

STEWARDS (Instruction 8.8)

- 8.8** The Organising Committee must ensure that there are sufficient Stewards in attendance at every Meeting and that they are provided with proper facilities, so as they can properly carry out their stewarding duties in overseeing and upholding the Regulations.

Appointments

Every panel of Stewards should be constituted as follows:-

- The panel of Stewards should, wherever possible, be a minimum of six.
- The Chair of the Panel must be appointed before the day's racing and indicated as such on the Racecard. The Chair should not be a member of the Organising Committee.
- As many Stewards as possible should have had recent experience of riding under the Rules of Racing or in Point-to-Points.
- As many Stewards as possible should have experience acting as a Steward on a licensed racecourse.
- It is recommended that the Chair of the Panel has recent experience of acting as a Steward on a licensed racecourse and to have attended a Point-to-Point Stewards Seminar within the last three years. If any one member of the panel has recent experience as a Steward on a licensed racecourse, he should normally be appointed Chair of the Panel.
- A Master should not be appointed a Steward at their own meeting.
- If a Steward has an interest in a particular race (e.g. spouse, parent, son or daughter, authorised agent etc.), they should not act for that race and should not remain in the Stewards' tent during the course of any enquiry resulting from that race.
- It is not advisable that close family members act on the same enquiry.
- Stewards are not permitted to ride in any races at a Meeting at which they are acting
- A Local Inspector cannot act as a Steward at one of their own courses, and should
- At International Meetings or Anglo-Irish Meetings up to two Stewards may be qualified Irish Stewards.
- All Stewards (with the exception of newcomers - of which there can be two per panel of six) are required to have attended a Point-to-Point Stewards Seminar within the last three years and to have officiated at least twice in any Season. Newcomers are expected to attend a Point-to-Point Stewards Seminar in their first year if they wish to continue to Stewards

Facilities

The following facilities must be available for the use of the Stewards at every meeting:

- A stand or wagon for the exclusive use of the Stewards and other key Officials from which they can watch the race.
- A room or area in a tent in which Stewards can hold enquiries in private. Open-sided areas are not appropriate.