

Introduction

The Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club was established under an Emiri Decree in 1975.

The body known as the "HIGH COMMITTEE" shall be composed of no less than five (5) and not more than ten (10) members, appointed by the PATRON, HIS HIGHNESS SHEIKH HAMAD BIN KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, and he shall appoint one of the members to be The Chairman and one to be the Vice Chairman.

When the office of The Chairman is vacant, the Vice Chairman shall act in his place.

At any meeting of the "High Committee" a majority of the members constitutes a Quorum and a majority vote of the members present, determines any issue.

All members are Honorary and no salaries shall be paid.

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RULES OF RACING

TITLE

1. These rules shall be cited as the QREC – Rules of Racing & Instructions

PRELIMINARY

2. These rules shall apply to:
 - (i) all race meetings and races organized by and/or held under aegis or authority of the QREC, the internationally recognized Horse Racing Authority in Qatar.
 - (ii) all persons, including but not limited to those persons gaining or being granted access to any premises under the control of the Club, who take part in or are involved with or are in any direct or indirect way concerned with any matter coming within the purview or ambit of the provisions of these Rules as more fully provided for in these Rules.
3. Any persons, including but not limited to a person gaining or being granted access to any premises under the control of the Club, who takes part in or is involved with or is in any direct or indirect way concerned with any matter coming within the purview or ambit of the provisions of these Rules, thereby agrees to be bound by them.
4. The QREC is included in The International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities which has agreed either totally or partly on the “International Agreement of Breeding and Racing” of October 1986 as subsequently amended.
5.
 - (i) By virtue of the powers vested in them, the Stewards may enter into further reciprocal agreements with any recognized Horse Racing Authority. Subject to the Rules, the “International Agreement on Breeding and Racing” shall apply to all meetings and races.
 - (ii) If there is any conflict between the Rules and the “International Agreement on Breeding and Racing” the Rules shall prevail.
 - (iii) Without prejudice to the Rules, every Rider, Trainer, Assistant Trainer and Groom shall comply with such regulations, directives, orders and decisions as may be made from time to time by the Stewards. However if there is conflict between these Rules and the said regulations, orders and/or decisions the provisions of the Rules shall prevail.

STEWARDS OF THE QREC POWERS AND DUTIES:

6. The Stewards of the QREC shall be appointed by the "High Committee", three of them constituting a quorum and they have the following powers at their absolute discretion.
7. The Stewards may refuse access to, exclude or expel from any place controlled by the Club any person:
 - (i) against whom the Club has any claim which has remained unsettled;
 - (ii) found guilty of any form of corrupt practice or any form of corruption or any attempt thereof towards any Owner, Trainer, Assistant Trainer, Jockey, Official, Stewards, Racing Steward or other person connected with the running of a race;
 - (iii) having acted in breach of the Rules or been guilty of misbehaviour towards any member of the public or any Official, Steward or Racing Steward of the Club;
 - (iv) who is suspended, disqualified or warned off by any Horse Racing Authority other than the Club by way of reciprocation; or

- (v) who, in the Stewards' absolute discretion, is unfit to be granted such access.
8. The Stewards shall have control over, and free access to all stands, rooms, enclosures and other places used for the purpose of any race meeting held by the Club.
9. The Stewards shall:
 - (i) regulate, control, take cognizance of, and adjudicate upon the conduct of all Officials, Owners, Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Riders, Grooms, persons employed by the Club and any person frequenting the stands or other places used for the purpose of horse racing.
 - (ii) appoint Officials for all matters concerning race meetings.
 - (iii) have power, in their absolute discretion, to grant, vary, renew, refuse, suspend or revoke licenses, registrations and permits in respect of Trainers, Riders, Grooms and Officials, without giving any reason. However, no application by an existing licence holder for renewal of that licence will be rejected without inquiry.
 - (iv) have power to inflict upon any person subject to their control, and punishable by any or all of the following penalties: reprimand, caution, warning, suspension from acting or riding, warning off, disqualification, a fine not exceeding QR250,000.
 - (v) have the power to annul, remit, suspend, defer the application or execution of or otherwise mitigate any punishment incurred under the Rules.
 - (vi) have the power, at any time, to make such regulations as may be necessary for the proper administration, organization and conduct of horse racing.
10. The Stewards shall have all powers generally for:
 - (i) organising race meetings
 - (ii) making or, if they consider it necessary, varying any arrangements at any time for the conduct of race meetings as they deem fit
 - (iii) regulating the training of horses
 - (iv) fixing the dates on which and the conditions subject to which races are to be run, including awards and prizes to be allotted thereto
 - (v) to accept or refuse to accept entries or declarations to run or refuse to allow a horse duly entered to run in any race
 - (vi) postponing or cancelling the holding of a race or races of any race meetings
 - (vii) to supervise and make such alternations as they may think advisable in the programme of or the conditions of any race at any meeting.
11. The Stewards shall determine any matter arising at or in relation to any race meeting which is not provided for or covered by the rules.
12.
 - (i) To allow or refuse to allow any person to act or to continue to act as an authorized agent.
 - (ii) To make enquiry into and deal with any matters relating to racing whether such matters arise in the State of Qatar or elsewhere, and to refer any such matter to the Racing Stewards or others for investigation and report, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, to enquire at any time into the running of any horse upon any course or courses, whether a report is or is not made.
 - (iii) At any time to exercise any power conferred on the Stewards by the Rules.
 - (iv) To entertain and determine appeals against the decisions of the Racing Stewards or the decisions of any person or body of persons to whom they have delegated any of their powers pursuant to Rule 12 (xii) both as provided for by these Rules.

- (v) To determine and regulate the form of and the procedure for any of the aforesaid enquiries on appeal, including the conduct and hearing thereof and to vary as they may think fit such form or procedure, whether laid down in these Rules or otherwise and whether in a particular case or generally and no hearing before or determination made by the Stewards of the QREC may be rendered invalid or otherwise impugned for a defect or alleged defect in form or procedure.
- (vi) To publish or authorise the publication of, in any newspaper, notice or otherwise any punishment imposed or any decision or any action taken by them or by the Racing Stewards respecting any matter or person.
- (vii) To publish from time to time such instructions as they may think fit and which instructions shall have the same force and effect as if one of the Rules.
- (viii) To exercise any other powers conferred upon them by these Rules and to take any such action as they consider necessary for the purpose of carrying out or putting into effect these Rules.
- (ix) To make new Rules or modify the Rules of Racing or Instructions or any part thereof or to suspend any Rule or Instruction or any part thereof for such period or periods as they think fit without giving previous notice; but should they do so, they shall publish such action as soon as possible thereafter.
- a) To punish any person contravening the Rules or disobeying any proper direction of any Official or whose conduct or negligence has led, or could have led, to a breach of the Rules.
- b) To punish any licensed person or Official whose conduct or negligence or neglect in performance of his duties has led, or could have led, to a breach of the Rules.
- c) To withdraw or suspend for an indefinite period the license of any person who has committed any breach of the Rules of Racing if good cause has been shown.
- d) To revoke or withdraw the license issued to any person if the Stewards of the QREC shall determine in the exercise of their absolute discretion that his conduct whether or not associated with racing, has rendered him unsuitable to continue to hold the license issued to him.
- (x) To confirm, adopt or enforce any punishment imposed by the Racing Stewards or the Stewards of the QREC or comparable authorities of any racing club in any other country except as provided for under Rule 96.
- (xi) To make reciprocal arrangements with any such club for the recognition or enforcement of each other's punishments.
- (xii) To delegate to any person or body of persons all or any of its powers under these Rules.
- (xiii) To take any action they deem necessary against any person that in any way at any time disturbs the peace, or shows disrespect by work or action to any Official of the QREC or race meeting and they may order the ejection from the grounds or they may impose fines or suspensions on any person whose conduct is unacceptable in any manner.
- (xiv) To ensure that no person acting as an Official during a race meeting under any capacity, shall have any interest directly or indirectly in any horse participating in a race and if so, the Official shall be replaced in his duties, during this particular race in which he has an interest and until the "WEIGHED IN SIGNAL" has been given.
- (xv) All decisions of the Stewards of the QREC may be subject to appeal to the High Committee within 30 days in writing, accompanied by a deposit of QR1000.

RACE MEETING OFFICIALS: APPOINTMENT

13. The Stewards shall appoint and, and where appropriate, license the following persons to act at every race meeting:
 - a Race Meeting Secretary
 - a Clerk of the Course

- a Clerk of the Scales
- a Medical Officer
- a Regulatory Veterinary Surgeon
- an Analyst
- an Analyst's Specimen Collector
- a Handicapper
- a Starter
- an Assistant Starter
- a Judge
- a Farrier
- a Veterinary Surgeon

LICENCE APPLICATION

14. By applying for a Licence, each applicant will be deemed to have agreed that:
- (i) The Licence issued to him, unless and until revoked or withdrawn pursuant to these Rules, shall continue valid for the racing season or part racing season with respect to which it is issued, but upon expiry or prior revocation or withdrawal, the rights and/or privileges conferred shall cease and determine absolutely.
 - (ii) The Licence issued to him may be revoked or withdrawn or suspended by the Stewards of the QREC if the Stewards shall determine, in the exercise of their absolute discretion that his conduct, whether or not such conduct associated with racing, has rendered him unsuitable to continue to hold the Licence issued to him.
 - (iii) The Stewards of the QREC in exercise of their absolute discretion may impose such restrictions as they consider appropriate either when issuing a Licence or at any time during the period of its validity.
 - (iv) The fees to be paid in respect of a Licence shall be such, as the Stewards of the QREC shall from time to time decide.

RACING STEWARDS APPOINTMENT

15. a) The Racing Stewards shall be appointed by the Stewards, and any two Racing Stewards shall constitute a quorum and they will include any person acting in the appointment of Stipendiary Steward in accordance with Rule 21.
- b) In relation to all the duties to be performed by Racing Stewards in connection with any particular race meeting, the powers conferred on the Stewards under the Rules shall, save for Rule 9 (v), be vested in the Racing Stewards.
- c) The Stewards shall appoint a Chairman of Racing Stewards. In case the Chairman is unable to act, the Racing Stewards shall appoint a Chairman from amongst themselves. Nothing in this Rule shall preclude or be construed as precluding the Chairman of Racing Stewards from designating another Racing Steward to lead any inquiry, hearing or other proceeding provided however that such person shall not have a casting vote in case of equality votes amongst the Racing Stewards.
- d) The Chairman shall, in the event of an equality of votes amongst the Racing Stewards, have a casting vote in respect of any matter to be decided by the Racing Stewards.

