

PART 4 - THE RACE

Completing the course

45. Riding to the draw in a flat race with marker poles

45.1 This Rule applies to any flat race starts at which marker poles have been placed shortly after the start.

45.2 Each Rider

45.2.1 must ride in a straight line from his draw position until reaching the marker poles, and

45.2.2 may only then move to the running rail.

45.3 Paragraph 45.2 does not apply to any horse at the rear of the field which

45.3.1 has dwelt of its own accord, or

45.3.2 has been restrained with a view to covering it up.

45.4 A Rider is liable to Disciplinary Action for any contravention of Paragraph 45.2, even if no interference is caused.

45.5 If interference does take place, a Rider is also liable to Disciplinary Action for any contravention of Rules 53, 54 or 57.

45.6 Any owner or Trainer who gives instructions to a Rider which, if obeyed, may lead to contravention of Paragraph 45.2 shall also be taken to have contravened a requirement imposed on him by this Rule.

45.7 A Rider may apply to the Stipendiary Steward if he considers the condition of the course to be such that the requirements of Paragraph 45.2 should be disapplied by the Stewards.

45.8 After inviting representatives of the Riders to put their case, the Stewards will determine the application and notify the representatives.

46. Remounting or Pulling up a horse

46.1 If during the race a horse is remounted and continues in the race it shall, on an objection to the Stewards under Part 7, be disqualified.

46.2 No rider may remount after a race has started and ride back to the place appointed for unsaddling unless

46.2.1 he has been examined by a Racecourse Medical Officer, and

46.2.2 his horse has been examined by a Veterinary Surgeon.

46.3 Paragraph 46.2.1 does not apply if the Racecourse Medical Officer is unable to carry out the examination before completion of the veterinary examination under Paragraph 46.2.2.

46.4 Where a Rider pulls up for any reasons listed under Rule (D)45.3, he cannot subsequently re-join the race and must wait in the area where he pulled up until all contenders in the race have passed by and, if the race is a steeple chase or hurdle race, he must refrain from jumping any further Obstacles.

46.5 The horse of a Rider who is found to have contravened Paragraph 46.4 shall, on an objection to the Stewards under Part 7, be disqualified.

46.6 In this Rule

Veterinary Surgeon means any qualified veterinary practitioner appropriately registered to practice.

47. Disqualification of horse not carrying correct weight

47. If during the race a horse carries less than the weight it should carry throughout the race, it shall, on an objection to the Stewards under Part 7, be disqualified.

48. Emergency procedures

48.1 Where a yellow stop race flag indicating that it is unsafe to proceed is waved at any time in the course of a race by racecourse personnel

48.1.1 each Rider who has not passed the flag must pull up, and

48.1.2 the race shall be void.

49. Jump races: directing riders around an obstacle (by-pass procedures)

49.1 A Rider must proceed around the Obstacle as indicated by the direction markers (notwithstanding that in exceptional circumstances these markers may direct riders around the opposite side of the Obstacle compared to that indicated by the plan of the racecourse in the Weighing Room) and continue in the race, following the correctly marked course.

49.2 If a Rider is unable to follow the direction markers, he must pull up.

49.3 The Stewards may decide not to take Disciplinary Action against a Rider for a contravention of Paragraphs 49.1 or 49.2 if the Rider satisfies them that he had reasonable cause.

49.4 The horse of a Rider who is found to have contravened Paragraphs 49.1 or 49.2 shall, on an objection to the Stewards under Part 7, be disqualified unless the Stewards consider that extraordinary circumstances justified the Rider in acting as he did, in that

49.4.1 all Riders remaining in the race took the same course, and

49.4.2 no Rider obtained an unfair advantage as a result.

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51. Failing to ride the course correctly

51.1 Where a horse

51.1.1 runs the wrong side of a running rail or a marker used to denote the correct course, or

51.1.2 misses an Obstacle

the Rider must pull up or turn back in order to ride the course correctly from the point where the horse took the wrong course or in order to jump the Obstacle.

51.2 Paragraph 51.1 does not apply

51.2.1 where the Stewards have issued instructions to Riders before the race that an Obstacle is to be omitted, or

51.2.2 in the circumstances specified in Rule 51 or 49

51.3 The horse of a Rider who is found to have contravened Paragraph 51.1 shall, on an objection to the Stewards under Part 7, be disqualified unless the Stewards are satisfied that

51.3.1 the Rider's reasons for taking the wrong course were satisfactory,

51.3.2 all Riders remaining in the race took the same course, and

51.3.3 no Rider has obtained an unfair advantage as a result.

