horse withdrawn under subsections (i) & (ii), has been received by the Stewards as soon

as practicable. Failure to do so will render the trainer liable to a fine.

EQUIPMENT

- All equipment used in track work and races is subject to the approval of Stewards pursuant to the conditions of Royal Horse Racing Club Racing Instruction 8(viii).
- 49 The saddle comprises the saddle itself, the girth, the surcingle, the stirrup irons and the leathers or webs and the rider is responsible for the fit condition of the saddle which he uses, but in the case of an Apprentice, the responsibility rests with him and his master.
- 50 (i) No rider shall ride in any race unless he is wearing a correctly fitted and fastened skull cap of a pattern approved by the Royal Horse Racing Club (see Notice 5). The rider is responsible for the serviceable condition of the skull cap, but in the case of an Apprentice, the responsibility rests with him and his master.
- (ii) The use of blinding hoods or blinding blinkers or any form of shutter is prohibited in any race.
- (iii) No substitute for a whip shall be carried in any race.
- (iv) No rider will ride in any race unless he is wearing a body protector of a design approved by the Royal Horse Racing Club (see Notice 4).
- (v) The modification of a body protector will negate its approval. Any person in possession of a modified body protector may be punished.
- 51 (i) Every horse running in a race shall carry a number cloth which must be worn so that the number is clearly visible.
- (ii) If a horse is intended to wear blinkers, hood, visor, earplugs, shadow roll, cheek pieces, pacifier or tongue tie they must be worn by the horse on the way

- to the start and during the race.
- (iii) Only ear plugs approved by the Royal Horse Racing Club are permitted to be used in a race. When a horse is to run in a race with ear plugs, such ear plugs must not be removed until such time as the horse has been unsaddled following the race. Provided that the Stewards may allow a horse to wear ear plugs to proceed to the start, such ear plugs must be removed by the Starter or his staff prior to the horse being placed in its stall.
 - (iv) Each runner shall carry articles which are deemed necessary for the proper control and presentation of racing. This includes, but is not limited to bridle numbers and timing transponders. No article in this category shall be included in the rider's weight when weighing in or out.

PART 12

WEIGHING-IN

- 52 (i) Immediately after pulling up, the riders of the horses placed first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth in each race must ride their horses to the place appointed for unsaddling and the horses shall remain there until ordered to be taken away by the Steward in charge or his representative.
- (ii) In cases where the Judge is consulting the photograph and has not announced his decision before the jockeys return to weigh in, riders may dismount either inside or within reasonable distance of the place appointed for unsaddling the winner. In such cases the Clerk of the Scales shall weigh in all the riders until such time as the Judge's decision is announced.
- (iii) If a rider does not present himself to be weighed in or dismounts before reaching the place appointed for

that purpose or touches (except accidentally) any person or thing other than his own equipment before weighing in, his horse may be disqualified and the rider may be punished unless he can satisfy the Stewards that he was justified by extraordinary circumstances.

- (iv) If a rider sustain injury or be too ill to weigh in, his horse shall not be disqualified provided that the rider weighed out at not less than his proper weight and the Stewards are satisfied that there are no circumstances which suggest that less than the proper weight was carried throughout the race.
 - (v) Jockeys must unsaddle their horse alone without help (except in case of injury or illness.)
- 53 (i) In weighing in, a rider shall include in his weight everything that the horse has carried in the race except as provided in Racing Instruction 46.
- (ii) If a rider weighs in at more than his correct weight he shall be reported to the Stewards. The horse shall not be disqualified under this Rule.
 - (iii) If a horse carries more than 0.5kg less than the weight it should carry in accordance with the conditions of the race and these Racing Instructions, then on sustained protest/objection it shall be disqualified from the race and the jockey may be penalised.
- 54 (i) When the riders have weighed in to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Scales at the correct weight except as under Racing Instructions 52(iv) and 53(iii) the Stewards shall authorise "weighed in" to be announced; provided that they shall not authorise this until:
- (a) Any objection which may have been lodged on

grounds mentioned in Racing Instructions 66(iii) and (iv) has been decided.

- (b) A decision in an enquiry under Racing Instruction 67(iii) has been made.
- (ii) No objection on any grounds other than those mentioned in Racing Instructions 66 (iii) and (iv) shall be entertained prior to the announcement.

PART 13

GOING TO POST, RUNNING OF THE RACE, VOID RACES, WALKING OVER, DEAD HEATS

GOING TO THE POST

- 55 The Stewards may decide that horses must be ridden in front of the stand before the post and the Stewards shall decide the distance to be traversed. If any horse is not ridden in front of the stand, the Stewards shall hold an enquiry as to whether the rider made reasonable endeavour to comply with this Rule.