POWERS OF THE RACING STEWARD

16. The Racing Stewards may open an enquiry into any race and, for that purpose, hear any person and examine the official film and/or the video recording of the race and generally do anything which they consider necessary for the purpose of their investigation.
17. The Stewards shall exclude from all such places under their control every disqualified person and all such persons or description of persons as they may from time to time be required by the Stewards of the QREC and any other person in their absolute discretion.
18. In addition to any other power conferred upon them by these Rules, the Stewards have full power:
 - (i) To make (and if necessary, vary) all such arrangements for the conduct of the meeting as they think fit and to dispense with the starting stalls as provided in Rule 26.
 - (ii) Under exceptional circumstances, or if the weather or ground be in an unfit state for running, to postpone or abandon a day's racing or to postpone or abandon any races for that day whether before or after the commencement of the meeting.
 - (iii) To determine all questions arising in reference to racing at the meeting, except as otherwise provided in these Rules and subject to appeal under Rule 79.
 - (iv) At any time to order an examination by such person or persons as they think fit of any horse entered for a race or trial or test or which has run in a race or trial or test.
 - (v) To make or cause to be made any test in their opinion desirable to determine whether any Prohibited Substance or substance other than a substance attributable to normal and ordinary feeding has been administered to any horse and to take possession on the course or elsewhere of any horse for any of the purposes aforesaid and to detain such horse for such period as they consider necessary.
 - (vi) To order down any rider without assigning any reason if they think fit to substitute another rider.
 - (vii) To prohibit any horse from starting in a race.
 - (viii) To order the removal of any shoes, racing plates, equipment or gear which has not been approved by the Stewards for use on that horse or which in their opinion is unsuitable, unsafe or ineffective and to punish any person responsible for the use of the same.
 - (ix) To order the withdrawal of a horse from any race or trial or test at any time if in their opinion it is unfit to run or unable to start without unreasonable delay or for any other reason and declare such horse a non-starter.
 - (x) In exceptional cases to extend the time allowed for weighing out, declaring weight, for starting or for any other thing required by the Rules or conditions of a race.
 - (xi)
 - a) To punish the owner, trainer, rider and/or any other person found to be responsible for not allowing a horse to run on its merits in any race at the meeting or any other meeting at which any one or more of them officiated as Stewards of Meetings notwithstanding that no enquiry was held into the running of the horse in this/these other race(s).
 - b) After enquiry to disqualify for such time and for such races, trials and tests, as they shall determine any horse which has been subject to a corrupt, fraudulent or improper practice within the meaning of these rules.
 - c) After enquiry to order that future entries or declarations be not accepted for such time and for such races, trials and tests, as they shall determine for any horse which in their opinion has been found to be unduly inconsistent.
 - d) After enquiry to punish by disqualification or otherwise any person who, in their opinion, has been responsible or a party to duly inconsistent running of any horse.
 - (xii) Unless otherwise provided for under these Rules, to determine and regulate in their absolute discretion the

form of and the procedure for any of the aforementioned enquiries and to vary as they may think fit procedure whether in a particular case of generally and no enquiry or determination made by the Stewards may be rendered invalid or otherwise impugned for a defect or alleged defect if form or procedure.

- (xiii) To entertain and decide objections lodged under these Rules.
- (xiv) In addition to or in lieu of any other Penalties or punishments as they may be laid down in these Rules to punish in accordance with Rule 19:
 - a) Any person who in the opinion of the Stewards has committed any breach of any of the Rules of Racing.
 - b) Any licensed person whose conduct or negligence in the performance of his duties has led or could have led to a breach of the Rules.
- (xv) To order the examination by the duty Medical Officer of any rider declared to ride in a race or who has ridden in a race. Such examination may, at the discretion of the Medical Officer or the Stewards of the Meeting, include the taking of biological samples.
- (xvi) To require any horse to pass one or a series of Stall Tests or Barrier Trials before it can be declared to run again.
- (xvii) To declare a race null and void.
- (xviii) To impose a fine for excessive or improper use of the whip.
- (xix) Ignorance of the Rules will not be accepted as an excuse for their violation.
- (xx) At any time order an examination by a Veterinary Surgeon of any horse and on the recommendation of a Veterinary Surgeon withdraw any horse from any race.
- (xxi) The Racing Stewards shall exercise the powers conferred upon them as from the time horses are provisionally entered by Trainers for a race meeting for which the said Racing Stewards have been appointed to act as such.
- (xxii) Shall have the power at any time to enter the premises occupied or under control of a licensed person, for the purpose of inspecting and searching the premises and also searching any licensed person found therein, examining any horse, examining any articles situated therein and taking possession of any article situated therein.

PUNISHMENTS

- 19. (i) Without prejudice to any other powers on punishment imposed by these Rules, any person or body authorised by these Rules to punish any person, may do so by reprimand, caution, warning, disqualification or suspension from acting or riding for any period or and may in lieu thereof or in addition thereto impose a fine not exceeding QR250 000 or may impose only a fine not exceeding QR250000.
- (ii) No person shall be entitled to make any claim for damages by any reason or in consequence of the imposition, annulment, removal, mitigation or remission of any punishment imposed or purporting to be imposed under the Rules.
- (iii) No Official or member of the QREC shall be liable to any person as a result of or in any way (either directly or indirectly) arising out of the exercise of any right, privilege, power, duty or discretion conferred or imposed or bona fide believed to have been conferred or imposed under the Rules.
- (iv) Notwithstanding anything in these Rules contained, when an appeal has been duly instituted against a suspension or disqualification imposed under these Rules, the Stewards of the QREC may, in their absolute discretion and subject to such conditions as they think fit, suspend the operation in whole or in part of the Rules imposing disabilities upon suspended or disqualified persons and horses until the determination of such appeal.

- (v) The power of disqualification in this context includes also the power to disqualify a horse for any reason including failure to start on more than two (2) successive occasions, willful behaviour, and constituting a danger to the public, jockeys, officials or other horses.

RACING SECRETARY

- 20. (i) The Racing Secretary is responsible for the design and production of the proposed racing programme for the season and its submission to the Stewards of the QREC for their consideration.
- (ii) They shall maintain files for all licensed racing persons and registers for each horse inclusive of their racing records.
- (iii) They shall maintain records of all names appearing on any forfeit, Veterinary, Starters or Stewards list.
- (iv) They shall receive all nominations, entries, declarations and scratchings for each race and keep a statistical record of all races run.
- (v) They shall supervise the Draw for post position of all the runners in each race.
- (vi) They are responsible for publication of the programme for each raceday.
- (vii) They are responsible for the publication of the Annual Racing Calendar with the seasons racing results, statistics and any other useful information included.
- (viii) They shall ensure that no horse in current ownership of a disqualified person or whose name is on a forfeit list participates in a race.
- (ix) They shall maintain a record of prizemoney won and commissions earned after each raceday to be set against entry fees, riding fees and any other charges. Such information will be passed to the Accounts Department for due payments to be made once the individual raceday results are confirmed as clear in all respects.

STIPENDIARY STEWARD

- 21. (i) A Stipendiary Steward, on appointment shall, by virtue of his office be a Racing Steward at which he is officially present.
- (ii) In addition to exercising or performing any particular powers, duties or functions conferred or imposed on him by these Rules, a Stipendiary Steward shall have power to investigate any matter which falls within the general scope of his duties and which in his opinion requires investigation and any other matter which he is directed by the Stewards of the QREC to investigate.

CLERK OF THE COURSE

- 22. The Clerk of the Course or their authorised substitute is the sole person responsible to the Racing Stewards for the general arrangements of the Meeting and the proper maintenance of the Course; they shall see that the Course is properly measured and marked and shall:

See that all horses running at the meeting shall be saddled in the saddling stalls and brought into the parade ring a reasonable time before the signal to mount is given. In the case of any horse not being brought into the parade ring the Trainer shall be reported to the Racing Stewards. No horse shall be admitted to the saddling stalls unless it has been declared to run. The parade ring shall be reserved strictly for those horses, which are about to run. No person shall without special leave from the Stewards of the Meeting be allowed access to the parade ring except for Officials of the Meeting, Owners, Trainers, and Riders of horses about to run in the next race. Any person refusing to leave the saddling stalls or parade ring shall be reported to the Racing Stewards.

CLERK OF THE SCALES

23. The Clerk of the Scales shall:

- (i) See that a clean number cloth of a pattern approved by the Stewards of the QREC is provided for every horse for which a rider presents themselves to be weighed out.
- (ii) Weigh the riders in accordance with the conditions of the race.
- (iii) See that extra weight or any variation from the weight appearing on the programme is declared at scale. For any horse such weight with number, also any alteration of colours and if a horse be wearing a hood or blinkers or visor or pacifiers shall be recorded. In the event of a dead heat, each horse running the dead heat is deemed to be a winner.
- (iv) All such alterations in regard to allowances, overweight, change of riders and withdrawals are to be recorded as may be required.
- (v) In all cases, except as provided in Rule 70 (v) weigh in the riders of the horses which finish and report to the Racing Stewards any rider not presenting himself to be weighed in or drawing his correct weight except as provided for in Rule 71 (ii) & 71 (iii).
- (vi) Should an objection be lodged or an enquiry, be initiated, order the appropriate announcement to be made. Once the result of an enquiry is known he should announce the result followed by "weighed in".
- (vii) At the close of each days racing a return is to be made of weights carried in every race and the names of the riders specifying overweight (if any) and of the horses which failed to complete the course stating reasons.

HANDICAPPER

24. The Handicapper in making a handicap shall allot the weights to be carried in accordance with the definition of a handicap, and similarly allot the weights in all condition races in accordance with the terms prescribed for each race. The weights for all races shall be published and no alteration shall be made to a weight allocated by the handicapper after publication except by express permission of the Stewards of the QREC. A weight may be affixed for a horse duly entered but whose name or weight has been omitted from the handicap or a correction may be made when through an error in transmission or transcription an incorrect weight has been published.

THE JUDGE

25. The Judge or his authorised substitute shall:

- (i) Occupy the Judges box at the time the horses pass the Winning Post or the race shall be void. He must announce his decision immediately or after consulting the photograph and shall base his decision exclusively on the position of the horse's nose at the time they pass the Winning Post. Such decision shall be final unless an objection to the winner or any placed horse is made and sustained. Provided that this Rule shall not prevent a Judge from correcting any mistake, such correction being subject to confirmation by the Racing Stewards provided that the "weighed in" signal has not already been given.
- (ii) At the end of each days racing, sign a report of the result of each race.

STARTER AND STARTING

- 26. (i) Every horse shall be at the start ready to commence at the appointed time. Horses may be led to the starting post provided the sanction of the Racing Stewards has first been obtained or in the case of emergency by permission of the Starter.
- (ii) On arrival at the start, all riders must immediately place themselves under the control of the Starter.
- (iii) The horses must be started by the Official Starter or his authorised substitute and all races shall be started

from starting stalls, provided that a race may be started with a flag by special permission of the Stewards of the QREC or in the case of emergency, by permission of the Racing Stewards or the Starter.

