

25. Late change of rider

25.1 Subject to Paragraphs 25.2 to 25.4, no new Rider will be permitted after the time determined under Rule (F)92 for making declarations of Rider.

25.2 Paragraph 25.1 does not apply in any case where

25.2.1 the Authority or Stewards direct that it does not apply, or

25.2.2 the Stewards authorise the substitution of a Rider who has been weighed out for a particular horse but who is prevented, before he has come under Starter's Orders, from riding in the race on account of accident or illness.

25.3 Paragraph 25.1 does not apply where the Authority or Stewards are satisfied that any of the following circumstances apply and that the new Rider can be weighed within the appropriate time, as determined by Rule 22.3

25.3.1 if the declared Rider is ill or unfit to ride another Rider may be substituted,

25.3.2 if the declared Rider is not qualified to ride another Rider may be substituted,

25.3.3 a meeting on the same day has been abandoned and the substitute Rider was declared to ride at the abandoned meeting,

25.3.4 the substitute Rider was declared to ride at another meeting on the same day and one of his declared rides is unable to run,

25.3.5 the substitute Rider was declared to ride another horse in the same race but the horse is unable to run,

25.3.6 the substitute Rider was not declared to ride because he had already been declared to ride at nine meetings but subsequently did not ride at one of those meetings,

25.3.7 if the declared Rider is due to carry 1lb or more overweight another Rider may be substituted, or

25.3.8 in such other circumstances as the Authority or the Stewards consider acceptable.

25.4 Paragraph 25.1 does not apply if the Stewards authorise a Rider for a horse where

25.4.1 the horse has been declared to run under Rule (F)89,

25.4.2 no Rider has been declared for the horse as required under Rule (F)92,

25.4.3 the Stewards have received a request for authorisation from a Person listed in Rule 24.1, and

25.4.4 the authorisation is given not less than three-quarters of an hour before the time fixed for the race.

25.5 Where a Rider switches rides in the circumstance specified in Paragraph 25.3.4, the Trainer of the horse to which the Rider is switching must inform The Racing Calendar Office of the change at the earliest opportunity.

25.6 The Trainer or Owner of a horse shall be taken to have contravened a requirement imposed on him by these Rules in any case where

25.6.1 the Authority or the Stewards permit a substitution because, at the instruction of the Trainer or owner, the declared Rider is not present to ride, but

25.6.2 they are not satisfied that any of the circumstances specified in Paragraphs 25.3.1 to 25.3.8 apply.

25.7 In all races, other than those confined to

25.7.1 Apprentice Jockeys

25.7.2 Conditional Jockeys

25.7.3 Amateur Riders, or

25.7.4 both Conditional Jockeys and Amateur Riders

where a Rider is prevented from weighing out in the circumstances specified in Rule (D)42.5, the new Rider must be of a similar level regarding claiming a Rider's allowance.

So, for example, a Rider who claims any Rider's allowance must be replaced by a Rider who also claims any Rider's allowance.

25.8 The Trainer must, without delay and without exception, request approval from

25.8.1 The Racing Calendar Office, or
25.8.2 if he is at the racecourse, the Stewards

where the declared Rider will not be riding and a new Rider has been identified as provided for in Paragraphs 25.3.1 to 25.3.8.