RUNNING OF THE RACE

- 56 (i) All horses must be on course at least 45 minutes prior to their respective races.
- (ii) Every horse which runs in a race shall run on its merits.
- (iii) The rider of every horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure his horse is given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible placing in the field.
- (iv) Any person who, in the opinion of the Stewards, breaches or is party to a breach of any portion of this rule may be punished.
- 57 (i) The rider of any horse who, in the opinion of the

- Stewards, rides in a dangerous, careless, reckless, improper or foul manner, shall be guilty of an offence.
- (ii) The rider of any horse who, in the opinion of the Stewards, rides in an incompetent manner, shall be guilty of an offence.
 - (iii) The rider of any horse who fails to ride his mount out to the end of the race to the satisfaction of the Stewards may be punished.
- 58 (i) A horse may on a protest/objection be disqualified if its jockey jeopardised the chance of any other horse in a race.
- (ii) When a placed horse or its jockey is found to have caused interference, that horse may, on a protest/objection be disqualified, or placed last, or placed behind the horse or horses with which it interfered if the Stewards consider that the horse interfered with would have finished ahead of the first mentioned horse had such interference not occurred.
- For the purposes of this Rule “placed horse” means a horse placed in a place that qualifies it for prize money.
- 59 (i) The trainer or other person in charge of a horse shall report to the Stewards as soon as practicable any condition or other matter which may significantly effect the running of their horse in a race.
- (ii) The trainer and/or jockey shall report to the Stewards anything which might have effected the running of their horse in any race.
- (iii) In the event of anything that might have any bearing on the past or future running of a horse come to the notice of the trainer of such horse, the trainer shall report the matter to the Stewards as soon as practicable.
- (iv) The trainer and/or jockey of a horse which has competed in a race shall immediately after such race report to the Stewards any loss or breakage of gear,

or any other unusual happening related to the horse during the running of the race.

VOID RACE

- 60 (i) If a race has been run by all the horses at the wrong weights or over the wrong course or if the Judge or his authorised substitute is not in the box at the time the horses pass the winning post or if the race has been started in front of the starting stalls or post or if the Starter has declared a false start and the recall flag is not raised, the Stewards shall order the race to be run again the same day if practicable, but if otherwise, it shall be abandoned and thereby declared void.
- (ii) The Stewards may declare any race void or may order any race to be re-started or re-run.

WALKING OVER

- 61 It shall not be necessary for a horse to "walk over" the entire course and if only one horse goes to post, that horse shall be ridden past the Judge's box and shall be deemed the winner.

DEAD-HEATS

- 62 When horses run a dead-heat for first or any lower place, the owners shall divide any prizes as stipulated in Rule 63 and the dead-heat shall not be run off, but on a dead-heat for a match, the match is off.
- 63 When two horses run a dead-heat for first place, all prizes to which the first and second horses would have been entitled shall be divided equally between them and this principle shall be observed in dividing prizes whatever the

number of dead-headers and whatever the place for which the dead-heat is run. Each horse that divides a prize for first shall be deemed a winner (for penalties see Racing Instruction 35).

- 64 When a dead-heat is run for second place or minor placings and an objection is made to the winner or other placed horses by one of the deadheaders and sustained, the horses which ran the dead-heat shall be deemed to have run a dead-heat for first, second, third or fourth place as applicable.
- 65 If the dividing owners cannot agree as to which of them is to have a cup or other prize which cannot be divided, the question shall be determined by lot by the Stewards who shall decide what sum of money shall be paid by the owner who takes the cup or other indivisible prize to the other owner or owners.

PART 14

OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

- 66 (i) If an objection to a horse engaged in a race be made not later than half past ten in the morning of the day of the race the Stewards may require his qualification to be proved before the race and in default of such proof being given to their satisfaction, they may declare him disqualified.
- (ii) An objection to the distance of a course officially designated must be made before a race.
- (iii) An objection to the decision of the Clerk of the Scales must be made at once.
- (iv) (a) An objection to a horse on the grounds of interference or any act on the part of his rider or of his not having run a proper course or of the race having been run on a wrong course or of any other matter occurring in the race shall be made

to the Clerk of Scales or Stewards before the riders of all placed runners have weighed in.

