

THE RULES OF RACING and RACEDAY REGULATION

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‘Oh God; this is nonsense. Does anybody understand it?’

Delegate Trainers’ Course 2021



Programme

Maori Race Meeting

Karioi, January 1st, 1870

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COME! COME! COME! NOTICE TO ALL!

This notice is to all friends in the East, in the West, in the North, in the South.

OH, FRIENDS LISTEN!

Horse races will be held at KARIOI.

These races will be run under the patronage of the King of Maori people.

STEWARDS OF THE RACES:

Chairman: Te Wheoro and his friends.

Judge: Te Tahuna and his friends.

Starter: Te Harihari and his friends.

Clerk of the Course: P. Wanihi and Te Amaru.

Clerk of Scales: Te Kamanomano.

Handicapper: Tom Pepa and his wife.

Treasurer: The Rev. Hori Wirihani

Secretary: Mrs. Harihari.

RULES OF THESE RACES:

- 1.—Men owning horses and wishing to enter them must deposit money in the hands of the secretary.
- 2.—Don't bring any drink to these races.
- 3.—Men who have taken much drink will not be allowed on this course. If any man disobey this rule he will bring the whip of the club down upon him.
- 4.—No girls will be allowed to ride as jockeys in these races.
- 5.—Jockeys must wear trousers in all events.
- 6.—No jockey must knock any other jockey off his horse or touch the reins of any other jockey or strike any other jockey with his whip during a race, or strike any other horse other than his own, or swear at or threaten any other jockey.
- 7.—Any jockey breaking these rules will be driven from the course if he does not pay twenty shillings to the treasurer.
- 8.—You must not change the name of the horse. You must not suppress the fact of a win at any other race meeting. You can be expelled or fined not more than 50s. if you break this rule.
- 9.—Persons allowed to see these races must not say rude words to the stewards, or swear at jockeys who do not win, or otherwise behave improperly.



THE SOLUTION

SIMPLIFICATION

TEACHING

APPROACHABLE

SIMPLIFICATION

Simplify the Rules to aid:

Understanding

Application

Consistency



RIDING IN A RACE ☆

DA^{NGER}OUS, CARELESS AND IMPROPER RIDING ☆

- 34 A Jockey must take reasonable care for the safety of all Jockeys and horses.
- 35 Jockey must not interfere with or make contact with another horse or Jockey during a Race.
- 36 There shall be no breach of Rule (F)34 where the interference or contact is accidental.

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RIDING A HORSE IN A RACE ☆

- 37 A Jockey must, and must be seen to:
- 37.1 ask their horse for timely, real and substantial efforts to achieve the best possible position; and
 - 37.2 take all other reasonable and permissible measures throughout the Race to ensure the horse is given a full opportunity to achieve the best possible position.
- 38 A Person must not prevent or try to prevent a horse from obtaining the best possible position.

