

Directors Meeting 27th May – Rule Changes

F4 The Track Stewards shall have full power of all the racing and all racing decisions from 1 hour and 30 minutes before the time of the 1st race/workout/qualifier and, if necessary to vary all such arrangements for the conduct of the racing at the meeting as they think fit under these rules. They have power to abandon the meeting, or to abandon any races, or to postpone any races or to alter the order of running, provided always that the races originally advertised for any day shall be included in that day's programme on the official card, unless prevented by exceptional circumstances. The track stewards shall also have the power to determine if a start car should or should not be used on the track subject to weather and track conditions with emphasis being placed on the safety of both human and equine. *(Amended 2021)*

- M8. [a] Drivers must keep at least one foot in the stirrup whilst on the track *(Amended 2012)*
- [b] Drivers must keep both feet in the stirrups at all times whilst under starters orders, warming up and during a race *(Amended 2012)*
- [c] A driver shall be allowed to remove a foot from the stirrups temporarily for the purpose of pulling earplugs and blinds *(Amended 2012)*
- [d] Any driver kicking a horse in a race will incur an automatic suspension and a fine.

PENALTIES

Fined £30 - £50 *(Amended 2021)*

- [d] Automatic 2 month suspension and fine £200

This rule would also come under a retrospective stewarding process whereby the footage of the days racing must be made available to an independent BHRC director /steward within 24 hours to be reviewed and any infringements of the whip rule will be reported to the BHRC office within 7 days of the race meeting, where by the licence holder will be contacted by the secretary via text and email with the findings, rule breached, and the penalty. If requested there can be a full hearing at the next available opportunity, for example the next race meeting. After 14 days the details will be published on the BHRC website.

- Y9 During a stable visit, if a horse registered with the trainer is not present (without valid reason ie vet, racing etc). Then the 28 day rule will be invoked with the day of the visit being classed as day 1. Evidence will need to be provided to validate any absences. *(Amended 2021)*