

Disqualification of Horses

Rule 144. Any horse which has been the subject of a fraudulent practice may at the discretion of the Stewards of the Jockey Club be disqualified for such time and for such races as they shall determine.

Rule 145. A horse is not qualified to be entered or start for any race: —

- (1) If it has run at any unrecognised meeting.
- (2) 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.
- (3) If it does not possess at the time of entry or starting the qualifications imposed by the conditions of entry, race conditions, or by these Rules.
- (4) If it has been declared disqualified.
- (5) If it has been barred from racing by the Stewards.
- (6) If it has had its entry refused by the Stewards of the Jockey Club.

Rule 146. A horse is not qualified to start for any race: —

- (1) Unless it is duly entered for the same.
- (2) Unless it has been declared to run in such race.
- (3) Unless it is trained by a licensed trainer.
- (4) If it has a tracheotomy (tubed).
- (5) If it has been declared by the Veterinary Officer to be unsuitable or unsafe.
- (6) If it has an implant other than one which is pharmacologically inactive.
- (7) If it is more than 128 days pregnant.
- (8) If it is one-eyed or blind of an eye.
- (9) If it has been subjected to the withdrawal and re-infusion of any homologous, heterologous or autologous blood products into its circulatory system with the exception of those procedures performed for life-saving purposes or in the use of veterinary regenerative therapies for the treatment of musculoskeletal injury or disease when performed under the supervision of a Veterinary Surgeon.
- (10) If it has been the subject of a neurectomy operation.

- (11) If it has been the subject of a laparoscopic castration operation unless a satisfactory veterinary certificate is provided which confirms that the horse is a gelding and that both testicles have been physically removed.
- (12) If it has been subject to the application of a substance intended to cause vesiculation (blistering) of the skin and/or underlying tissues.
- (13) If it has been subjected to chemical castration or immunocastration.

Rule 147. No horse shall be entitled to resume racing within 14 days of its return from the spelling stables or the rehabilitation stables.

Rule 148. If a horse, which is not qualified according to the provisions of these Rules, be entered or run for any race it shall on a protest/objection be disqualified for the race and the nominator and/or trainer and/or any other person responsible may be penalised by the Stewards.

Rule 149. If it is found that a horse that is presented for pre-race weighing or to run in a race, barrier trial, stalls test or grass gallop is not the horse that has been specified for such pre-race weighing, race, trial, test or gallop, the trainer and/or any other person responsible commits a breach of these Rules.

Corrupt Practices and Disqualification of Persons

Rule 150. Any person found guilty of a corrupt, fraudulent or improper act or practice whether or not his conduct constitutes a breach of any other of these Rules may be declared a disqualified person or be otherwise penalised by the Stewards of the Jockey Club or the Stewards in accordance with their powers.

Rule 151. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing Rule, a person shall be guilty of a corrupt, fraudulent or improper act or practice if he: —

- (1) Except with authorisation by the Veterinary Surgeon, administers or attempts to administer or allows or causes to be administered, or is found to have administered, or connives at the administration to a horse of any quantity of any prohibited substance; or
- (2) Uses or has in his possession any electric or electronic apparatus or improper contrivance or means capable of affecting the behaviour and/or performance of a horse in a race, barrier trial, stalls test or in track work; or