- (iv) The Starter shall call over the names of the runners and assign the horse to the places drawn by lot, all horses taking their place at the start in the order drawn for them. The rider who has drawn Number 1 must always be placed in the stall nearest the inside rail, the other jockeys must take their place in ascending order.
- (v) The Starter shall give all orders necessary for securing a fair start.
- (vi) In a start with a flag, the Starter has full power to remove an unruly horse and should he do so, he must place it at such distance to one side or behind the other runners that it cannot gain any advantage itself or cause danger to or prejudice the chances of the other horses and riders engaged in the race. Permission may be given by the Starter for a horse to be held, but in all cases, the horse must be held "at a stand" behind the other runners. Should an unruly horse cause undue delay it may be withdrawn and declared a non-starter.
- (vii)
 - a) In a start from Starting Stalls, the Starter has the full power to withdraw any horse or horses which fail to enter the place allotted by the draw or which become unruly.
 - b) Permission may be given by the Starter for a horse to be held or the Starter may himself order a horse to be held in any stall.
- (viii)
 - a) Should the Starter consider through any cause a horse is unable to start he shall at once notify the Racing Stewards.
 - b) Should the Starter consider that it is impossible to get a horse into the Starting Stall in a reasonable time or if, in his opinion, any horse has been prevented from starting from the mechanical failure of any Starting Stall, or any reason of its not being placed in its Starting Stall, or if a start has been effected while any horse is riderless, or if any horse was denied a fair start, the Racing Stewards may declare such horse to be a non-starter.
- (ix) The Starter shall report to the Racing Stewards any rider who misconducts himself at the post or the start. The Starter has the power to impose a fine not exceeding QR500 on any rider who misconducts himself at the start.
- (x)
 - a) Should the Starter consider that through any faulty action of the Starting Stall, or for any other reason, a fair start has not been effected, he shall declare it a false start and order the riders, by means of a siren or recall flag, to return to the post. The Starter's decision on these points shall be final. When the Starter has declared a false start, the Racing Stewards shall decide whether the race is to be restarted as soon as practicable or whether the race is to be abandoned.
 - b) Where the siren is sounded or the recall flag displayed, without the order of the Starter, he shall nonetheless declare it a false start.
 - c) Should the Starter declare a false start and the siren is not sounded or the recall flag displayed, the race may, on enquiry, be declared void or re-run.
 - d) Should the Starter declare a false start and the siren is sounded or the recall flag displayed any horse completing the course will not be allowed to restart.
- (xi) A start in front of the starting post or on the wrong course is void and the horses must be started again as soon as practicable. But in the event of any horse running the course from the void start, the trainer or owner may, with the consent of the Racing Stewards, withdraw his horse from the race.
- (xii) The Starter shall report to the Racing Stewards all cases in which he has dispensed with the Starting Stalls or taken any action under Rule 26 (x) his reasons for so doing, and through what cause any delay was occasioned.
- (xiii) Under no circumstances will any trainer, attendant, starter's assistant or any handler be allowed to use a whip or otherwise strike in any way any horse while that horse is under the control of the Starter prior to and during the start of any race.

- (xiv) No owner, trainer or employee will be allowed upon the course at the start without the permission of the Starter or the Stewards.

OWNERS

- 27. (i) The Registry Office will maintain a register of the names of owners of horses. The name of an owner may only be registered by application to the Registry Office on the prescribed form signed by the owner or authorised agent with payment of the required fee.
- (ii) An owner must be 16 years of age or over. A person under 16 years of age may be registered upon written consent of the parents, or guardian, with the approval of the Stewards of the QREC.
- (iii) The registration of ownership shall lapse if the owner does not have a horse returned as in training for 24 months.

STABLE NAMES

- 28. An owner wishing to use an alternative Stable Name must apply to the Registry Office in the same manner.

SYNDICATES

- 29. Registration of Syndicates of not more than 24 members will be accepted provided that:
 - (i) The Syndicate representative is a registered owner, who will be regarded as the sole owner in respect of all fees and prize money.
 - (ii) An application is submitted to the Registry Office on the prescribed form listing all names of members and the Syndicate title.

PARTNERSHIPS

- 30. The name of the horse must be registered before registration under this Rule can be made:
 - (i) Where a horse is owned by more than one person but not more than four (4) persons, a document stating the name and address of every person having an interest in such horse and the relative proportions of such interest must be signed by all of the parties or their authorised agents and lodged at the Registry Office whereupon the partnership shall be deemed to be registered unless thereafter the Stewards of the QREC refuse to accept the registration. All parties shall be jointly and severally liable for every stake or forfeit and no part owner shall assign his share or part thereof in a horse without the consent of his partners.
 - (ii) Only two (2) names may appear on the race card, but a partnership name may be registered.

AUTHORISED AGENTS

- 31. (i) An owner shall seek the approval of the Stewards of the QREC to appoint an Authorised Agent.
- (ii) Upon acceptance this person will represent the owner in all matters pertaining to the racing of their horses on application to the Registry Office for the required form with a letter from the owner confirming his appointment.
- (iii) Such a person must be fully acquainted with the Rules of the QREC.

LEASING

- 32. Where a horse is leased, a Leasing Agreement stating the names and addresses of all interested parties with all the details of the agreement must be lodged with the Registry Office.

RACING COLOURS

33. (i) Every owner, partnership or syndicate in whose name a horse is to run is required to register colours by application to the Registry Office and colours so registered shall not be taken by any other person. All disputes as to the right to particular colours shall be settled by the Stewards of the QREC.
- (ii) In case a jockey arrives at scales wearing incorrect colours, he will be allowed to race in the Club colours, but the person responsible for issuing the incorrect colours to the jockey shall be fined by the Racing Stewards.

TRAINERS & ASSISTANT TRAINERS

34. (i) Every trainer and assistant trainer must be the holder of a current Licence issued by the Stewards of the QREC.
- (ii) Any licensed trainer visiting the QREC to participate in racing with his horses must present his Licence issued by the racing authority of the country where currently licensed.
35. Each trainer shall be responsible for:
- (i) Conducting his business properly, with due regard to the interest of his owners and for the good management and training of horses in his charge
 - (ii) all matters pertaining to the running of his stable, including stable routine, treatment, feeding, security of all his horses and the work of his stable staff
 - (iii) the entries of horses under his care.
 - (iv) proper shoeing of horses taking part in a race with shoes of a type approved by the Racing Stewards
 - (v) seeing that the jockeys wears the colours assigned to him in the official Race Card, except where the Racing Stewards order otherwise.
 - (vi) ensuring that only Veterinary Surgeons licensed by the Club or any other veterinary surgeon duly authorized by the Racing Stewards, inject or otherwise treat horses under his care. Also ensure that no substances, other than those attributable to ordinary feeding are administered within 24 hours of racing.
 - (vii) giving proper instructions to Jockeys or riders engaged to ride horses under his care.
 - (viii) complying with any conditions attached to his license.
 - (ix) the correct saddling of his horse and ensuring that the saddle and all the equipment are properly fitted
 - (x) that his horse wears or uses gear or equipment as described in the Official Race Card and that such gear or equipment be properly fitted on his horse and that such gear are of a type approved by the Racing Stewards.
 - (xi) conduct his business and fulfil his responsibilities in compliance with all directions, if any, of his Owners and of the Stewards of the QREC.
 - (xii) ensure that his horses carries the correct weight in accordance with the conditions of the race.
 - (xiii) ensure that only approved Tongue Ties are used, which may not be attached directly or indirectly to the bridle of the horse.
- 35A All Qatar based trainers shall notify the QREC on the specified form the names of all horses that have entered or left their stable within the last seven days. Failure to comply with the above shall result in a minimum fine of QAR1000
- (i) All trainers shall notify the QREC on the specified form the names of all horses that have been gelded within the last seven days. Failure to comply with the above shall result in a minimum fine of QAR1000
- 35B A Trainer shall not be entitled to declare the name of a RIDER without having obtained the prior agreement of such RIDER to ride the HORSE concerned. Should such declaration not be made the Stewards may, its sole

discretion, withdraw the HORSE concerned from the RACE and or fine the trainer an amount of not less than QAR 1000

- 35C A Trainer and/or in his Licensed Assistant trainer shall, except with the permission of the Stewards, be present in the parade ring when he/she has a runner. If a trainer or his licensed assistant trainer is not present without good reason he/she may be fined and/or the horse or horses withdrawn from the race

RIDERS/JOCKEYS

36. No person shall ride in any race under these Rules unless he has obtained:
- (i) A jockey's or amateur rider's Licence issued by the Stewards of the QREC pursuant to these Rules.
 - (ii) A current Licence issued by a recognised turf authority of any country party to the International Agreement whereby riders holding Licences to ride issued by any of those turf authorities need not produce a clearance certificate before riding in races under the Rules of any other turf authority.
 - (iii) An Apprentice Licence issued by the Stewards of the QREC.
 - (iv) All applications for a local riding Licence must be accompanied with a valid health certificate issued during the preceding six (6) months by a specified health professional in the State of Qatar.

IMPROPER CONDUCT OF JOCKEYS

37. Any Jockey who:
- (i) conducts himself in an improper manner
 - (ii) fails to comply with any order issued by the Racing Stewards or any Official of the club.
 - (iii) fails, without good cause, to follow the instructions of his Trainer in respect of his riding exercise.
 - (iv) fails to pay any fine which he may have incurred
 - (v) makes any celebratory gesture in an excessive manner of the horse he is riding before or after the horse passes the winning post.
 - (vi) is in breach of any of these Rules

Shall commit an offence and be liable to any of the penalties provided.

JOCKEYS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF RESTRICTED SUBSTANCES

38. (i) Any Jockey or **Rider** who:
- a) at the time he presents himself for the race or trackwork, is found to be under the influence of a restricted substance.
 - b) refuses to deliver a specimen whether of urine or otherwise when so requested by the Racing Stewards.
 - c) fails to comply with any directive, decision, direction, ruling or order of the Racing Stewards.

Shall **have committed** an offence and also be stood down for the remainder of any race meeting at the discretion of the Stewards.

- (ii) a) Any Jockey or Rider who has incurred a penalty under any subparagraph of Rule 38 shall not be allowed to participate in any race or track work unless a sample of his urine or otherwise, to be taken as directed by the Racing Stewards, shows, upon analysis, that it is clear of any substance.

- b) Upon written application by the Rider at the time of the taking of any specimen, the Club shall split the specimen into two samples which shall be marked 'A Sample' and 'B Sample' respectively. If upon examination of the A sample a prohibited substance is detected therein, the rider may request that the B sample be analysed. In the latter case, the B sample shall be dispatched to such designated laboratory through the Racing Stewards or their representative and the Rider shall be liable for all the costs of the analysis including those incurred to dispatch the B sample to such designated laboratory.

For the purpose of this rule, a restricted substance means:

- a) Alcohol – at or above a threshold of 22 micrograms of ethanol per 100 milliliters of breath, or 50 milligrams of ethanol per 100 milliliters of blood.
 - b) Amphetamines excluding Ephedrine, methylephedrine, Pseudoephedrine and Phenylpropanolamine.
 - c) Barbiturates
 - d) Benzodiazepines or Benzodiazepine like substances
 - e) Cannabinoids – at or above a threshold of 15ng/ml of delta – 9 - tetrahydro-11-norcanabinol-9-carboxylic acid.
 - f) Cocaine
 - g) Ketamine and Tiletamine
 - h) Lasix (Frusemide) or other diuretics
 - i) Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD)
 - j) Opioids excluding the use of Codeine, Dextrometorphane, Dihydrocodeine, Ethylmorphine, Pholcodine and Propoxyphene for therapeutic purposes
 - k) Phencyclidine
- (iii) A certificate under the hand and signature of an analyst appointed and approved by the QREC shall be evidence of an analytical test and of its results at an inquiry or other hearing.