- (b) An objection on the ground that the rider did not present himself to weigh in or that he could not draw the correct weight except as provided under Racing Instruction 52 (iv) and 53(iii) shall be lodged before the "Weighed in" announcement is made.
 - (c) No objection on any other ground than these shall be heard before the "Weighed In" announcement is made.
 - (v) An objection on any other ground than those laid down in Racing Instructions 66(iii) and (iv) must be received within 14 days of the conclusion of a meeting.
 - (vi) In cases of fraud or wilful mis-statement, there shall be no limit to the time for objecting, provided the club are satisfied that there has been no unnecessary delay on the part of the objector. Such objection shall not be heard until the announcement under Racing Instruction 54 has been made.
 - (vii) Nothing in these Instructions shall restrict the operation at any time of Racing Instructions 3, 7 and 8.
- 67 (i) An objection shall be lodged by the rider, trainer or owner or authorised agent of a horse engaged in the race.
- (a) In cases coming under Racing Instructions 66 (iii) and (iv) it must be made to a Steward or the Clerk of the Scales.
 - (b) In cases coming under Racing Instruction 66 (v) it must be made to the Royal Horse Racing Club.
 - (c) In other cases it must be made to the Secretary to the club.
- (ii) An objection, made under the provisions of these rules maybe made without deposit. In the event of the Stewards deciding that an objection is frivolous or vexatious, it shall be in the power of the Stewards

- to impose a penalty for the objector .
- (iii) An objection may also be made by a Steward of the meeting in his official capacity.
 - (iv) An objection made by the Stewards on any matter contained in Racing Instruction 66(iv), shall have the force and consequences of an objection and all relevant Racing Instructions shall operate.
 - (v) An objection cannot be withdrawn without leave of the Stewards.
- 68 (i) Every objection under Racing Instruction 66(iii) or (iv) shall be decided by the Stewards.
- (ii) Every other objection shall be decided by the Royal Horse Racing Club or by such other body or panel delegated pursuant to Racing Instruction 3(xix).
- 69 Pending the determination of an objection, any prize which the horse objected to may have won or may win in the race shall be withheld until the objection is determined and any forfeit payable by the owner of any other horse shall be paid to and held by the club for the person who may be entitled to it.
- 70 If an objection against a horse which has won or been placed in a race be declared valid, such horse may be placed in a finishing position behind the horse whose connections have successfully objected. Other placed horses shall take positions accordingly, subject always to the discretion allowed under Racing Instruction 58(i) & (ii).

APPEALS

- 71 Any person who is subject to an objection or decision made by the Stewards who is aggrieved by that decision shall be entitled to appeal to the Royal Horse Racing Club.
- 72 (i) The appellant shall lodge Notice of Appeal at the

Royal Horse Racing Club within 48 hours of the Stewards issuing their decision.

- (ii) The Notice of Appeal must be signed by the appellant, his agent or lawyer and state his grounds for appeal in general terms.
 - (iii) The Royal Horse Racing Club may forward the Notice of Appeal to the Stewards concerned who may submit written comments on the grounds for appeal, to the club. If they do so a copy of their comments will be supplied to the appellant not later than 48 hours prior to the appointed time for the hearing of the appeal.
 - (iv) Without prejudice to the generality of their powers contained in Racing Instruction 3 the Royal Horse Racing Club may require the Stewards to attend the hearing of the appeal, but the Stewards will not deliberate with the club hearing the appeal.
 - (v) In calculating time under clauses (i) and (iii), Fridays and public holidays shall not be included.
 - (vi) In the event of the appeal being decided to be frivolous or vexatious, it shall be in the power of the Royal Horse Racing Club to penalise the appellant within the limit set down in Racing Instruction 67(ii).
 - (vii) Once the Notice of Appeal has been lodged, an appeal may not be withdrawn without leave of the club.
- 73 (i) The appeal shall be heard by at least three members of the club or person/body of persons so delegated under Racing Instruction 3(xix) who shall decide the appeal by majority decision. The appeal shall be by way of a hearing “de novo”. No official of the Royal Horse Racing Club involved in the previous hearing can adjudicate the appeal.
- (ii) Without prejudice to the generality of their powers contained in Racing Instruction 3, the Royal Horse Racing Club may, at its absolute discretion, deter-

mine and regulate the procedure and conduct of the appeal either generally or in respect of the particular appeal.

- (iii) The Royal Horse Racing Club shall decide the appeal on the balance of probabilities after considering any evidence already taken by the Stewards and such additional evidence (including written and oral evidence) which in their opinion, it is desirable to admit or obtain.
- (iv) On hearing the appeal, the Royal Horse Racing Club or person/body of persons so delegated under Racing Instruction 3(xix) may:
 - (a) Uphold the decision appealed against, in whole or in part or vary the same in such manner as they see fit.
 - (b) Increase or diminish any term of disqualification or suspension or any penalty imposed subject in each case to the maximum or minimum penalty prescribed by the Racing Instruction under which such penalty was imposed.
 - (c) Reverse such decision.
 - (d) Exercise any of the powers given to them by Racing Instruction 3 and in particular may proceed to hear and determine the case as if they were making an original enquiry and for this purpose may rely on evidence already taken and any additional evidence which, in their opinion, it was desirable to admit or obtain.
 - (e) In the event of an appeal against suspension under Racing Instruction 84 being dismissed, order any suspension to commence, either on the date calculated under Racing Instruction 87, or, in the event of the appeal not being heard by that date on the day

on which a decision on the appeal is given.