52. Horse led over an obstacle

52.1 Paragraph 52.2 applies where a horse in a steeple chase or hurdle race refuses an Obstacle and

52.1.1 is led over the Obstacle by one or more bystanders, or

52.1.2 is given a lead over by a horseman not riding in the race.

52.2 The horse shall, on an objection to the Stewards under Part 7, be disqualified

Riding

53. Dangerous riding

53.1 A Rider is guilty of dangerous riding if he causes serious interference by

53.1.1 purposely interfering with another horse or Rider, or

53.1.2 riding in a way that is far below that of a competent and careful Rider and where it would be obvious to such a competent and careful Rider that riding in that way was likely to endanger the safety of a horse or Rider.

53.2 A Rider whom the Stewards or the Authority consider has been guilty of dangerous riding at any time whilst on the racecourse, and whether before or after any race

53.2.1 shall be taken to have contravened a requirement imposed on him by this Rule, and
53.2.2 is liable to Disciplinary Action.

53.3 When a horse or its Rider has caused interference by dangerous riding in any part of a race the horse shall, on an objection to the Stewards under Part 7, be disqualified.

54. Careless riding or improper riding

54.1 A Rider is guilty of careless riding if he fails to take reasonable steps to avoid causing interference or causes interference by inattention or misjudgement.

54.2 A Rider is guilty of improper riding if he

54.2.1 causes interference by making a manoeuvre when he knows or ought reasonably to have known that interference could occur, or

54.2.2 engages in any misconduct in the course of riding, whether mounted or dismounted, including riding that would be dangerous (within the meaning of Rule 53) but for the fact that it did not cause serious interference.

54.3 Improper riding by a Rider also covers any case of improper use of the whip which does not fall within Rule 53 or within the preceding provisions of this Rule.

54.4 A Rider whom the Stewards or the Authority consider has been guilty of careless riding or improper riding at any time whilst on the racecourse, and whether before or after any race

54.4.1 shall be taken to have contravened a requirement imposed on him by this Rule, and
54.4.2 is liable to Disciplinary Action.

54.5 Where

54.5.1 a horse or its Rider has caused interference by careless or improper riding, and

54.5.2 the Stewards are satisfied that the interference improved the placing of the horse in relation to the horse or horses with which it interfered,

the horse shall, on an objection to the Stewards under Part 7, be placed behind the horse or horses with which it has interfered.

54.6 For the purposes of Paragraph 54.5.2

54.6.1 the reference to the placing of any horse interfered with is to the placing decided by the Judge, and

54.6.2 if the Stewards are not satisfied the interference did improve the placing of the horse, they must overrule the objection and order that the placings remain unaltered.

54.7 In deciding whether the Stewards are satisfied that the interference improved the placing of the horse, the Stewards shall make no allowance for any ground which the incident may have cost the horse causing the interference.

54.8 For the purposes of Paragraph 54.4, if the Professional Rider of a horse placed first, second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth

54.8.1 in a flat race with a Total Prize Fund of £27,500 or more, or

54.8.2 in a steeplechase, hurdle race or National Hunt Flat Race with a Total Prize Fund of £20,000 or more

is found to have contravened Schedule (B)6 Part 2 (Improper Riding) and is suspended for 7 days or more before previous offences are taken into account, the Professional Rider may be fined a sum of not less than £200 and not more than £10,000, except as provided for in Paragraph 54.9.

54.9 An Apprentice Jockey, in the circumstances set out in Paragraph 54.8, may be fined a sum of not less than

£100 and not more than £5,000.

54.10 The amount of the fine shall be calculated by reference to that payment which Schedule (F)9 provides to be paid to the rider for the race and placing in question.

54.11 If the suspension is for 7 or 8 days, the Professional Rider shall be fined 20% of that payment, 10% in the case of an Apprentice Jockey, providing that the payment referred to in Paragraph 54.10 is £1,000 or above.

54.12 If the suspension is for 9 days or more the Professional Rider shall be fined 40% of that payment, 20% in the case of an Apprentice Jockey, providing that the payment referred to in Paragraph 54.10 is £500 or above.