DUTIES OF A JOCKEY

39. (i) Every Jockey Shall:
- a) where he is nominated to ride during a race meeting be present in the Jockey's Room at least one hour before the time set for the start of the first race unless authorized by the Racing Stewards.
 - b) wear a skull cap of a type approved by the Stewards during a race and while riding exercise
 - c) wear, in all races and at tack work, a safety vest of a type approved by the Racing Stewards as recommended by the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities
 - d) be responsible for the proper condition of any equipment used by him in any race.
 - e) use only rubber or plastic reins that can be buckled or locked on the bit
 - f) carry lead weights in races only and in lead bags of a type approved by the Racing Stewards under the saddle, and in no other place
- (ii) No Jockey shall:
- a) carry in a race or at track work any substitute for a whip or any mechanical or electrical device

- b) wear spurs during a race and while riding exercise
 - c) carry any whip in a race, trial or track work other than a padded whip which has been approved by the Racing Stewards.
- 40.
 - (i) Where a Jockey nominated to ride in a race claims to be unfit to ride, he shall immediately make report to that effect to the Clerk of the Course or, in the absence of the latter, to any other Official, who shall request the said Jockey to be medically examined by a doctor duly appointed by the Club.
 - (ii) Any Jockey who misleads or attempts to mislead the doctors carrying the medical examination (s) referred to in Rule 40 (i), shall commit an offence.
- 40A No PERSON or individual shall arrange rides or other benefits for a JOCKEY in respect of that JOCKEY'S racing activities, and no JOCKEY shall permit a PERSON or individual so to act, unless the PERSON or individual is REGISTERED as an agent by the QREC.
- 40B The following shall not be REGISTERED as JOCKEY'S agents by the QREC:
 - (i) anybody under 18 years of age.
 - (ii) an OFFICIAL or the SPOUSE of an OFFICIAL.
 - (iii) anybody or the SPOUSE or PARTNER of anybody in the employ of the QREC.
 - (iv) a STEWARD or his SPOUSE.
 - (v) a farrier or his SPOUSE.
 - (vi) a TRAINER or his SPOUSE.
 - (vii) anybody or the SPOUSE of anybody in the employ of a TRAINER save that an employee of a TRAINER may, with the TRAINER'S approval, act as an agent for a JOCKEY who is contracted to that TRAINER.
- 40C A JOCKEY may enter into an agreement as provided for in RULE 40A provided that
 - (i) the agreement is in writing and has been approved by QREC.
 - (ii) every agreement shall expire at the end of the current racing season.
 - (iii) the acceptance and/or REGISTRATION of an agreement shall not absolve the JOCKEY from personal responsibility for any contravention of the RULES by the agent and no delegation of any powers or authorities under the agreement shall be made.

APPRENTICES

- 41.
 - (i) Any person bound as an Apprentice may be granted by the Stewards of the QREC permission to ride in races with the consent of his Master.
 - (ii) Any licensed trainer desiring to take an Apprentice shall first apply for approval of the Stewards of the QREC which may be withheld without reason, given or granted on such terms and conditions as the Stewards of the QREC think fit.
 - (iii) All Apprentice agreements shall contain such provisions as shall be prescribed and approved by the Stewards of the QREC and lodged with the Racing Section.
 - (iv) Before attaining the age of 15 years or attaining the age of 25 years, no person may ride as an Apprentice Jockey.
 - (v) All engagements for an Apprentice to ride in races must be made by his Master and no Apprentice shall ride in any race for any person other than his Master without his Master's consent.

- (vi) Any Apprentice leaving his employment without the consent of his Master or without just cause shall have his Licence revoked. All disputes will be decided by the Stewards of the QREC.
- (vii) Anything contained in the foregoing to the contrary notwithstanding, no Apprentice shall be permitted to ride any horse which has not raced, unless permission is granted by the Stewards of the QREC.
- (viii) All horses ridden by Apprentices in races shall wear a breast check or breast.

APPRENTICE ALLOWANCES

42. (i) Unless otherwise provided in the conditions of the race, any Apprentice who shall have been granted permission to ride in races, shall be entitled while his apprenticeship continues, to claim in any race an allowance on the following scale:
- If he has not ridden **fifteen (15)** winners : 5 kilograms
- If he has not ridden **thirty (30)** winners : 3 kilograms
- (ii) Every Apprentice and his Master must report to the Racing Department when such an Apprentice has ridden **fifteen (15)** and **thirty (30)** winners.
- (iii) The Stewards of the QREC may fine, suspend or disqualify any Apprentice claiming an allowance to which he is not entitled and any person concurring in or conniving with an Apprentice making such claim. They may also disqualify any horse, which has been ridden in a race by an Apprentice whose weight has been adjusted by an allowance to which he is not entitled.

AMATEUR RIDERS

43. A person holding a Licence to ride as an Amateur Rider issued by a recognised Turf Authority of another country may participate in Amateur races without the right to claim any allowances.

JOCKEY FEES

44. The riding fee for a Jockey or Apprentice Jockey at meetings under these Rules shall be as determined from time to time by the Stewards of the QREC and shall be payable when the rider has weighed out for and presents himself to take his ride. All riding fees shall be paid by the QREC and the rider will receive 10% of all prize money earned by his mount excluding trophies and bonuses.

In addition:

- (i) For the purpose of calculating winning amounts a dead heat is adjudicated according to Rule 67.

ENTRIES & ACCEPTANCES

45. (i) Every entry, acceptance and declaration shall be fixed to close at a place and time appointed by the Stewards of the QREC and is subject to withdrawal or alteration up to the time of closing.
- (ii) The list of entries shall be closed at the advertised time and no entry shall be admitted on any grounds after that time, always excepting that any race which attracts less than six (6) qualified entries may be reopened for a further period of time and that horses may be transferred to other races in accordance with Instructions by the Stewards of the QREC.
- (iii) The Stewards shall have the right to determine from time to time all matters pertaining to Entry, Acceptance and Declarations.
- (iv) Without six (6) entries of different ownership, a race MAY be reopened or cancelled.
46. (i) Entries and withdrawals of such entries before the time closing shall be made in writing and signed by the

Trainer/Assistant Trainer/Owner or the Owners Authorised Agent

- (ii) For the purpose of this Rule in international races, an email shall be deemed to be in writing.

DECLARATION OF RUNNERS

- 47. (i) Every Declaration to run form must be lodged at the Racing Department at such time as stipulated in the conditions of entry. Such declarations shall be subject to withdrawal or alteration up to the time fixed for declaration.
- (ii) All declarations shall state the number of the race, the name of the horse, the name of the Rider, and racing gear and shall be in writing signed by the Trainer/Assistant Trainer/Owner or the Owners authorised agent.
- (iii) If at the close of Declarations, there are less than 6 declared runners of different ownerships – a race may be cancelled.

ENTRANCE MONEY

- 48. (i) The Nominator is liable as well as every Owner of the horse at the time of nominations for the entrance money, stake or forfeit.
- (ii) Entrance money and stakes must, if so required, be paid at the time of entry.

FORFEIT LIST

- 49. The Forfeit List shall be kept at the Registry Office and/or the Racing Section and shall be published as and when required. The Forfeit List shall include all arrears and shall state the name or names of each registered Owner or other person or horses in respect of which arrears are due.
- 50. For so long as the name of a registered Owner or any other person or horse is in the Forfeit List or for so long as the name of a registered Owner or any other person is in a list similar to the Forfeit List published by a recognised Turf Authority, such person or horse is disqualified. The registration in accordance with these Rules of any registered Owner or any licence granted by the Stewards of the QREC to any person whose name is in the Forfeit List or in a list similar to the Forfeit List published by a recognised Turf Authority shall be cancelled.

THE WEIGHING ROOM

- 51. (i) No person shall be admitted to the Weighing Room without special leave from the Stewards of the Meeting except an Official of the Meeting, the Owner, Trainer and Rider, or other person having the care of a horse engaged in the race. Any persons refusing to leave shall be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting.
- (ii) No person other than Officials of the Meeting, Jockeys and Apprentices shall be permitted access to the Jockey's Room.

WEIGHING OUT

- 52. (i) The Trainer is responsible that the Rider wears the correct colours and the horse carries the correct weight and saddle cloth number in accordance with the race conditions with the saddle cloth number being clearly visible.
- (ii) Should a Rider who has been declared not present himself to be weighed, another Rider may, with the permission of the Racing Stewards be substituted.
- (iii) And unless they are satisfied after enquiry that the absence of the Rider was due to unavoidable circumstances, they shall deal with the case under their powers.
- (iv) Any change of Jockey subsequent to declarations will cause the person making the change liable to a fee of

the equivalent of one losing riding fee, unless good cause is given, this fine will then be paid to the Jockey originally declared if he is present.

- (v) Every Rider must be weighed for a specified horse by the Clerk of the Scales at the appointed place not less than twenty minutes before the time fixed for the race. In exceptional cases, the Stewards of the Meeting may extend the time allowed for declaring runners under this Rule for weighing, declaring weight and exhibiting numbers.
- (vi) No Jockey will be allowed to carry more than 2 Kg overweight in a race. The Stewards may only in exceptional circumstances agree to a request to allow additional overweight.

53. The following articles must be placed on the scales both weighing out and weighing in:

- (i) Everything carried or worn by the Rider and by the horse in a race except the number cloth, skull cap, whip, bridle (including nose band), rings, muzzle, horse's headgear, martingale, breast plate or breast girth and anything worn on the horse's legs.
- (ii) To compensate for the Rider having to wear a body protector the scales will be adjusted by 1 kilogram.
- (iii) Every jockey shall weigh out with a properly fitted saddle, including all fittings and shall be attired in breeches, boots and the colours that will be worn by him/her in the particular race.

54. If a Rider, after he has been weighed for a specified horse and before he has come under Starter's orders, is prevented by accident or illness from riding in the race, another Jockey may be substituted provided there is no unreasonable delay.

NON-RUNNERS

- 55. (i) Every horse, which has been declared a runner, shall run in the race. If he fails to do so, the Stewards of the Meeting shall hold an inquiry and unless they are satisfied that the horse was unfit to run or the circumstances acceptable to the Stewards of the Meeting prevented the horse from running, the Stewards of the Meeting shall fine the Owner or his representative not less than QR500 and the horse will not be permitted to race for 10 days from the date of that race meeting, unless special permission is granted by the Racing Stewards.
- (ii) If the horse is withdrawn on veterinary grounds a certificate from the official QREC Veterinary Steward must be submitted.

EQUIPMENT

56. The saddle comprises the saddle itself, the girth, the surcingle, the stirrup irons and leathers or webs and the Rider is responsible for the fit condition of the saddle, which he uses.

- (i) When blinkers, pacifiers or hoods are used, they shall be worn under the bridle, be securely fastened, and permit the HORSE to have an unobstructed view to the front. Failure to comply shall result in the trainer being fined an amount of QAR 1000

56A Racing Shoes

- (a) The TRAINER of a HORSE shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with this RULE.

HORSES shall only RACE

- (i) unshod;
- (ii) shod on all four hooves;
- (iii) shod on both fore hooves;
- (iv) shod on both hind hooves.

(b) Should the shoes of any HORSE:

- (i) presented to take part in a RACE require variation or removal, such decision shall be taken by the STEWARDS, in consultation with a licensed veterinary surgeon and the TRAINER of the HORSE; or
- (ii) be damaged or lost after it has left the parade ring and before the RACE is started, the licensed veterinary surgeon may take such action as he deems necessary and shall report any action so taken to the Stewards.
- (iii) Any action taken in terms of RULE 56A (i) and RULE 56A (ii) shall be notified immediately to the Stewards.

(c) The following types of racing plates are prohibited:

- (i) shoes including wedges and/or bars which exceed a total mass of 850g per set of four;
- (ii) shoes where all the edges of the fullering are not on the same level or if they have only one fullering edge;
- (iii) re-enforced shoes where the re-enforcement is not securely fixed or protrudes in any way above the ground bearing surface of the shoe;
- (iv) shoes which have nail heads projecting more than 2mm above the ground bearing surface of the shoe;
- (v) shoes with projections other than those which protrude medially, laterally and/or posteriorly at the heel up to a maximum of 2mm;
- (vi) shoes which have in the opinion of the Stewards been modified, altered or manufactured in such a way as to gain an unfair advantage.

