

PART 7 - DISPUTES AND OBJECTIONS

71. Resolution of disputes

71.1 This Part provides for the resolution of disputes in connection with racing.

71.2 An objection may be made only by such Persons as are listed in Rule 72.

71.3 If the objection is made on any of the grounds listed in Rule 73.2, it must be made to the Stewards.

71.4 An objection on any other grounds may be made to the Authority only.

71.5 The Stewards will not entertain any disputes about bets.

71.6 Nothing in this Part restricts the general powers of the Authority or the Stewards under these Rules.

72. Deleted

Who decides objections

73. Objections made on certain grounds to be decided by Stewards

73.1 Any objection on a ground specified in Paragraphs 73.2.1 to 73.2.9

73.1.1 must be made to the Stewards of the meeting,

73.1.2 will be decided by three Stewards, and

73.1.3 once made, may not be withdrawn without leave of the Stewards.

73.2 A Qualified Person may make an objection to Stewards in respect of a horse on one or more of the following grounds

73.2.1 interference or any act on the part of the Rider of the horse;

73.2.2 the Rider having taken the wrong course;

73.2.3 the race having been run on a wrong course;

73.2.4 the race having been started from the wrong start, unless the Stewards have exercised their powers under Rule 10.1;

73.2.5 any other matter occurring in the race;

73.2.6 any other matter occurring before weighing in;

73.2.7 the Rider not presenting himself to weigh in;

73.2.8 the Rider not drawing the weight at which he weighed out;

73.2.9 any other matter in respect of which any other provision of these Rules provides that an objection may be made to Stewards under this Part.

73.3 Any such objection must be made in accordance with the appropriate deadlines and procedures in Rule 75.

74. Objections made on any other ground to be decided by the Authority

74.1 The Authority will decide any objection by a Qualified Person which is made on any ground other than those specified in Rule 73.2.

74.2 This includes any objection which is made

74.2.1 to any revision under Rule 62 or 63 of the Judge's decision, and

74.2.2 in any case of fraud or wilful mis-statement.

74.3 An objection under this Rule must be made in accordance with the appropriate deadlines and procedures in Rule 76 or 77.

Deadlines and procedure

75. Deadline and procedure: objections decided by Stewards

75.1 Any objection under Rule 73 must be made within the following deadlines

75.1.1 any objection to the distance of a course officially designated must be made before the race;

75.1.2 any objection to any decision made by the Clerk of the Scales must be made at once; and

75.1.3 any other objection

75.1.3.1 if made by the Rider of a horse in the race, must be made when the Rider weighs in, and

75.1.3.2 if made by any other Person, must be made before the Clerk of the Scales completes the weighing in of the Riders as set out in Rule 68.1.

75.2 A Person must notify the Clerk of Scales if he is considering making an objection.

75.3 Where the Clerk of the Scales is notified of the possibility of an objection

75.3.1 the Person considering it will have five minutes to come to a decision,

75.3.2 during this period a viewing of the race will be possible in the Stewards' Room under the control of the Stipendiary Steward, and

75.3.3 no other objection on any ground specified in Rule 73.2 may be heard within this time.

75.4 If the Person decides to make the objection, he must make it to the Clerk of the Scales.

75.5 A Person who makes an objection may be fined by the Stewards if

75.5.1 the objection is withdrawn, or

75.5.2 the Stewards consider that there were no good and reasonable grounds for making it,

and an additional sum may be added to the fine if the Stewards consider that the objection was frivolous or vexatious.

76. Deadline and procedure: objections decided by the Authority

76.1 Subject to Paragraph 76.2 and Rule 77, any objection which is made to the Authority must be made in writing and notice of it must be received at the Authority's Office before the end of the period of fourteen days starting with the day after the day of the race to which the objection relates.

76.2 An objection made in a case of fraud or wilful mis-statement may be made at any time provided that the Authority is satisfied there has been no unnecessary delay on the part of the objector.

76.3 The Authority may order any Person to pay

76.3.1 such reasonable costs and expenses relating to an objection, and

76.3.2 such reasonable compensation for outlay incurred in connection with it

as the Authority may determine.

77. Deadline and procedure: objection about a revision of Judge's decision

77.1 This Rule applies where an objection relates to a revision under Rule 62 of the Judge's original decision as to placings and the revision was made after the announcement of Weighed in.

77.2 Subject to Paragraph 77.3, any such objection must be made in writing to the Authority at the Authority's Office within 48 hours of the revised decision being made.

77.3 An objection made in a case of fraud or wilful mis-statement may be made at any time provided that the Authority is satisfied there has been no unnecessary delay on the part of the objector.

78. Consequences where an objection is made

78.1 This Rule applies where an objection made under this Part has not yet been finally determined, including where it is subject to appeal under Part (A)7.

78.2 Pending the determination of the objection or appeal

78.2.1 any prize which a horse affected by the objection or appeal may have won (or may win) in the race must withheld until the objection or appeal is determined, and

78.2.2 any stake payable by the owner of any other horse must be paid to and held by the Stakeholder for the Person who may be entitled to it.

78.3 If a matter is the subject of an appeal to an Appeal Board, the matter shall not be regarded as having been determined until

- 78.3.1 the appeal to the Appeal Board is disposed of, or
- 78.3.2 any further enquiry resulting from the appeal has been completed.

78.4 Where the Authority or the Stewards have disqualified a horse which has won or been placed in a race

- 78.4.1 the horse must be removed from the placings and is not be entitled to any prize, and
- 78.4.2 the other horses are to take positions accordingly.

78.5 Where the Authority or the Stewards have changed the placing of a horse under Rule 53, 54 or 55 (including where they have placed the horse last)

- 78.5.1 the horse is only entitled to the prize for the position in which it has been placed; and
- 78.5.2 the other horses are to take positions accordingly.

79. Publication of information about objections and enquiries

79.1 This Rule applies where

- 79.1.1 an objection is lodged, or
- 79.1.2 an enquiry is called for under Rule 11.6.

79.2 The Clerk of the Scales must immediately order that

- 79.2.1 the appropriate announcement is to be made over the public address system, and
- 79.2.2 the appropriate signal is to be given on the number board or screen.

79.3 The announcement and signal must include the grounds for objection.

79.4 The signal is

- 79.4.1 for all right, a blue flag or light, and
- 79.4.2 for an objection or enquiry under Rule 11.6
 - 79.4.2.1 a red flag with white E, or
 - 79.4.2.2 a red light.

79.5 The signal must be displayed continuously until the Stewards' decision on the enquiry is announced.

79.6 A signal specified in Paragraph 79.4.2 must also be given in the event of an enquiry into any of the matters listed in Rule 67.