54.13 For the purposes of Paragraph 54.4, if the Amateur Rider of a horse placed first, second, third, fourth, fifth or sixth

54.13.1 in a flat race with a Total Prize Fund of £27,500 or more, or

54.13.2 in a steeplechase, hurdle race or National Hunt Flat Race with a Total Prize Fund of £20,000 or more

is found to have contravened Schedule (B)6 Part 2 (Improper Riding) and is suspended for 7 days or more before previous offences are taken into account, the Amateur Rider may be fined a sum of not less than £200 and not more than £400.

54.14 The amount of the fine shall be calculated by reference to that payment which Schedule (F)9 provides to be paid to a Professional Rider for the race and placing in question.

54.15 If the suspension is for 7 or 8 days the Amateur Rider shall be fined £200 provided the sum referred to in Paragraph 54.14 is £1,000 or above.

54.16 If the suspension is for 9 days or more the Amateur Rider shall be fined £400 provided the sum referred to in Paragraph 54.14 is £500 or above.

55. Accidental interference

55.1 In any case where interference is caused by accident in any part of the race, the Stewards must apply Rules 54.5 to 54.7 to such interference in order to determine whether to order any alteration as to placings.

55.2 For the purposes of Paragraph 55.1, Rule 54.5.1 shall be read as if, for the reference to interference by careless or improper riding there were substituted a reference to interference by accident.

56. Rules 53 to 55: supplementary provision

56. In Schedule 6

56.1 Part 1 sets out certain circumstances in which conduct causing interference may be regarded as contravening Rules 53 to 55; and

56.2 Part 2 contains further provision about improper use of the whip, including the post-race procedure to be followed when a horse is wealed.

57. Assisting another horse in the race

57.1 A Rider must not

57.1.1 make a manoeuvre in a race in the interests of another horse in Common Ownership or under common control or from the same stable or team, whether or not such a manoeuvre causes interference or causes his horse to fail to achieve its best possible placing, or

57.1.2 contravene any provision of this Part with the intention or with the consequence of giving advantage to another horse in Common Ownership or under common control or from the same stable or team.

57.2 Nothing in Paragraph 57.1 prohibits pure pacemaking as such.

57.3 Where a Rider is found to have contravened the prohibition in Paragraph 57.1, the Trainer of the horse shall also be taken to have contravened a requirement imposed on him by this Rule.

57.4 The Stewards may decide not to take Disciplinary Action against a Trainer under Paragraph 57.3 if the Trainer satisfies them that he instructed his Rider to treat every other horse in the race without any favour, however the race developed, and that the Rider acted regardless of such instructions.

57.5 **Common ownership** means that the horses in question share one or more owners in common and common control shall be similarly construed.

58. General requirement for a horse to be run on its merits and obtain best possible placing

58.1 Every horse which runs in a race shall be run and be seen to be run on its merits (see Rule (D)45 (riding to achieve the best possible placing)).

58.2 No Owner, Registered Agent of a Recognised Company or Trainer may

58.2.1 give any instructions which if obeyed could or would prevent a horse from obtaining the best possible placing, or

58.2.2 prevent or try to prevent in any way any horse from obtaining the best possible placing.

58.3 No Rider or any other Person may in any way prevent or try to prevent any horse from obtaining the best possible placing.

59. Failure to run a horse on its merits

59.1 A Rider of a horse shall be taken to have contravened the requirement imposed on him by Rule 58.1 in each of the following cases.

59.2 Case 1 is where the Stewards or the Authority consider that the Rider has intentionally failed to ensure that his horse is run on its merits.

59.3 Case 2 is where the Stewards or the Authority consider

59.3.1 that there was no intentional disregard of the requirement that the horse be run on its merits, but

59.3.2 that the horse has not achieved its best possible placing because the Rider

59.3.2.1 failed to ride out approaching the finish on a horse that would have been placed first, second, third, fourth or in any other placing for which there is prize money,

59.3.2.2 mistook the race distance and either began riding a finish too early or failed to ride a finish,

59.3.2.3 took the wrong course, or

59.3.2.4 asked for an effort or made some other permissible manoeuvre too late as a result of serious misjudgement or inattention.

59.4 Case 3 is where, in circumstances not falling within Case 1 or 2, the Stewards or the Authority consider that the Rider has failed to take all reasonable and permissible measures to ensure his horse is run on its merits.

59.5 For the purposes of this Rule

59.5.1 placing means any placing given to the horse by the Judge from and including first place to last place, and

59.5.2 if a dead-heat occurs as a result of any of the circumstances in Case 1, 2 or 3 it will be regarded as the equivalent of not achieving the best possible placing.