(d) The following special shoes are permissible:

- (i) shoes with caulkins in the shape of a wedge. The vertical section of the rear of the shoe, including the wedge, shall be no greater than 15mm high, sloping to the ground bearing surface of the shoe. The length of the slope must be a minimum of 30mm from the rear edge of the shoe to the flush binding. No sharp edges are permissible;
- (ii) bar shoes with a single flat straight bar and/or oblique bar, provided the ground bearing surface of the bar is flush with the ground bearing surface of the shoe and such bar is made of the same material as the shoe;
- (iii) any other shoes prescribed by a veterinary surgeon or farrier will be considered as special surgical shoes. Such shoes must be presented to the SB for examination and weighing and the approval by the QREC's Regulatory Veterinary Officer before they are fitted to the HORSE. Such shoes shall be worn in all subsequent RACES unless permission to the contrary is given by the Stewards in consultation with the Regulatory Veterinary Officer. Such special shoes may not increase the total weight of shoes permitted by more than 20%. No shoes with any dangerous protrusions will be permitted;
- (iv) any other shoes prescribed by a veterinary surgeon, provided they do not contravene any of the provisions of the RULES.

THE RACE

57. (i) When riding in a race, a rider shall allow his horse to run on its merits.
- (ii) The Rider of every horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure his horse is given full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible placing in the field.
- (iii) Any person who, in the opinion of the Racing Stewards breaches or is party to breaching any portion of Rule 57 (i) or 57 (ii) may be punished and the horse may be disqualified.

58. When riding in a race a Jockey shall:
- (i) not excessively slow, reduce or check the speed of his horse, thereby causing interference directly or indirectly to any other horse in the race.
 - (ii) follow his Trainer's instructions unless, for good cause, he cannot do otherwise.
 - (iii) take every possible and necessary steps to ensure that his horse does not cross, jostle, bunch, interfere with or intimidate another horse.
 - (iv) not ride in a slack, careless, improper, incompetent, dangerous, foul or reckless manner
 - (v) not alter his mount's course so as to favour another horse
 - (vi) ride his horse to the finish of a race whenever possible and
 - (vii) ride his mount throughout the race, to the satisfaction of the Racing Stewards.
- 58A A Rider shall be liable to Penalty if, in the opinion of the Stewards, he uses his whip
- a) to excess
 - b) in an improper manner, or
 - c) in the following manner
 - (i) Hitting the horse in front of the saddle while the whip is held in the forehand
 - (ii) Continued hitting of a horse after its chances of winning or being placed is clearly gone.
 - (iii) Unnecessary hitting of a horse that clearly has its race won or has obtained its maximum placing.
 - (iv) Hitting of a Horse after the winning post has been reached.
 - (v) Intentionally hitting of a horse other than down the shoulder or on the hind quarter.
 - (vi) Hitting a horse with excessive force
 - (vii) Continuing to hit a Horse without giving it a chance to respond.
 - (viii) Hitting of a Horse with the whip arm extended above shoulder height.
 - (ix) Hitting a horse on any part of its head.
 - d) If the Stewards are satisfied that riding instructions given by the Trainer or Owner have contributed to a breach of the Rule, then such person shall be liable to disciplinary action in accordance with these Rules.
 - e) For the purpose of this Rule "to excess" is defined as more than 12 strikes of the whip during a race regardless whether the whip is used in a forehand or backhand manner. Provided that, this is subject to change as directed by the Stewards.
59. (i) A horse shall on an objection under 73 (iii) be disqualified if his Rider, by foul riding, jeopardised the chance of any other horse in a race.
- (ii) When a placed horse or its Rider has caused interference that horse may, on an objection, under Rule 73 (iii) be disqualified or placed behind the horse or horses with which it interfered with.
- However, an objection shall not be entertained by the Racing Stewards unless the horse or horses which have allegedly been interfered with would:
- a) if the objection is sustained, finish in the Official Placing and

- b) in the opinion of the objector, have finished ahead of the horse which caused interference had the interference not occurred.

For the purpose of this Rule, "Official Placings" means all places qualifying for prize money.

- 60. When a placed horse, or its rider has caused interference, that horse may, on objection, under Rule 73 (iii) be disqualified or placed behind the horse or horses with which it interfered, if the Racing Stewards consider that without such interference, the horse interfered with would have finished ahead of the horse that cause such interference. For the purposes of this Rule, "Official Placings" means all places qualifying for prize money, plus the horse immediately following the last horse that would earn any prize money.

REPORTABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

- 61. A Trainer, Rider or Stable Veterinary Surgeon of a horse shall, as soon as possible, before or immediately after a race, report to the Racing Stewards, anything which may affect or might have affected the running of his horse in a race.
- 62.
 - (i) All horses are required to be examined by the Clubs Regulatory Veterinary Officer for bleeding from the nostrils after races, trials, tests or training. Whenever a horse suffers from bleeding attack due to EIPH (Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage) at one or both nostrils irrespective of the quantity, such horse shall be deemed to have suffered an incident of bleeding, unless the Stewards after consultation with the Clubs Veterinary Surgeon/s are satisfied that such bleeding was not as a result of EIPH.
 - (ii) Whenever any horse suffers from an incident of EIPH the matter shall be reported to the Stewards and to the Clubs Regulatory Veterinary Officer.
 - (iii) Whenever the Stewards, after consultation with the Clubs Regulatory Veterinary Office are satisfied that a horse has suffered a first incident of EIPH during or immediately after a race, trial, test or training, such horse shall not be allowed to work at more than a trot for a period of 14 days and thereafter be allowed to race for a period of at least 60 days after having completed a 1000 meter gallop trial and veterinary examination to the satisfaction of the Clubs Regulatory Veterinary Officer.
 - (iv) A horse which suffers a second incident of EIPH shall not be allowed to work at more than a trot for a period of 14 days and thereafter be allowed to race for a period of at least 90 days after having completed a 1000 meter gallop trial and veterinary examination to the satisfaction of the Clubs Regulatory Veterinary Officer.

A horse which suffers a third incident of EIPH shall not be allowed to race again.

 - (v) Should a horse suffer a severe incident of EIPH irrespective of whether it is a first time or not and if the Stewards are satisfied after consultation with the Clubs Regulatory Veterinary Officer that the horse may be a danger, such horse shall be ineligible to race or to be trained for a period decided by the Stewards.
- 63. Any person failing to comply with Rules 61 & 62 shall be guilty of a contravention of the Rules.

VOID RACES

- 64.
 - (i) If a race has been run by all the horses at the wrong weights or over the wrong course or if the Judge or his authorised substitute is not in the box at the time the horses pass the winning post or if the race has been started in front of the starting stalls or post or if the Starter has declared a false start and the siren is not sounded, or the recall flag used, the Racing Stewards shall order the race to be run again at the end of the programme, or at a future meeting, but if otherwise, it shall be abandoned and thereby declared void.
 - (ii) If no qualified horse covers the course in accordance with these Rules, the race may be declared void.

WALK OVER

- 65. It shall not be necessary for a horse to "walk over" the entire course and if only one horse shall have been declared a runner, that horse shall be ridden past the Judge's box and shall be deemed the winner.

DEAD HEATS

66. When horses run a dead heat for first or any lower place the dead heat shall not be run off, but on a dead heat for a match, the match is off.
67. When two horses run a dead heat for first place, all prizes to which the first and second horses would have been entitled shall be divided equally between them and this principle shall be observed in dividing prizes whatever the number of dead heaters and whatever the place for which the dead heat is run. Each horse that divides a prize for first shall be deemed a winner.
68. When a dead heat is run for second place or minor placing and an objection is made to the winner or other placed horses of the race and sustained, the horses which ran the dead heat shall be deemed to have run a dead heat for first, second, third or fourth place as applicable.
69. If the dividing Owners cannot agree as to which of them is to have a cup or other prize which cannot be divided, the question shall be determined by lot by the Stewards of the Meeting who shall decide what sum of money shall be paid by the Owner who takes the cup or other indivisible prize, to the other Owner or Owners.

WEIGHING IN

70.
 - (i) Immediately after pulling up, the Riders of all horses earning prize money in each race must ride their horses to the place appointed for unsaddling for placed horses and the horses shall remain there until ordered to be taken away by the Steward in charge or his representative. The other Riders must ride their horses to the unsaddling area for unplaced horses where they shall remain until ordered to be taken away by the Steward in charge or his representative.
 - (ii) Every Rider must present himself to be weighed by the Clerk of the Scales at once and if he fails to complete the course he must report the reason to the Racing Stewards. If a Rider be prevented from riding back to weigh in by reason of accident or illness by which he or his horse is disabled, he may walk or be carried to the scales.
 - (iii) In cases where the Judge is consulting the photograph and has not announced his decision before the Jockeys return to weigh in, Riders may dismount either inside or within reasonable distance of the place appointed for unsaddling the winner. In such cases the Clerk of the Scales shall weigh in all the Riders until such time as the Judge's decision is announced.
 - (iv) If a Rider does not present himself to be weighed in or dismounts before reaching the place appointed for that purpose or touches (except accidentally) any person or thing other than his own equipment before weighing in, his horse may, on objection under Rule 73 (iii) be disqualified and the Rider may be punished unless he can satisfy the Stewards of the Meeting that he was justified by extraordinary circumstances.
 - (v) If a Rider be too ill to weigh in, his horse shall not be disqualified, provided that the Rider weighed out at not less than his proper weight and the Racing Stewards are satisfied that there are no circumstances which suggest that less than the proper weight was carried throughout the race.
 - (vi) In the event that any part of the jockey of a horse makes contact with the ground during the running of a race but still has contact with the horse at the end of the race the horse shall be deemed not to have carried the weight. In these circumstances the horse shall on a sustained protest/objection be disqualified for the race."
71.
 - (i) In weighing in, a Rider shall include in his weight everything that the horse has carried in the race except as provided in Rule 53 (i).
 - (ii) Where after a race a Jockey weighs in at more than 1 kilogram over the weight at which he weighed out, the jockey shall, unless he can satisfy the Racing Stewards that such overweight was due to circumstances outside his control, be guilty of a contravention of these Rules and the placing of the horses in the race shall be unaffected.
 - (iii) If a Rider cannot draw the correct weight the Clerk of Scales shall allow him half (0.5) kilogram under the weighed out weight. The Clerk of Scales shall refuse to pass as correct the weight of any rider showing a difference of more than 0.5 Kgs under the weighed out weight and shall immediately lodge an objection under Rule 73 (iii). The horse shall be disqualified and the rider may be punished.

- (iv) If a horse carries less than the weight it should carry in accordance with the race conditions and these Rules, it shall, on objection under Rule 73 (iii), be disqualified.
- 72.
- (i) When the Riders have weighed in to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Scales at the correct weight except as under Rule 70 (v) and Rule 71 (iii) he shall authorise "weighed in" to be announced; provided that he shall not authorise this until:
 - a) Any objection which may have been lodged on grounds mentioned in section (iii) of Rule 73 has been decided.
 - b) A decision in an enquiry under Rule 74 (iii) has been made.
 - (ii) No objection on any grounds other than those mentioned in Rule 73 (iii) shall be entertained prior to the "weighed in" announcement.
 - (iii) After the "weighed in" announcement, no alteration shall be made to the numbers of the winner and placed horses.

