

- (2) The Stewards of the Jockey Club may grant pending the determination of any appeal a suspension of the decision appealed against.

### **Standing Down or Suspension of Licensed Persons**

**Rule 22.** Without limiting any other Rules, the Club may: —

- (1) immediately stand down or suspend the licence of a person charged with a criminal offence in Hong Kong or elsewhere which is associated with horse racing, betting or bookmaking until the conclusion of those criminal proceedings;
- (2) stand down or suspend the licence of a person charged with other criminal offences in Hong Kong or elsewhere until the conclusion of those criminal proceedings if the Club is of the opinion that continued participation of such person in racing or activities of the Club or the maintenance of the licence of such person might be prejudicial to the interests, integrity, proper conduct and/or good reputation of the Club and/or horse racing;
- (3) stand down or suspend the licence of a person pending the determination of any inquiry or proceedings conducted under these Rules if the Club is of the opinion that continued participation of such person in racing or activities of the Club or the maintenance of the licence of such person might be prejudicial to the interests, integrity, proper conduct and/or good reputation of the Club and/or horse racing; or
- (4) otherwise stand down or suspend the licence of a person under Rule 8 (17) or (18).

### **Penalties for Offences**

- Rule 23.** (1) Any person or body authorised by these Rules to penalise any person or to disqualify a horse for a race or generally may, subject to any applicable law, do so by disqualification or suspension for any period or for any indefinite period and may in lieu thereof or in addition thereto impose a fine not exceeding HK\$600,000 or may impose only a fine not exceeding HK\$600,000. Provided that the power to warn-off is reserved to the Stewards of the Jockey Club.

- (2) A penalty of suspension imposed by the Stewards may commence with immediate effect or may be deferred for a defined period. A penalty of disqualification takes immediate effect.
- (3) No person shall be entitled to make any claim by reason of the imposition, annulment, removal, mitigation or remission of any penalty imposed under these Rules.
- (4) No Official or Member of the Club shall be liable to any person for any loss or damage sustained by that person arising out of the exercise of any right, privilege, power, duty or discretion conferred or imposed under these Rules.
- (5) Notwithstanding anything in these Rules contained, when an appeal has been duly instituted against a suspension or disqualification imposed under these Rules the Stewards of the Jockey Club may subject to such conditions as they may impose, suspend the operation in whole or in part of the Rules imposing disabilities upon suspended or disqualified persons and horses until the determination of such appeal.

### **Officials**

- Rule 24.** (1) The following Officials shall be appointed by the Stewards of the Jockey Club: Racing Stewards, Stipendiary Stewards, Head of Raceday Operations, Tracks and Racing Facilities (for races in Hong Kong), Executive Manager, Tracks and Racing Projects (CRC) (for races at Conghua Racecourse), Handicapper, Clerk of the Scales, Judge, Honorary Judge, Starter, Deputy Starter, Veterinary Officer and Veterinary Surgeon.
- (2) All other Officials shall be appointed for every meeting by the Stewards of the Jockey Club. No two offices for the same fixture shall be held by one person, unless by special permission of the Stewards of the Jockey Club.