

Requirements before proceeding to the Start

27. Requirements before mounting

27.1 The Racecourse Managing Executive must ensure that a clean number-cloth, of a pattern approved by the Authority is provided for every horse for which a Rider presents himself to be weighed out.

27.2 The horse attendants must be provided with badges bearing numbers corresponding with those on the card and the Trainer of a horse will be reported to the Stewards if an attendant's badge is not exhibited.

27.3 Each horse running at a meeting

27.3.1 may be saddled in the official racecourse stables if

27.3.1.1 the horse is difficult to saddle, and

27.3.1.2 the owner or Trainer has first obtained permission from the Stewards;

27.3.2 otherwise, must be saddled in the appointed place.

27.4 Each horse must then, unless Paragraph 27.6 applies

27.4.1 be brought into the Parade Ring, or

27.4.2 in the case of an All Weather Track fixture, be brought to the place designated for mounting,

by the time stipulated on the Timetable Plan for Start Times displayed in the Weighing Room and racecourse stables.

27.5 The Trainer of a horse will be reported to the Stewards in the event of the horse not being brought into the Parade Ring before the signal to mount is given and shall be taken to have contravened a requirement imposed on him by these Rules.

27.6 Where the Stewards at an All Weather Track fixture have, under Rule 9.2.2, authorised mounting in the place appointed for saddling

27.6.1 the riders must proceed to the place designated for mounting when so instructed by the Clerk of the Course or his representative,

27.6.2 no horse may leave there to proceed early to the start before the signal to mount is given unless the owner or Trainer has first obtained the permission of the Stewards,

27.6.3 the horses will be mounted where they are standing when the signal to mount is given, and

27.6.4 the horses must then proceed directly to the entrance onto the track.