

POWERS OF THE STEWARDS OF MEETINGS Regulations 11 -16

11. The Stewards have free access to all places used for the purposes of the Meeting.
12. The Stewards shall exclude from all places every disqualified person, and all such persons as they may, from time to time, be required by the British Horseracing Authority to exclude.
13. The Stewards of a Meeting have full power:-
 - (i) To ensure when in attendance that racing is run in accordance with these Regulations at the meeting and, in exceptional circumstances, to vary the arrangements concerning the running of any race at the meeting as they think fit and to give all necessary instructions for that purpose.
 - (ii) Under exceptional circumstances or if the weather or ground be in an unfit state for running to abandon or postpone a day's racing or to abandon any races. If the Stewards decide that owing to the weather, or other circumstances, a Meeting cannot be held on the allotted day, a letter signed by a Steward and the Clerk of the Course setting out the reason shall at once be forwarded to the British Horseracing Authority Office. A new date may be applied for. If such date be granted and be not more than sixteen days after the original date all entries and weights (ignoring any intervening performance) shall stand good as if the Meeting had taken place on the day originally fixed.
 - (iii) To leave out or to alter any fences if their retention would necessitate the abandonment of the day's racing. Should the Stewards authorise the abandonment or postponement of any races, or the deletion of any fences or vary in any way the programme as originally advertised, they shall without delay report to the British Horseracing Authority Office their reasons for so doing.
 - (iv) To determine all questions arising in reference to racing at the meeting whether during the course of or subsequent to the meeting except as otherwise provided in these Regulations and subject to appeal under Regulation 146 and to report the conduct of any person or any matter relating to racing to the British Horseracing Authority regardless of whether it involves or might involve a breach of the Regulations.
 - (v) To call for proof before a race (see Regulation 140(i)) that a horse is neither itself disqualified in any respect, or nominated by, or the property, wholly or in part, of a disqualified person; and in default of such proof being given to their satisfaction they may declare the horse disqualified. They have the power to prevent from running any horse which cannot be shown to be qualified under these Regulations or under the conditions of the race.
 - (vi) 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 is on the racecourse. Such examination may include the taking and storage of Samples for subsequent analysis to be undertaken at such times and in such manner as the British Horseracing Authority may from time to time instruct. To order the withdrawal from a race of any horse which has been declared to run if any person prevents it from being examined prior to the race in question, and to refer the conduct concerned to the British Horseracing Authority.
 - (vii) To exclude at their discretion or to eject any person from all or any places used for the purposes of the Meeting.

- (viii) To enquire into, regulate, control, take cognisance of, and adjudicate upon, the conduct of all officials, and of all owners, nominators, riders, grooms, persons attendant upon horses and of all persons frequenting the places used for the purpose of the Meeting.
- (ix) By notices exhibited on the Number Board or elsewhere and by any form of public address system at the Point-to-Point Course 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.
- (x) To reduce, on raceday only and in exceptional circumstances, in consultation with the Clerk of the Course and the Course Inspector, the Safety Factor in each category of race. (N.B. See definition of "Safety Factor"). Pre-determined Safety Factors which have been agreed with the British Horseracing Authority must not be increased on the day of racing.
- (xi) To prohibit a rider from using a particular whip whether or not such whip complies with the specifications approved by the British Horseracing Authority, but, in the event of their so doing they shall without delay submit a report to the British Horseracing Authority.
- (xii) To order the withdrawal from a race of any horse that has been declared to run under Regulation 111(i) where they have reason to be concerned about the medical or physical condition or the identification of the horse provided that they shall have first sought and obtained the opinion of a Veterinary Surgeon at the meeting who shall have recommended a withdrawal on such grounds.
- (xiii) To prohibit any equipment for use on a horse in a race which, in their opinion, is unsuitable, unsafe or ineffective.
- (xiv) When they consider that through any cause a horse is or will be unable to start without there being an unacceptable delay to the start of the race they shall at once notify the Clerk of the Scales and the Starter that the horse is withdrawn.
- (xv) To order the withdrawal from a race of any unruly horse where they have reason to be concerned. They shall at once notify the Clerk of the Scales and the Starter that the horse is withdrawn.

14. (i) When in the opinion of the Stewards any person subject to the Point-to-Point Regulations has committed any breach of these Regulations they have the power at their discretion to impose upon such person a fine not exceeding £600 but subject to any maximum or minimum fine specified in these Regulations. The Stewards must report all fines to the fixture organisers who shall arrange for the collection of such fines, prior to forwarding them to the British Horseracing Authority Office.

- (ii) When in the opinion of the Stewards
 - (a) there is a reasonable suspicion that any person has committed any breach of these Regulations which in their opinion ought to be considered by the British Horseracing Authority,
 - or
 - (b) any person subject to the Point-to-Point Regulations has committed any breach of these Regulations and in their opinion some fine or punishment in excess of £600 ought to be imposed upon such person,

or

(c) any person present at the meeting whether or not subject to the Point-to-Point Regulations has misconducted himself, they have power at their discretion to report the matter to the British Horseracing Authority.

(iii) The Stewards shall refer any matter to the British Horseracing Authority in circumstances where the British Horseracing Authority has issued instructions that such matters are in such circumstances to be referred to them.

(iv) On consideration of any matter referred, the British Horseracing Authority shall not be bound by any finding of the Stewards.

15. In addition to their foregoing powers, the Stewards have the powers of suspension conferred on them in Regulation 123(iii).

16. The Stewards as such, shall not entertain any disputes relating to bets.