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TEACHING

- **Jockeys – initially and on-going**
- **Trainers**
- **Racing Secretaries**
- **Owners**
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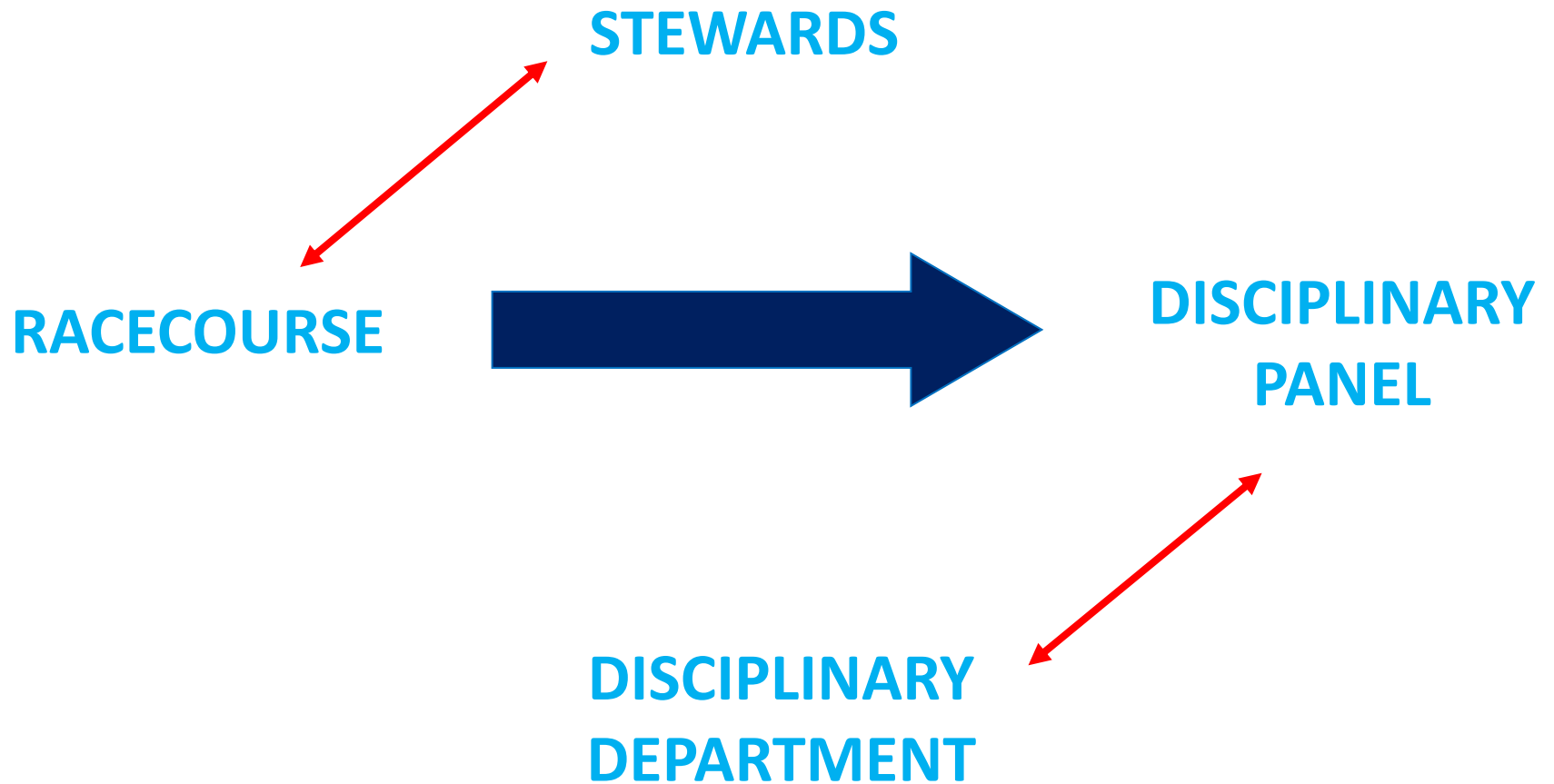
Stewards & Officials – Racecourse

Disciplinary – High Holborn



RACEDAY REGULATION

‘THE DAY JOB’



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Running and Riding

Interference

Whip



Running and Riding

Has a breach of the Rules been committed?

In order to decide whether or not to hold an enquiry or if a breach has been committed the Stewards should consider the following questions:

- Was the horse asked for “.....timely, real and substantial effort?”
- Was it ridden to obtain the best possible placing?

Rule (F)44.1

“A Jockey must carry, but is not obliged to use, a whip.”





Interference

INTERFERENCE

WAS THERE INTERFERENCE?

WHO CAUSED IT?

NO BLAME – NO ENQUIRY

DANGEROUS RIDING

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Horse Must Be Disqualified

CARELESS, IMPROPER and ACCIDENTAL

Would the horse who suffered the interference have beaten the horse who caused the interference but for the interference?

If so, place behind.



USE OF THE WHIP

Use of the whip

Any potential breach of Rule (F)45 identified by the Stewards will be referred to the Whip Review Committee:

- **MORE THAN 6 TIMES IN A FLAT RACE**
- **MORE THAN 7 TIMES IN A JUMP RACE**

Use of the whip

The Whip Review Committee will assess a riders use of the whip:

A breach shall be found wherever a rider has used the whip above the permitted level or has misused the whip.

When considering whether a rider has breached Rule (F)45 the Whip Review Committee will only exercise discretion in exceptional circumstances where individual strike(s) have been used clearly and unequivocally for safety purposes

FROM THE RACECOURSE

Appeals – jockeys, trainers & owners

Referred for further investigation

- **running & riding**
- **problems at actual meeting**

CODE OF CONDUCT

Everyone involved with British racing has a responsibility to maintain the highest standards of behaviour at all times.

- 1** Everyone must protect the dignity of others and treat each other with politeness, respect and kindness.
- 2** Everyone must ensure that the sport of horseracing is safe for all and free of any form of bullying, harassment or abuse.
- 3** No one shall engage in any form of sexual misconduct.
- 4** Everyone who uses social media and the online space must act responsibly and not engage in any form of online bullying, harassment or abuse.
- 5** No one shall abuse positions of power or responsibility or take advantage of those in a vulnerable position.
- 6** No one shall discriminate on the basis of age, disability, gender reassignment, marital status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, or sex and sexual orientation.





ANY QUESTIONS?



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