- (f) Without prejudice to the powers of the Royal Horse Racing Club under Racing Instructions 3 and 87, a suspension imposed by the club on a rider who was not suspended by the Stewards will commence on the day after the day on which the decision on the appeal is given or (if later) on the date calculated under Rule 85 as if the rider had been suspended by the Stewards.

PART 15

DISQUALIFICATION OF HORSES

- 74 (i) Without prejudice to the powers of the Stewards or to any other powers conferred on the Royal Horse Racing Club, any horse which has been the subject of a fraudulent practice may, at the discretion of the Council, be disqualified for such time and for such races as they shall determine.
- (ii) Where any declared runner has been the subject of an examination under Racing Instruction 8(iv) and (v) and has been found to have received any Prohibited Substance, the horse will be disqualified for such time and from such races as the club determine.
- 75 A horse is not qualified to be entered or start for any race:
- (i) If it has run at any race meeting which is not recognised by the Royal Horse Racing Club.
- (ii) If and so long as it is in the ownership or part ownership of a disqualified person or so long as any disqualified person has any interest in such horse's winnings in such race.
- (iii) If it does not possess at the time of entry or starting, the qualifications imposed by the conditions of the

- race or by the provision of Racing Instruction 36(iii).
- (iv) If it has been declared disqualified by the Royal Horse Racing Club.
- 76 A horse is not qualified to start for any race:
- (i) Unless it is duly entered for the same.
 - (ii) Unless it has been declared a runner under Racing Instruction 42.
 - (iii) Unless trained by a licensed trainer under Royal Horse Racing Club Rules or other recognised Turf Authority.
 - (iv) If it is tubed (tracheotomy).
 - (v) If it has been the subject of a neurectomy operation.
 - (vi) Unless it possesses at the time of entry, the qualifications pertaining to the conditions of the race.
- 77 If a horse, which is not qualified according to Racing Instructions 74. 75 or 76, or the conditions as set down for a race, be entered to, or run in any race, it shall be disqualified and the owner and/or trainer found to be at fault, may be punished by the Royal Horse Racing Club.

PART 16

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

- 78 In all races, the entrance money, forfeits etc shall go to the Race Fund unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race.
- 79 If the winner has walked over or no horse has been placed second or in any lower place, the prize money provided by the conditions for the horse placed second or in any lower place shall not be distributed. In these circumstances, the winner will be entitled to prize money as advertised for first place only.

- 80 When a cup is advertised to be run, it shall be given in the event of a walk-over.
- 81 The following deductions shall be made from the amount won by the winner and lesser placed horses where prize money (including any bonus) is offered:
- (i) 10% for the trainer of the horse.
 - (ii) For the rider who rode the horse as laid down in Racing Instruction 32.
 - (iii) (a) Provided that, if a horse wins any bonus monies, such bonus shall be divided according to (i) and (ii)
Further, if in winning such bonus, a horse has been ridden by different riders and /or trained by different trainers, such bonus shall be equally divided amongst those persons in a direct relationship to the number of races in which they were involved.
 - (b) Any subsidy, rebate or appearance money paid to any horse for finishing in any placing shall not be deemed as prize money for the purposes of this rule.
- 82 The Royal Horse Racing Club shall render an account within fifteen days after the last day of the meeting and pay over all stakes and added money to the persons entitled unless there is an objection pending or that the horse's forensic test has not been cleared by the designated Forensic Laboratory.

PART 17
CORRUPT PRACTICES, PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES
AND DISQUALIFICATION OF PERSONS

- 83 (i) Any person may be punished if:
- (a) they administer or cause to be administered any prohibited substance to a horse for the purpose of effecting its performance in a race or any test.
 - (b) they administer or cause to be administered any prohibited substance which is detected in any sample taken pursuant to Racing Instruction 8(v) from any horse prior to or following any race or test.
- (ii) Any person in charge of a horse, which is presented to race or perform a test, or has raced or performed a test which is found (upon analysis) to have had administered to it a prohibited substance, may be punished.
- 84 Any person may be declared a disqualified person or otherwise penalised by the Royal Horse Racing Club in accordance with their powers under Racing Instruction 3 who:
- (i) Gives or offers, or promises directly or indirectly, any bribe in any form to any person having official duties in relation to a race or racehorse, or to any trainer, rider, agent or other person having charge of, or access to any racehorse.
 - (ii) Being a person having official duties in relation to a race, or being a trainer, rider, agent or other person having charge of, or access to any racehorse, accepts or offers to accept any bribe in any form.
 - (iii) Willfully enters or causes to be entered for any race, or causes to start in any race, a horse which he knows or believes to be not qualified.