DISPUTES & OBJECTIONS

- 73.
- (i) An objection to the distance of the course officially designated must be made before a race.
 - (ii) An objection to any decision of the Clerk of the Scales must be made at once.
 - (iii)
 - a) An objection to a horse on the grounds of a cross, jostle or any act on the part of his Rider or of his not having run the proper course or of the race having been run on the wrong course or of any other matter occurring in the race before weighing in must be made before the Rider of the horse whose Owner, nominator, Trainer or Rider makes the objection is weighed in.
 - b) An objection on the ground that the Rider did not present himself to weigh in or that he could not draw the correct weight except as provided under Rule 70 (v) and 71 (iii) shall be lodged before the "weighed in" announcement is made.
 - c) No objection on any other ground than these shall be heard before the "weighed in" announcement is made.
 - (iv) An objection on any ground other than those laid down in Rule 73 (iii) shall be received within 14 days of the conclusion of the meeting. No objection under this paragraph may be heard until the announcement under Rule 72 has been made.
 - (v) In case of fraud or willful mis-statement, there shall be no limit to the time for objecting, provided the Stewards of the QREC are satisfied that there has been no unnecessary delay on the part of the objector. Such objection shall not be heard until the announcement under Rule 72 has been made.
 - (vi) Nothing in this Rule shall restrict the operation at any time of Rules 11, 12 & 18.
- 74.
- (i) Every objection shall be in writing and must be signed by the Owner of that horse engaged in the race, or his authorised Agent, Trainer or Rider:
 - a) In cases coming under Sub-Rules (ii) and (iii) of Rule 73 it must be made to a Steward or the Clerk of the Scales.
 - b) In cases coming under Sub-Rule (iv) of Rule 73 it must be made to the Stewards of the QREC.
 - c) In other cases it must be made to the Racing Stewards.
 - (ii) The objector shall, at the time he makes the objection, deposit a sum of QR200, which shall be forfeited if the case be decided against him, unless such objection was merited. In the event of the objection being decided to be frivolous or vexatious, it shall be in the power of the Racing Stewards to fine the objector any additional sum not exceeding the sum of the deposit.

- (iii) An objection may also be made without deposit by a Racing Steward or an Official in his official capacity. Such objection shall be in writing and signed by the Steward or Official.
 - (iv) An enquiry called for by the Racing Stewards of the Meeting contained in Rule 73 (iii) within the time prescribed by Rule 73 (iii) shall have the force and consequences of an objection and all relevant Rules shall operate as if an objection had been lodged.
 - (v) An objection cannot be withdrawn without leave of the Stewards
75. (i) Every objection under Rule 73 (iii) shall be decided by the Racing Stewards.
- (ii) Every other objection shall be decided by the Stewards of the QREC or by such other body or panel delegated pursuant to Rule 12 (xii).
76. No horse shall be disqualified on account of any error or violation of a Rule or Instruction in its entry which might have been corrected on payment of a fine but the Stewards of the QREC may inflict fines upon or otherwise deal with any persons responsible for such errors.
77. Pending the determination of an objection, any prize which the horse objected to may have won or may win in the race shall be withheld until the objection is determined and any forfeit payable by the Owner or any other horse shall be paid to and held by the treasurers for the person who may be entitled to it.
78. If an objection to a horse which has won or been placed in a race be declared valid the horse shall be regarded as having been last in the race, and shall not be entitled to any prize, and the other horses shall take positions accordingly subject always to the discretion allowed under Rule 60.

APPEALS

79. Any person brought before the Racing Stewards who is aggrieved by their decision shall be entitled to appeal to the Stewards except where Grounds of Appeal consist solely of allegations that the Racing Stewards have reached a wrong decision on fact, the leave of the Racing Stewards or the Stewards of the QREC must first be obtained.
80. (i) The appellant shall lodge a Notice of Appeal at the Racing Department within 48 hours of the decision of the Stewards of the Meeting being made known.
- (ii) At the time the Notice of Appeal is lodged the appellant shall also lodge a fee of QR1000 which shall be forfeited unless the Stewards of the QREC shall decide that an appeal was merited.
- (iii) Within 48 hours of the lodging of the Notice of Appeal, or within 48 hours of the receipt of the transcript of evidence of the original enquiry, whichever is the latter, the appellant shall lodge his Grounds of Appeal at the Racing Department. If the appellant wishes to seek the leave of the Stewards of the QREC to submit fresh evidence the Grounds of Appeal shall so state and include the reason(s) for such evidence not being submitted earlier. The submission shall contain the names of any new witnesses and a synopsis of the evidence they are to give or where no new witnesses are to be called a synopsis of any fresh evidence and a statement as to how such fresh evidence is to be introduced.
- (iv) The Stewards of the QREC may forward the Notice of Appeal and Grounds of Appeal to the Racing Stewards concerned who may submit comments thereon in writing to the Stewards of the QREC. If they so do a copy of their comments will be supplied to the appellant no later than 48 hours prior to the appointed time for the hearing of the appeal.
- (v) Without prejudice to the generality of their powers contained in Rule 12 and in Rule 81 (iii) the Stewards of the QREC may require the Racing Stewards to attend the hearing of the appeal and may invite them to comment on any fresh evidence adduced by leave of the Stewards of the QREC given pursuant of Rule 81 (iv) but the Racing Stewards will not deliberate with the Stewards of the QREC hearing the appeal.
- (vi) In calculating time for Sub-Rules (i), (iii) and (iv), Fridays and Public Holidays shall not be included.
- (vii) In the event of the appeal being decided to be frivolous or vexatious, it shall be in the power of the Stewards of the QREC to fine the appellant within the limit set down in Rule 9.

- (viii) Once the Grounds of Appeal have been lodged, an appeal may not be withdrawn without leave of the Stewards of the QREC.
- 81.
- (i) The Notice of Appeal and the Grounds of Appeal must be signed by the appellant.
 - (ii) The appeal shall be heard by at least three (3) Stewards of the QREC. No Steward of the Meeting against whose decision the appeal is made shall be included.
 - (iii) Without prejudice to the generality of their powers contained in Rule 12, the Stewards of the QREC may, at their absolute discretion, determine and regulate the procedure and conduct of the appeal either generally or in respect of the particular appeal.
 - (iv) The Stewards of the QREC may hear the appeal upon the evidence already taken and any additional evidence which, in their opinion, it was desirable to admit or obtain and subject as aforesaid, no fresh evidence shall be adduced on the hearing of any appeal to the Stewards of the QREC except by their leave.
 - (v) On hearing of the appeal, the Stewards of the QREC may:
 - a) Uphold the decision appealed from in whole or in part or vary the same in such manner, as they think fit.
 - b) Increase or diminish any term of disqualification or suspension or any fine imposed subject in each case to the maximum or minimum penalty prescribed by the Rule under which such penalty was imposed.
 - c) Reverse such decision.
 - d) Exercise any of the powers given to them by Rule 12 and in particular may proceed to hear and determine the case as if they were making an original enquiry and for this purpose may rely upon evidence already taken and any additional evidence which in their opinion was desirable to admit or obtain, and/or
 - e) Make such order as in their opinion ought to have been made by the Racing Stewards or as in their opinion may be necessary to ensure the determination on the merits of the real question at issue, and/or
 - f) Order that all costs and expenses in relation to and/or occasioned by the appeal and/or any reasonable compensation for outlay incurred shall be paid by such person or persons and in such proportion, as they may think fit.
 - g) In the event of an appeal against suspension under Rule 58 being dismissed order any suspension imposed to commence, on the day on which a decision on the appeals is given.
 - h) The decision of the Racing Stewards on any objection shall be final and conclusive.
82. No appeal shall lie against a decision of the Racing Stewards.
- (i) suspending any person from acting or riding for the remainder of the day.
 - (ii) on any objection, on any fine imposed for unwarranted or frivolous objection or any fine imposed by the Starter.
83. Any decision of the Stewards or Racing Stewards:
- (i) not appealed from
 - (ii) against which no notice of appeal has been given within the prescribed time limit
 - (iii) against which no written notice of appeal has been lodged within the prescribed time limit.
 - (iv) against which no grounds of appeal has been given within the prescribed time limit or
 - (v) against which no grounds of appeal has been lodged within the prescribed time limit

Shall be final and conclusive to all intents and purposes.

DISQUALIFICATION OF HORSES

84. (i) Without prejudice to the powers of the Racing Stewards or to any other powers conferred on the Stewards of the QREC, any horse which has been subject to a fraudulent practice may, at the discretion of the Stewards of the QREC, be disqualified for such time and for such races as they shall determine.
- (ii) Where any declared runner in a race has been the subject of any examination under Rule 18 (iv) and 18 (v) and has been found to have received any Prohibited Substance or substance other than that attributable to normal and ordinary feeding, the horse will be disqualified for such time and in such races, trials and tests as the Stewards of the QREC determine.
- (iii) Where any runner entered in a trial or test has been the subject of any examination under Rule 18 (iv) and 18 (v) and has been found to have received any Prohibited Substances or substance other than a substance attributable to normal and ordinary feeding, the horse will be disqualified for such time and in such races, trials or tests as the Stewards of the QREC determine.
85. A horse is not qualified to be entered or start for any race:
- (i) If it has run at any unrecognized meeting.
- (ii) If and so long as it is in the ownership or part ownership of a disqualified person or so long as any disqualified person has any interest in such horse's winnings in such race.
- (iii) If it does not possess at the time of entry or starting, the qualifications imposed by the conditions of the race.
- (iv) If it has been declared disqualified by the Stewards of the QREC.
86. A horse is not qualified to start for any race:
- (i) Unless it is duly entered for same.
- (ii) Unless it has been declared to run under Rule 47.
- (iii) Unless it is trained by a licensed Trainer.
- (iv) If it has had a tracheotomy.
- (v) If it has been subjected to a Neurectomy operation.
- (vi) If the horse is more than 120 days pregnant.
87. If a horse, which is not qualified according to Rule 84, 85 and 86, be entered or run for any race, it shall, on objection under Rule 73 (iii), be disqualified and the nominator may be punished by the Stewards of the QREC.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

88. The total purse advertised for each race will be allocated as Prizemoney and Commissions for successful trainers and jockeys.
89. (i) For every race prizemoney will be distributed as follows:
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| First | - | 57% |
| Second | - | 22% |
| Third | - | 11% |
| Fourth | - | 6% |

Fifth - 4%

- (ii) There will be no deviation from this scale in cases where there are less than five (5) horses to finish.
- 90. If the winner has walked over or no horse has been placed second or in any lower place the prizemoney provided by the conditions for the horse placed second or in any lower place shall not be distributed. In these circumstances the winner will be entitled to prizemoney as advertised for first place only.
- 91. The Treasurers shall render an account upon three (3) weeks of the raceday and pay over all prizemoney to the persons entitled upon confirmation that there are no laboratory tests or objections pending.

CORRUPT PRACTICES

- 92. Any person found guilty of a corrupt, fraudulent or improper practice whether or not his conduct constitutes a breach of any other of these Rules may be declared a Disqualified Person or otherwise be penalized by the Stewards of the QREC or the Racing Stewards in accordance with their powers.
- 93. Without prejudice to the generality of Rule 78, a person shall be guilty of a corrupt, fraudulent or improper practice if he:
 - (i) Administers or attempts to administer or allows or causes to be administered or connives at the administration to a horse of any quantity of any substance which is either a Prohibited Substance or a substance other than a substance attributable to normal and ordinary feeding.
 - a) for the purpose of affecting the performance or behaviour of a horse in a race or of preventing its starting in a race or
 - b) which is detected in any pre or post race sample taken from the horse, the name of which has been published in the "Official Race Card"
 - (ii) Gives or offers, or promises directly or indirectly, any bribe in any form to any person having official duties in relation to a race, trial, test or racehorse, or to any Trainer, Rider, Agent or other person having charge of, or access to any racehorse.
 - (iii) Being a person having official duties in relation to a race or trial or test, or being a Trainer, Rider, Agent or other person having charge of, or access to any racehorse, accepts or offers to accept any bribe in any form.
 - (iv) Willfully enters or causes to be entered for any race, or causes to start in any race, a horse which he knows or believes to be not qualified.
 - (v) Gives, allows or causes a blood transfusion to be given to a horse for the purpose of affecting its performance in a race, trial or test.
 - (vi) Is guilty of or conspires with any other person being guilty of any corrupt or fraudulent practice in relation to racing in this or any other country.
 - (vii) Is convicted of any criminal offence in relation to racing in this or any other country.
 - (viii) Any person who uses, or has in his possession, any electric or electronic apparatus or any improper contrivance capable of affecting the performance of a horse in a race, trial or test.
 - (ix) Tampers with any racehorse or:
 - (x) Tampers with or intimidates, or attempts to tamper with, or intimidate, any witness or other person concerned in any inquiry, investigation, objection, or appeal held under the Rules: or
 - (xi) Misleads or attempts to mislead, the Racing Stewards or the Appeal Board at any inquiry, investigation, objection or appeal: or
 - (xii) Misleads or attempts to mislead any person or Official connected with the administration of the control of racing.

