

Rule Changes 2009

Proposed Rules

1. The motion passed by the WTC that whipping of a horse can only be performed by the flick of a wrist and not by strikes from the elbow or the entire arm.

Rules Alterations

2. **G5.** Racecourse Executives shall appoint such number of persons as they deem necessary to act as Race Framers; such appointments shall be subject to the approval of the BHRC Stewards who shall issue licenses by the BHRC.

Add In:

[a] No Raceframers licence shall be issued to any person connected in any way with the bookmaking industry whatsoever

[b] No licence shall be issued to any person who has a licence suspended by the BHRC or any other Governing Body or who is Warned Off.

[c] No Raceframers licence shall be issued to any person who is or has held a Professional Trainers licence

Clarification regarding the rules governing Licence Holders participating as or assisting Bookmakers

3. **K5.** The withdrawal of an entered horse must be done by the owner/trainer to the track secretary at least 48 hours prior to the race date unless accompanied by a vets certificate. Failure to withdraw or declare in the time allowed, will mean a penalty will be applied. *(Amended)*

- K12.** After any withdrawal the said horse may not start in any race for a minimum of fourteen [14] days. In the event that this transpires a full report must be sent to the BHRC Office

Penalty

K5 Pay Entry + £50. Trainer will be fined a further £50 if satisfactory explanation is not received at the BHRC within 48 hours

K12 Refer to BHRC. Fine and/or suspension.

Change To:

K5 Pay Entry. 7 day suspension of horse from race date.

- K12.** Remove from the rule book in an effort to encourage horses to run

4. **M13.** The order of priority set out below shall apply in relation to an owner or trainer who has more than one horse engaged in a race and desires to drive in such race. *(Amended)*

[a] Firstly he shall drive the horse he owns and trains

[b] Secondly he shall drive the horse, which he owns but which is trained by some other person

[c] Thirdly he shall drive the horse trained by him but not owned by him

[d] Fourthly if none of the horses so engaged comes within the categories set out in the foregoing priorities he shall drive the horse approved by the Track Stewards

Add In:

Except with the permission of the Stewards (such permission not to be unreasonably withheld).

5. N7. Procedure during Qualifying Trials

[a] Qualifying Trials should take place under racing conditions.

[b] There should be a full complement of Track Stewards and Timekeepers to monitor the horses.

[c] The Veterinary Surgeon must be present

[d] The horses must be started behind a mobile barrier.

[e] The horse must demonstrate its manners in company, therefore a minimum of four horses should be involved.

[f] For both Pacers and Trotters any break from gait will disqualify.

[g] Where entries are required before the closing date for entries for the particular race meeting involved there may be a financial penalty if a horse scheduled to run in a qualifying trial is withdrawn at the discretion of the track.

[h] Where entries are allowed on the day all requirements of Rule N4 must be complied with.

[i] Track Stewards **MUST** be provided with a written list of horses presented to qualify, together with the name of the driver and the driver's colours.

[j] All horses **MUST** wear identifying numbers.

Add In:

Minimum of four horses per race

Horses may trail the start gate

6. Horses retirement age of 14 years

Amendment whereby owners/trainers can request extension to racing career

7. S42. Financial Responsibility - Any participant who shall demonstrate financial irresponsibility by accumulating unpaid obligations, defaulting in obligations, issuing one or more cheques that are dishonoured, or payment refused, may be denied a licence by the BHRC or may be suspended on order by a Disciplinary Panel of the BHRC.

Add In:

after suspended 'and/or fined and/or warned off'

S44. Any violation of any of the provisions of this rule shall be punishable by a fine, and/or suspension.

Add In:

after provisions 'these rules within Section S'

after suspension 'and/or warning off'

8. Section Y

If a horse "in training" or at a racecourse (whether racing or not) dies, it's body shall be offered to a BHRC Steward or Regional Steward, immediately for Post Mortem examination. Failure to comply with this rule will incur a fine of £1,000 and suspension of all licenses for 12 months.