- (iv) Gives, allows or causes a blood transfusion to be given to a horse for the purpose of affecting his performance in a race.
 - (v) Is guilty of or conspires with any other person being guilty of any corrupt or fraudulent practice in relation to racing in this or any other country.
 - (vi) Is convicted of any criminal offence in relation to racing in this or any other country.
 - (vii) Uses, or has in his possession, any electric or electronic apparatus or any improper contrivance capable of affecting the performance of a horse in a race.
 - (viii) Has in his possession on a racecourse where a meeting is being conducted any prohibited substance, syringe, needle or other instrument which could be used to administer a prohibited substance to a horse unless that person shall have obtained the permission of the Stewards to be in possession of such, or satisfies them that such possession is for his lawful use.
- 85 (i) Any person on whom a suspension or disqualification has been imposed by any recognised Turf Authority, harness racing or greyhound racing authority is a suspended or disqualified person under these Racing Instructions so long as the suspension or disqualification continues, unless the Royal Horse Racing Club declares otherwise.
- (ii) Any person who acts in any official capacity or enters, trains, or rides a horse entered or running at any unrecognised meeting in the Sultanate of Oman is liable to be made a disqualified person by the Royal Horse Racing Club for such time as it thinks fit.
- 86 A disqualified person so long as his disqualification lasts shall not:
- (i) Act as a Steward or official at any recognised meeting.
 - (ii) Act as an authorised agent under these Racing

Instructions.

- (iii) Enter, run, train or ride in any race at any recognised meeting or ride in trials. If any entry made by a person disqualified or warned off be mistakenly or inadvertently accepted, the same shall be void despite such acceptance and the horse shall not be qualified to be entered or start.
 - (iv) Enter any racecourse, stand or enclosure.
 - (v) Except with the permission of the Racing Association be employed in any racing stable.
- 87 (i) A penalty of suspension imposed by the Stewards on a rider, will be given in meetings and for specific days when racing is scheduled in the Sultanate of Oman
- (ii) A rider who has received a suspension of not more than one meeting, may at the discretion of the Stewards have that suspension deferred, if it coincides with a Group, Listed or Prestige race.

PART 18 MISCELLANEOUS

- 88 (i) No person shall aid or abet the commission of any breach of these Racing Instructions.
- (ii) No person shall be guilty of any violent or improper conduct on any land or premises owned, used, licensed or controlled by the Royal Horse Racing Club.
 - (iii) No person shall act in a manner prejudicial to the integrity, proper conduct or good reputation of horse racing in the Sultanate of Oman, whether or not such conduct is associated with horse racing or constitutes a breach of any of these Racing Instructions.
 - (iv) No person shall, without the permission of the Royal Horse Racing Club, associate in connection with horse racing in the Sultanate of Oman, with any

person known to be warned off or disqualified or known to have done any act likely to cause serious damage to the interests of horse racing in the Sultanate of Oman, whether or not constituting a breach of the Racing Instructions.

- (v) No person shall mistreat a horse by way of any action, inaction, negligence or design. Any person who allows for such mistreatment to occur or continue through his action, inaction, negligence or design may be considered to be in breach of these Instructions.
- (vi) Any person considered to be in breach of any part of these Instructions may be punished.

NOTICES

- 89 Every person shall comply with every Notice of the Royal Horse Racing Club as published from time to time in such manner as the club may direct.

DESTRUCTION OF HORSE

- 90 In the event of any horse being so injured that the destruction of such horse in the opinion of the Stewards or the veterinary surgeon appointed by the Stewards is advisable in order to save unnecessary suffering, such Stewards or veterinary surgeon may order such horse to be destroyed by such person as the Stewards or the veterinary surgeon consider suitable. The Stewards may also order a sample to be taken for forensic analysis from a horse that has either died or has been destroyed in an area under their control.