OFFENCES

94. Any person:

- (i) who conducts himself in any improper manner or behaves unseemly at the race course or on any premises under the control of the Club;
- (ii) who has an improper, disrespectful, insulting, defamatory conduct or behaviour at any time and at any place, towards the club, any Committee of the Club, any Steward, any Official or any person duly delegated or appointed by the Stewards to perform an assignment on their behalf or for the Club in relation to their duties and/or functions;
- (iii) whose conduct or behaviour has or may have the effect of discrediting horse racing or bringing into disrepute the name of the Club and/or any of its Committees and /or any of its Stewards and Officials and/or any person duly delegated or appointed by the Stewards to perform an assignment on their behalf or for the Club in relation to their duties and functions;
- (iv) whose conduct or behaviour has or may have the effect of discrediting the name, the reputation, the integrity and creditworthiness of a Racing Steward, an Official or any person duly delegated or appointed by the Stewards to perform an assignment on their behalf or for the Club whether in their duties and functions or in their personal or professional capacity;
- (v) who contravenes these Rules or assists in or facilitates or passively allows the contravention of these Rules;
- (vi) whose wilful conduct or neglect may have led to a contravention of these Rules;
- (vii) who fails to obey and comply with any directive, order, decree, ruling, decision, arbitration award and /or finding of the Racing Stewards or of any person duly delegated by the Stewards;
- (viii) who is guilty of engaging in the publishing or posting on any social media platform or channel any material, content or comment that is obscene, offensive, defamatory, racist, threatening, harassing, discriminating or abusive to any other person or entity involved in the racing industry or has the effect of discrediting horseracing or bringing into disrepute the name of the club/or any of its committees, stewards or officials or persons whom they may appoint;

or

any person who says, publishes or writes or causes to be said, published or written anything, malicious, intimidatory or otherwise improper about the QREC, its members and employees or the Stewards or anyone else associated with the racing industry;

shall be guilty of an offence under these rules

DISQUALIFICATIONS

95. Any person on whom a suspension or a disqualification has been imposed by any recognised Horse Racing, Camel Racing, Trotting, Harness Racing or Greyhound Racing Authority is a suspended or disqualified person under these Rules so long as the disqualification continues unless the Stewards of the QREC declare otherwise.

96. A disqualified person so long as his disqualification lasts shall not:

- (i) Act as a Steward or Official at any recognised meeting.
- (ii) Act as an authorised agent under these Rules.
- (iii) Enter, run, train or ride in any race at any recognised meeting. If any entry made by a person disqualified or warned off be unknowingly or inadvertently accepted, the same shall be void despite such acceptance and the horse shall not be qualified to be entered or start.
- (iv) Enter any racecourse, stand, enclosure or racing stable.

97. A penalty of disqualification takes immediate effect.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

98. The Stewards of the QREC give notice that the following are Prohibited Substances under the Rules of Racing:

- (i) Substances capable at any time of acting directly or indirectly on one or more of the following mammalian body systems:
 - the nervous system
 - the cardiovascular system
 - the respiratory system
 - the digestive system
 - the urinary system
 - the reproductive system
 - the musculoskeletal system
 - the blood system
 - the immune system (except for licensed vaccines against infectious agents)
 - the endocrine system
- (ii) endocrine secretions and their synthetic counterparts
- (iii) Masking agents
- (iv) Any sample collected in an official capacity which upon analysis is found to be on the list of prohibited substances and which was not administered and recorded by the QREC Veterinary Clinic shall be a contravention of these Rules and may result in the trainer being fined, suspended and/or disqualified.

The finding of a prohibited substance means a finding of a substance itself or a metabolite of the substance or an isomer of the substance or an isomer of a metabolite. The finding of any scientific indicator of administration or other exposure to a prohibited substance is also equivalent to the finding of the substance.

For the purpose of clarity, Prohibited Substances include, but are not limited to:

- Alkalinising agents
- Antipyretics, analgesics and anti-inflammatories
- Antihistamines
- Cytotoxic substances
- Diuretics
- Local anesthetics
- Masking agents
- Muscle relaxants

- Respiratory stimulants
- Sex hormones, anabolic agents and corticosteroids
- Substances affecting blood coagulation

Antimicrobials (with the exception of procaine penicillin), other anti-infective agents and antiparasitics are allowed within the Rules of Racing.

THRESHOLD LEVELS

99. Prohibited Substances below the following thresholds are not actionable:

Arsenic	0.3 microgram total arsenic per millilitre in urine
Boldenone	0.015 micrograms of free and conjugated boldenone per millilitre in urine from male horses (other than geldings)
Carbon Dioxide	36 millimoles available carbon dioxide per litre in plasma
Cobalt	0.1 microgram total cobalt per milliliter in urine.
Dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO)	15 micrograms Dimethyl sulphoxide per millilitre in urine or 1 microgram Dimethyl sulphoxide per millilitre in plasma
Estradiol in male horses (other than geldings)	0.045 microgram free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol per millilitre in urine
Hydrocortisone	1 microgram per millilitre in urine
Methoxytyramine	4 micrograms free and conjugated 3- methoxytyramine per millilitre in urine
Salicylic acid	750 micrograms salicylic acid per millilitre in urine, or 6.5 micrograms per millilitre in plasma
Testosterone	0.02 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from geldings, or 0.055 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from fillies and mares (unless in foal)
Theobromine	2 micrograms per millilitre in urine

N.B The conjugated substance is the substance that can be liberated from conjugates.

A substance that is a Prohibited Substance shall be deemed to have originated externally and be other than attributable to normal and ordinary feeding if its threshold is exceeded, provided that for an endogenous Prohibited Substance the Owner or Trainer may ask for the horse to be submitted for further examination by persons appointed by the Stewards of the QREC to establish whether or not the quantity of the substance found is produced naturally by the horse.

Alkalinising agents include the following salts that produce an elevated total carbon dioxide concentration in plasma:

- acetates
- bicarbonates
- citrates
- citric acid
- lactates
- succinates
- trometerol (tris buffer, tromethamine, trimethylol aminomethane)

These substances individually and in combination may result in an infringement of the Rules of Racing.

100. The Stewards may, at any time, order that specimen or specimens of saliva, urine, perspiration, blood, tissue or other specimen be taken from any horse registered with the Club for testing by an Analyst appointed or approved by the Club or any laboratory designated by the Club

101. The Trainer, or his representative of either, may be present to witness the taking of any specimens and witness the sealing of the specimens provided this does not cause undue delay in the taking or dispatch of such specimens.
102. Any specimen collected under a secure chain of custody shall, at the time of the taking of the specimen, be split into an "A Sample" and a "B Sample".
103. If upon examination of the "A Sample" by an analyst appointed or approved by the Club, a prohibited substance is detected therein, the Racing Stewards or Stewards or Secretary shall, upon being notified of the findings, notify the Trainer of the horse of the findings.
104. Upon being informed of the findings, the Trainer or, in his absence, his representative duly authorized by the Club, may not later than 48 hours from the time he is so informed, make a written request for the "B Sample" to be dispatched to a laboratory designated by the Club for confirmatory analysis.
105. Where a request is made to the Club, the original laboratory shall dispatch the B Sample to a laboratory designated by the Club for analysis of the substance detected in the A Sample, together with advice as to the nature of the prohibited substance detected.
- 105A. Notwithstanding anything contained in Rules 102, 103, 104, 105 the Stewards may where Samples are to be analysed for the plasma total carbon dioxide concentration (TCO2) of a Horse send two Samples for immediate analysis to an Accredited Racing Laboratory in Qatar approved by the QREC in which case the two steps procedure envisaged in the above rules shall not apply
106. Where the B Sample is dispatched for analysis pursuant, the person making the request shall be liable for all the costs of the analysis, including those incurred to dispatch the B Sample to such designated laboratory.
107. If upon examination by an analyst appointed or approved by the Club of a sample taken from a horse, the name of which has been published in the Official Racing Program as an intended runner, any prohibited substance is detected in the sample, the Racing Stewards or Secretary shall, upon being notified of the findings,
 - (i) notify the Trainer of the horse or his representative of such finding and
 - (ii) order the horse to be withdrawn from the race from which it was entered
 - (iii) The Racing Stewards after conducting such inquiry as they consider appropriate, shall decide the period during which the horse shall not be permitted to race.
108. When a sample taken from a horse has detected in it any prohibited substance, either pursuant to Rule 107 or following a post race sample, the trainer and any other person who is in charge of such horse at the relevant time shall be guilty of an offence, unless the person can prove to the satisfaction of the Racing Stewards that he had, at all times, taken all reasonable and permissible measures to prevent the administration of such prohibited substance.
109. No person shall be absolved from guilt under these Rules by reason that the substance disclosed was administered by or on the advice of a Veterinary Surgeon.
110. Where a prohibited substance is detected by an analyst appointed or approved by the Club in a sample taken from a horse immediately after it has run in a race
 - (i) the results of the analysis of the sample shall be conclusive evidence that the horse was under the influence of such substance at the time the horse ran in the race following which the sample was taken, and
 - (ii) the Racing Stewards shall, upon taking cognizance of the results of the analysis, conduct such inquiry as they consider appropriate before deciding whether to disqualify the horse.
111. A certificate under the hand and signature of an analyst appointed or approved by the Club shall be evidence of an analytical test and of its results at any inquiry or other hearing

GENERAL

112. (i) No person shall aid or abet the commission of any breach of these Rules.

- (ii) Any person who conducts themselves in any violent or improper manner on any land or premises owned, used, licensed or controlled by the Stewards of the QREC shall be guilty of an offense under these rules.
- (iii) No person shall act in a manner prejudicial to the integrity, proper conduct or good reputation of horse racing in the State of Qatar, whether or not such conduct is associated with horse racing or constitutes a breach of any of these Rules of Racing.
- (iv) No person shall, without the permission of the Stewards of the QREC associate in connection with horse racing in the State of Qatar with any person known to be warned off or disqualified or known to have done any act likely to cause serious damage to the interests of horse racing in the State of Qatar, whether or not constituting a breach of the Rules of Racing.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 113. (i) Every person shall comply with every Instruction of the Stewards of the QREC published from time to time in such manner as they may direct.
- (ii) These Rules of Racing and Instructions are produced in both Arabic and English text. In the event of a dispute, the English text will be final.

INSTRUCTIONS BY THE STEWARDS OF THE QREC

1. COMPOUND FEEDS.

The Stewards of the QREC draw the attention of Trainers to the necessity for taking all reasonable precaution to ensure that those manufactured compound feeds used for their horses are free from Prohibited Substances. This is particularly important in the case of feed stuffs not specifically manufactured for racehorses.

