## **APPENDIX (St)A**

# **COMMON STEWARDS' ENQUIRY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES**

#### 1. Announcements of Enquiries relating to Regulation 123 (interference)

- a. Stewards Enquiry. The public are advised to retain all betting tickets until the result of the Stewards' enquiry is announced.
- b. The Stewards are holding an enquiry under Regulation 141(iii) into possible interference involving PICT (e.g. the winner) and SCOT (e.g. after the second last fence). The public are advised to retain all betting tickets until the result of the Stewards' enquiry is announced.

Following the a) and b) announcements, the Steward present during weighing in should ensure no announcements are made over the public address system denoting "weighed in", until the Announcer has been authorised to do so by the Stewards.

c. Here is the result of the Stewards' enquiry

The placings remain unaltered following the enquiry into possible interference after (e.g. the second last fence). The Stewards found that PICT, ridden by X, had interfered with SCOT, ridden by Y, that the interference was accidental but had not improved PICT's placing.

Or

The revised placings are as follows:- First SCOT, second PICT, third BRITON and fourth CELT. The Stewards found that PICT ridden by X, had interfered with SCOT, ridden by Y after (e.g. the second last fence) and that it was caused by careless riding. They fined X £75.

#### 2. Riding Offence Notice (Regulation 141(iii))

The Stewards held an enquiry under Regulation 141(iii) into possible interference on the run in. They found that the winner PICT, ridden by X, had interfered with SCOT ridden by Y, placed second. They considered that the interference was accidental, but had not improved the placings of PICT. They therefore ordered the placings to remain unaltered

### 3. Use of the Whip (Appendix O of the Regulations)

a. The Stewards called before them X, the rider, and Z, the owner (or trainer) of PICT, the winner, and enquired into the rider's use of the whip from the second last fence. Having heard their evidence the Stewards found the rider in breach of Regulations Appendix O of the Regulations headed "Use of the Whip" in that he had used his whip (e.g. with unreasonable force and frequency). They fined the rider £75.

#### 4. Running and Riding on Merits/Improvement in form (Regulation 125-128)

- a. The Stewards held an enquiry under Regulation 127 into the performance of PICT, the 5/4 favourite ridden by X and owned by Z (as compared with its previous run at R on .....)
- b. The Stewards heard evidence from the owner and jockey and noted their explanation that ...

The following are possible alternatives to Paragraph b:

- i) The Stewards heard evidence from the owner and jockey and considered that PICT had not run on its merits as it had intentionally not been put in the race or asked for an effort at any stage. They found the rider in breach of Regulation 127 and fined them £250. They also found the owner in breach of Regulation 125(ii) and fined them £250.
- ii) The Stewards heard evidence from the owner and the jockey, and being unable to conclude the enquiry without reference to other evidence, which was not then available to them, referred the matter to the British Horseracing Authority for further investigation. (When potentially important information is unavailable).

Note: Under Appendix S of the Regulations when a Steward has approached the connections of a horse to ask if they are able to account for its running and following the reply being reported to the Stewards, but a full enquiry not held, the Stewards should still record the details on the official Stewards form and announce any findings.