THE ROYAL HORSE RACING CLUB NOTICES

1-SIZE OF FIELDS

- (i) Runners for any race will be limited to a safe number to be determined by the Royal Horse Racing Club from time to time. Should the number of declared runners exceed the safety number, the field will be reduced according to the guidelines published by the Racing Department.
- (ii) Notwithstanding the above, the Royal Horse Racing Club may use its discretion for safety or other reason in determining the size of any field.
- (iii) Dual or Multiple Declarations
 - (a) Should a horse which is considered a declared starter in more than one race on the same day receive a start in its preferred race, such horse will be relegated to the lowest ballot position in the remaining race/s for which it is entered.
 - (b) Should the declared horse not receive a start in its preferred race, such horse will be left in its original position in the next preferred race for which it is declared to start. If declared for further races the provisions of subsection (a) of this rule shall apply.
- (iv) Provided that in a specified race or race for invited horses, the Royal Horse Racing Club may determine the final field at its discretion.
- (v) When a race is divided, the division of declarations for such divided race shall be made in accordance with the following conditions.
 - (a) Horses originally declared with the same ownership shall (where practicable) be placed in separate divisions.

- (b) Horses originally declared under the care of the same trainer shall (where practicable) be placed in separate divisions.
- (c) All other horses will be divided alternately in alphabetical handicap order.

2 RESERVES

Should declarations for a race be over subscribed and a ballot is to take place, there will be four (4) horses placed on a reserve list. Trainers whose horses have been placed on the reserve list will be notified if this situation arises.

3 FRACTIOUS HORSES AT THE START

A horse which has been withdrawn from a race by the Stewards under Racing Instruction 8(ix) as being impossible to get into a starting stall or has been unruly or acted badly before or after leaving the starting gate, may not be allowed to start again until the horse passes an official stalls test to the joint satisfaction of the Starter and Stewards .

4 BODY PROTECTORS

Any person permitted under the Royal Horse Racing Club Rules to ride in a race in the Sultanate of Oman, must wear an approved body protector.

Only body protectors meeting the following standards are approved:

ARB Standard 1998

ASTM F2681-08

EN13158:2000 Level 1

BS EN 13158:2000

JRA Standard Descente

SATRA Jockey Vest Standard Document M6 Issue 3

Provided that a visiting jockey may, with the prior approval of the Stewards, wear a body protector which conforms to the rules and regulations of the racing authority in his country of origin.

Each rider will be allowed one (1.0) kilogram when weighing out.

5 SKULL CAPS

- (i) Every rider shall wear a skull cap of a type and design as approved by the Royal Horse Racing Club when riding in a race or when riding work on any racecourse.
- (ii) Any person permitted to use the racecourse area when exercising a horse shall wear a skull cap of a pattern approved by the Royal Horse Racing Club. The rider is responsible for the serviceable condition of the skull cap, but in the case of an Apprentice, the responsibility lies with the master.
- (iii) Skull caps approved by the club are:
 - BS EN 1384: 1997
 - BS EN 1384: 1996
 - PAS 015: 1994
 - AS/NZS.3838 2003
- (iv) All riders must fasten chin straps at all times.

6 SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted inside the Paddock, Stable area or any other area determined by the Stewards of the meeting.

7 WHIPS

- (i) All whips used in races must be of a prescribed design and comply with the following measurements:
 - (a) Length not to exceed 68 cm including flap.

- (b) Minimum diameter of 1 cm .
- (c) Flaps to be not more than 10 cm long and 4 cm wide and a minimum width of 2cm.
- (ii) The Stewards may punish a rider if, in their opinion, he uses his whip to excess, i.e. more than 10 hits, or in an improper manner, or in the following manner:-
 - (a) Hitting of the horse in front of the saddle while the whip is held in the forehand.
 - (b) Continued hitting of a horse after its chance of winning or being placed is clearly gone.
 - (c) Unnecessary hitting of a horse that clearly has its race won or has obtained its maximum placing.
 - (d) Hitting of a horse after the winning post has been reached.
 - (e) Intentional hitting of a horse other than down the shoulder or on the hind quarters.
 - (f) Hitting of a horse with excessive force or frequency.
 - (g) Continuing to hit a horse without having given it a chance to respond.
 - (h) Hitting a horse with the whip arm extended above shoulder height.
- (iii) If the Stewards are satisfied that riding instructions given by trainers or owners have contributed to a breach of these instructions, then such persons shall be liable to disciplinary action in accordance with Racing Instruction 8(xvi).

8 SPURS

The use of spurs in races is strictly forbidden.