Trainers are also advised that they should keep samples of all feed stuffs together with all details of any coding on the sacks, as in the case of a positive sample, the Stewards of the QREC may be able to exercise a waiver under Rule 11.

2. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.

Trainers are advised that as Ringworm is highly contagious, they should not under any circumstances bring horses that are affected with Ringworm or any other contagious disease to the racecourse.

If visible evidence of a recent skin disease exists, Trainers should obtain a certificate from a Veterinary Surgeon, stating that they are satisfied that the condition is not now contagious to other horses. This certificate must be presented to the Veterinary Steward at the pre-race examinations.

3. HERBAL PREPARATIONS.

The Stewards of the QREC wish to warn trainers of the risks associated with using herbal preparations. These preparations have resulted in the finding of Prohibited Substances in horses, even though this is not specified with the product. Information regarding the presence of Prohibited Substances after using these products is unreliable and mostly unknown. Therefore, the use of the herbal preparations is discouraged by the Stewards of the QREC.

4. MICROCHIPPING.

All racehorses must be microchipped according to the current rules and regulations of the Qatar Stud Book.

5. OFFICIAL BARRIER TRIALS.

- (i) Official Barrier Trials will be attended by the Regulatory Veterinary Surgeon and at least one Racing Steward or persons appointed by the Chief Steward.
- (ii) The Rules of Racing are to be used for the purposes of conducting Official Barrier Trials.
- (iii) Official Barrier Trials will be held under raceday conditions and as such ENTRY FORMS are required to be completed for Official Barrier Trials.

- (iv) Identity Passports for all horses entered for trials will be required to be presented.
- (v) Biological samples may be taken from horses entered in Official Barrier Trials and be subjected to analysis for Prohibited Substances.
- (vi) The Stewards of the QREC give notice that:
 - a) All unraced horses are required to barrier trial and be passed as suitable to start in a race by the Official Starter and the Stipendiary Steward at Official Barrier Trials.
 - b) Horses presenting with barrier problems on racedays are required to be passed at Official Barrier Trials prior to entering future races.
 - c) Withdrawn horses from pre-race examinations and races may be required to trial in Official Barrier Trials.
 - d) All horses found to have suffered from Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage (EIPH) are required to gallop in Official Barrier Trials before being permitted to enter a race.
 - e) Any horse that has not raced for a period of 1 year shall be required to enter Official Barrier Trials and trial to the satisfaction of the Racing Steward.

6. PASSPORTS AND IDENTITY DOCUMENTS.

Trainers are instructed that passports and identity documents must be presented to the Veterinary Steward before Entry of their horses at their first start of each racing season.

- (i) These documents should contain complete and up to date vaccination records.
- (ii) Passports and identity documents should be available at all times for inspection by the Stewards of the QREC.
- (iii) Passports shall be required upon presentation of horses for biological testing.

7. PREPARATIONS APPLIED TO THE SKIN OF THE HORSE.

The Stewards of the QREC wish to warn Trainers that substances can be absorbed through the skin of the horse and appear in the blood and urine. Trainers are therefore advised to exercise extreme care with shampoos and any other preparations applied to the skin, both as to what is used and when it is used, and should consult their Veterinary Surgeon if they have any doubt on this matter.

8. PROHIBITED PRACTICES.

The Stewards of the QREC advise that is a contravention of the rules to:

- (i) Administer substances other than those attributable to ordinary feeding to horses within 24 hours of racing. This Instruction does not abrogate the Trainers responsibility for presenting the horse free of Prohibited Substances or of exceeding the Thresholds for the substances listed in these Instructions.
- (ii) Possess in the confines of raceday activities any Prohibited Substance, syringe, needle, naso-gastric tube, drenching gun or other apparatus used to administer a Prohibited Substance to a horse unless they have received express permission from the Stewards of the QREC.
- (iii) Administer extracorporeal shock wave therapy to horses within 10 days of racing.

9. RECOGNISED AUTHORITIES – RIDERS.

Turf authorities in the following countries are party to the International Agreement whereby Riders holding Licences to ride issued by any of these turf authorities need not produce a clearance certificate before riding in races under the Rules of any other turf authority.

Riders holding Licences under the Rules of Racing will therefore be asked to sign a statement to the effect that they

hold a Licence or permit with the QREC and that they are not under supervision by the QREC before they are allowed to ride. They may also be asked to produce their Licence.

QREC Riders who have ridden in these countries under this agreement will not be required to produce a clearance before they ride for the first time with the QREC on their return. Similar arrangements have been made for Riders Licensed by the turf authorities of these countries to ride in this country.

Agreed by: Argentina – Australia – Austria – Bahrain – Belgium – Brazil – Bulgaria – Canada – Chad – Cyprus – The Czech Republic – Denmark – France – Germany – Great Britain – Greece – Hong Kong – India – Ireland – Italy – Jamaica – Lebanon – Macau – Malaysia – Mauritius – Mexico – Morocco – Netherlands – New Zealand – Norway – Pakistan – Poland – Qatar – Romania – Senegal – Singapore – South Africa – Spain – United Arab Emirates – Sweden – Switzerland – Tunisia – Turkey – United States of America – Uruguay – Venezuela – Saudi Arabia – Hungary – Israel

10. REGISTRATION OF A HORSE.

- (i) To be eligible for racing horses foaled in or imported into the State of Qatar should be fully registered by the Qatar Horse Registry in the corresponding Stud Book according to its breed. For an imported horse to be fully registered the Qatar Horse Registry has on file:
 - a) Its foreign registration certificates and has issued it with a Qatar Horse Registry passport or has endorsed its foreign passport.
 - b) A WAHO export certificate issued by the Registry Office of the country where the horse was last registered.
 - c) Parentage verification according to the relevant biological test.
- (ii) The Stewards of the QREC have the right to ask any Owner for parentage verification of any horse at any time.
- (iii) An imported horse cannot be entered for racing until its Owner has submitted to the QREC the complete race record for the horse authorised by the Racing Authority of the country where the horse's last run took place.
- (iv) A horse either bred in the State of Qatar or imported should be entered for racing under its original name as registered in the appropriate Stud Book corresponding to its breed.

11. SECURITY OF RACEHORSES.

The Stewards of the QREC draw attention of all Trainers to the necessity of maintaining security measures in their stables, in transit, at the racecourse and in the racecourse stabling area.

Trainers are reminded that they are at all times responsible for the horses in their care and that nothing can relieve them of this responsibility.

12. VACCINATIONS.

- (i) No horse may take part in a race run under the Rules of Racing of the QREC, unless it is certified by a veterinary surgeon to be correctly vaccinated against Equine Influenza.
- (ii) The passport should be endorsed thus by a veterinary surgeon who is neither the Owner nor the Trainer of the horse.
 - a) That the horse has received two primary vaccinations given no less than 21 days apart or no more than 92 days apart.
 - b) In addition, where sufficient time has elapsed subsequent to the primary vaccination, the passport must be similarly endorsed to show that the horse has received a booster vaccination no less than 150 days and no more than 215 days after the second vaccination of the primary vaccination.
 - c) That the horse has received booster vaccinations at intervals of not more than one year apart or

such lesser time as the Stewards of the QREC may decide.

- (iii) None of these vaccinations may be given within seven (7) days prior to racing.
- (iv) In calculating the days, the day of the vaccination is exclusive.

Note: The above are the minimum requirements for vaccination against Equine Influenza. In general vaccinations should be given in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

13. VETERINARY.

- (i) Every horse declared for racing, including reserve runners, are required to be examined and passed as fit to race by the Regulatory Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Surgeon at a designated place and time before running in any race conducted by the QREC.
- (ii) Should a horse be injured before, during or after a race, trial or test the horse will be examined by the Regulatory Veterinary Surgeon or a Veterinary Surgeon appointed by the QREC. If in the opinion of the examiner the horse requires euthanasia on humanitarian grounds the QREC and the person examining the horse and/or performing the euthanasia will not be liable for compensation in any form.
- (iii) Horses withdrawn from races, trials or tests on veterinary advice may be required to run in Official Barrier Trials and shall be required to pass a fit to race examination conducted by the Regulatory Veterinary Surgeon or veterinary surgeon appointed by the QREC before entering for any race conducted by the QREC.
- (iv) Trainers are required to inform the Regulatory Veterinary Surgeon of any injury or disease that a horse entered or declared to run in a race is suffering from as soon as is practicable.

DEFINITIONS

In the Rules of Racing, the following words or phrases used shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be interpreted as follows:

AMATEUR RIDER

A person who holds a permit to ride as an amateur.

AUTHORISED AGENT

A person duly appointed as such by the registered Owner to act on his behalf.

DAY

24 hours finishing at midnight, or the day of the start of the meeting.

FORFEIT

A recorded list of arrears.

HANDICAP

An assessment of weights to be carried by each horse in a race with the purpose of equalizing their chances of winning.

HORSE

Includes colt, gelding, mare, filly and male horse aged 5 years or above.

INQUIRY

An investigation into the running of a race or any offence.

JOCKEY

A person licensed to ride for hire and also includes an Apprentice Jockey.

LENGTH

The distance of a horse from nose to tail.

LICENCE

Means and includes any approval, consent, permission, or permit to act in an official capacity, or to train or ride.

MAIDEN

A horse which, at the time of starting, has never won a race at any recognised meeting in any country.

MONTH

A Gregorian calendar month.

NOMINATOR

The person in whose name a horse is entered for a race.

OFFENCE

A breach of the Rules of Racing and/or Instructions.

PASSPORT

The approved document for the identity of a horse as issued by any recognised Racing Authority.

PHOTOGRAPH

The photograph taken when the horses pass the winning post by the photo-finish camera installed under the authority of the QREC.

RACE TIME

The time that a race is scheduled to start.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE

A substance and its metabolites and their isomers originating externally, whether or not it is endogenous to the horse other than a substance attributable to normal and ordinary feeding, and which falls within any of the categories contained in The Rules of Racing published by the QREC from time to time.

PUNISHMENT

The suspension from riding or of any permits or Licence, disqualification and/or the imposition of a fine.

PURSE

The money to be awarded to the successful contestants in a race.

RACE

Any competitive horse race organized by the QREC.

RACING CALENDAR

The work published under that name by the QREC.

RECOGNISED MEETING

A meeting held under the sanction of a recognised Turf Authority.

REGISTERED OWNER

Each person, whether an individual or a member of a partnership or a syndicate, registered in accordance with Rule 27 and includes an individual or a member of a partnership or syndicate or any member of a company who or which is a registered Owner in accordance with the Rules of a registered Turf Authority. The term Owner shall also include his authorised representative.

SEASON

For the purpose of these Rules, the Racing season commences in October each year and ends in May of the following year.

STARTER'S ORDERS

Indicates that all horses and Riders are under control of the Starter at the Starting Post.

RACING STEWARDS

Wherever the word "Steward" or "Stewards" is used, it means Steward or Racing Stewards of the meeting or their duly appointed deputy or deputies.

SUSPENSION FROM RIDING IN RACES

The withdrawal for a stated period by the Racing Stewards or the QREC of the right granted under these Rules to ride in races only.

SUSPENSION OF A LICENCE

The withdrawal for a stated period by the Race meeting Stewards or the Racing and Equestrian Club of any Licence, right or privilege granted under these Rules.

THE RULES

Means the Rules of Racing of the QREC, including Instructions.

TIME OF ENTRY

The time fixed for closing.