9 PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

The Royal Horse Racing Club gives notice that the following are Prohibited Substances under the rules of racing:

(i) Substances capable at any time of acting on one or more of the following mammalian body systems:

- * the blood system
- * the cardiovascular system
- * the digestive system
- * the endocrine system
- * the immune system, except for licensed vaccines for infectious agents
- * the musculoskeletal system
- * the nervous system
- * the reproductive system
- * the respiratory system
- * the urinary system

(ii) Endocrine secretions and their synthetic counterparts and shall include, but are not limited to :-

- * Antihistamines
- * Anti-pyretics, analgesics and anti-inflammatory substances
- * Cytotoxic Substances
- * Diuretics
- * Local anesthetics
- * Masking Agents
- * Muscle relaxants
- * Respiratory stimulants
- * Sex hormones, anabolic agents and corticosteroids
- * Substances affecting blood coagulation

10 THRESHOLDS

Prohibited substances below the following thresholds are not actionable:

- * Arsenic - 0.3 microgram total arsenic per millilitre in urine
- * Boldenone • 0.015 microgram free and conjugated boldenone per millilitre in urine from male horses (other than geldings)
- * Carbon dioxide - 36 millimoles available carbon dioxide per litre in plasma
- * Dimethyl sulphoxide - 15 micrograms per millilitre in urine or 1 microgram per millilitre in plasma
- * Estradiol in male horses (other than geldings)- 0.045 microgram free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β ,17 α -diol per millilitre in urine (When, at the screening stage, the free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β ,17 α -diol exceeds the free and glucuroconjugated 5, 10-estrane-3 β ,17 α -diol in the urine)
- * Hydrocortisone - 1 microgram hydrocortisone per millilitre in urine
- * Methoxytyramine – 4 micrograms free and conjugated 3-methoxytyramine per millilitre in urine
- * Salicylic acid - 750 micrograms salicylic acid per millilitre in urine or 6.5 microgrammes per millilitre in plasma
- * Testosterone - 0.02 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from geldings, or 100 picograms free testosterone per millilitre in plasma from geldings, or 0.055 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from fillies and mares (unless in foal)
- * Theobromine - 2 micrograms theobromine per millilitre in urine, or 0.3 microgram theobromine per millilitre in plasma

Only levels above the thresholds shall be taken as positive

A substance that is a Prohibited Substance shall be

deemed to have originated externally and be other than attributable to normal and ordinary feeding if its threshold is exceeded.

Note : The conjugated substance is the substance that can be liberated from conjugates.

11 VACCINATIONS

- (i) No horse may take part in a race run under the Rules of Racing of the Royal Horse Racing Club, unless it is certified by a veterinary surgeon to be correctly vaccinated against Equine Influenza (in accordance with paragraph (ii) below)
- (ii) The passport should be endorsed thus by a veterinary surgeon who is neither the owner or trainer of the horse:
 - (a) That the horse has received (a primary course of vaccination consisting of) two vaccinations given no less than 21 days apart and no more than 92 days apart.
 - (b) In addition, where sufficient time has elapsed subsequent to the primary vaccinations, the passport must be similarly endorsed to show that the horse has received a booster vaccination no less than 150 days and no more than 215 days after the second vaccination of the primary course of vaccination.
 - (c) That the horse has received booster vaccinations at intervals of not more than a year apart or such lesser time as the Racing Association may, in an emergency, decide.
- (iii) None of these vaccinations may be given within seven days prior to the race meeting.
- (iv) In calculating the days, the day of the vaccination is exclusive.

12 RESAMPLES

- (i) The Council of the Royal Horse Racing Club direct that when a sample is reported as positive and the trainer wishes to have the confirmatory sample analysed, he

must give written notification to the Secretary of the club within three (3) days of the trainer having been given formal notice that the sample is positive.

- (ii) The trainer must nominate an accredited official racing laboratory acceptable to Royal Horse Racing Club.
- (iii) Subject to acceptance by the selected laboratory, the Confirmatory Sample will then be delivered to that laboratory, who will be advised which prohibited substance/s to test for. The analysis will then be performed by the staff of the selected laboratory.
- (iv) All costs involved in the analysis of the confirmatory sample are to be borne by the trainer who requests the analysis.

13 COMPOUND FEEDS

The Council of the Royal Horse Racing Club draw the attention of the trainers to the necessity for taking all reasonable precaution to ensure that those manufactured compound feeds that they use for their horses are free from prohibited substances. This is particularly important in the case of feed-stuffs not specifically manufactured for race horses. Trainers are also advised that they should keep samples of all feedstuffs together with all details of any coding on the sacks.

14 VETERINARY TREATMENTS

All treatments and medication of horses within 48 hours prior to race day race are prohibited, except in an emergency situation under the veterinary care and then only with the permission of the official approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in the Sultanate of Oman.

15 SKIN PREPARATIONS

The Council of the Royal Horse Racing Club wish to warn trainers that they have been advised that many substances can be absorbed through the skin of the horse and appear in body fluids. Trainers are therefore advised to exercise extreme care with shampoos and with any other preparation applied to the skin, both as to what is used and when it is used, and should consult

their veterinary surgeon if they have any doubt on this matter. Trainers are advised not to use shampoos on horses waiting to give samples for forensic analysis as this could result in external contamination of the sample.

The Council of the Royal Horse Racing Club wish to warn trainers that there have been instances during testing of routine samples, where hydroxycamphor, a metabolite of camphor, has been identified in the course of looking for more sophisticated drugs. Camphor is a prohibited substance and the Council recommend that trainers should exercise extreme caution if they are contemplating administering any substance which contains camphor to any horse in their care. If trainers are in doubt in this matter they should consult their veterinary surgeons.

16 SECURITY OF RACEHORSES

The Council of the Royal Horse Racing Club draw attention of all trainers to the necessity of maintaining security measures in their yard, in transit, in the race course and in the race course stables. Trainers are reminded that they are at all times responsible for the horses in their care and that the security precautions provided at race course stables in no way relieve them of their responsibility to present their horse free of all prohibited substances.

17 SAMPLING UNITS

The Council of the Royal Horse Racing Club require that when the Stewards of a meeting order the examination of a horse under Racing Instruction 8(v) such examination will be conducted in the sampling unit. This applies to all horses including all those which suffer from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. This is not regarded as a reason for taking a sample elsewhere than in the sampling unit, although as far as possible the boxes in the sampling unit will have dust free bedding. The Stewards may give permission for samples to be taken outside the sampling unit in the case of horses suffering injuries that prohibit movement, or in other cases if so recommended by the Veterinary Officer.

18 REQUEST FOR A DRUG TEST

The Council of the Royal Horse Racing Club wish to point out that when an owner or trainer makes a request for a drug test on the race course, this request can only be made through the Stewards and the test will be regarded as an official test.

19 PRE-RACE ELECTIVE SAMPLE TESTING

The Royal Horse Racing Club offers this service which allows trainers to determine the suitability for racing of horses which have been treated with long-acting, therapeutic medications. Information related to the format, timeframe and cost of the procedure is available from the Royal Horse Racing Club Veterinary Officer.

Trainers should be aware that, advice from the Royal Horse Racing Club that a sample, for which pre-race elective testing was requested, is clear of the substance(s), will not absolve trainers from their responsibility to present their horses to race free of any prohibited substance.

20 CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Trainers are advised that as ringworm is highly contagious, they should not under any circumstances bring horses that are affected with ringworm or any other contagious disease to the race course. If visible evidence of a recent skin disease exists, trainers should obtain a certificate from their Veterinary Surgeon, stating that he is satisfied that the condition is not now contagious to other horses.

21 PASSPORTS AND IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

Trainers are reminded that they must always bring passports or identity documents to the race course with their runners. These documents should contain up to date vaccination records.

22 MEDICAL RECORDS

The Royal Horse Racing Club instructs that all trainers must keep records of all administrations of medications or tonics to horses. These records should be retained for twelve months, and in the event of a trainer's horse being found positive after a post race test, will be examined by Officials of the club.

23 SHOEING

- (i) For races on grass;
No horse may enter the parade ring or run in shoes which have protrusions from the ground bearing surface (with the exception

- of World Racing Plates (not XT) on the hind hooves.
- (ii) For races on dirt/sand; No horse shall enter the parade ring or run in shoes that have protrusions from the ground bearing surface on the front hooves other than World Racing Plate (not XT).
Protrusions from the ground bearing surface, toe grabs, turn downs, blocks, calkins and stickers are limited to ¼ inch (7 mm) on the rear hooves.
 - (iii) No horse may race unshod unless prior approval has been granted by the Stewards.
 - iv) The use of glue-on shoes is permitted on all surfaces under the following conditions:
 - (a) The shoes are fitted in accordance with the conditions as set down by the farriers supervisor.
 - (b) Notification is given to the Racing Department by declaration time of the intention to use or cease using glue-on shoes.

24 WEIGHING OUT

The Jockey's helmet and coloured cap, whip and number cloth, must be presented at scales but are not to be included in the Jockey's weight. The jockey must wear an approved body protector at scales.

25 ADVERTISING ON JOCKEY EQUIPMENT

Except with the permission of the Royal Horse Racing Club, no advertising in any shape or form is allowed on riders' colours or tack. Riders' breeches are to be embroidered with their name on both sides, in a standard colour and type to be determined by the club.

26 MOBILE PHONES

Jockeys are not allowed to use a mobile telephone within the environs of the racecourse.

All jockeys must remain within the precincts of the weighing room and must obtain permission to leave the racecourse from the Stewards

