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**RULES OF RACING**

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## ABBREVIATIONS

(Used with any publication of Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club).

c	= Colt, up to 4 years old.
g	= Gelding, a castrated horse.
f	= Filly, up to 4 years old.
m	= Mare over 4 years old.
h	= Male horse over 4 years old.
T.B.	= Thoroughbred.
A.A.	= Anglo Arab.
Y	= Yearling.
Y.O.	= Years Old.
I.S.B.C.	= International Stud Book Committee.
S.B.	= Stud Book.
Vol.	= Number of the Stud Book in which the horse is registered.
G.R.	= Group Races.
L.R.	= Listed Race.
O.R.	= Open Race.
H'Cap	= Handicap.
MDN	= Maiden Race.
b	= Bay.
ch	= Chestnut.
gr	= Grey.
bl	= Black.
ro	= Roan
br	= Brown.
BL	= Blinkers.
VIS	= Visor.
W.A.H.O.	= World Arabian Horse Organization.
S.B.A.B.	= Stud Book Authority of Bahrain.
R.E.HR.C.	= Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club.

## DEFINITIONS

In the Rules of Racing or any other publication of the RREHRC Words or Phrases used, should be interpreted as follows, except if stipulated otherwise.

**Account:** Record a person showing all financial transactions including credits, debits, fines etc .

**Age:** The age of a horse is calculated from the first day of November, in the breeding year in which a horse is foaled.

**Also Ran:** A horse that finished in a position for which no percentage of the Prize Money is to be paid.

**Apprentice Jockey:** A person licenced by the Club as an apprentice jockey and can claim an allowance.

**Authorized Agent:** Is the person appointed by an owner, in whose name has the authority to act as his agent.

**Bandages:** Cloth wrapping around the lower portion of a horse's leg for support or to protect from injuries.

**BIT:** A metal bar placed in a horse's mouth, for the purpose of helping the Jockey control the horse.

**Blacksmith (Farrier):** A person who is qualified to put shoes or attend to the hooves of the horses.

**Blinkers:** A garment fitted over the horse's head, with holes for the eyes and ears, permitting full forward vision.

**Breeder:** A person or entity that owns the dam at the time of foaling.

**Calk:** A Cog-like protection on the bottom of a horse's shoe, to provide better footing on "Off" track conditions (sloppy or muddy).

**Careless Riding:** The manner that a rider rides his horse on a race track, without due care and attention or without consideration for other jockeys or horses.

**Cast:** A horse trapped in a down condition, usually in a stall or the starting gate and is unable to rise.

**Check:** when a Jockey must hold back a horse to avoid colliding with another horse.

**Choppy:** Action of a horse, in which, strides are short; usually a sign of soreness.

**Chute:** A straightaway extension of a race track, permitting the running of races at distances that would otherwise be prohibitive.

**Club:** The Equestrians and Horse Racing Club .

**Colt:** A male horse through age of Four (4)

**Conditional licence:** Means any licence granted by the R.E.HR.C. which has conditions, limiting the normal rights of that licence.

**Correct Weight:** The declared weight, including any overweight, at which a rider is "weighed out."

**Cup:** A Race to be run for a Cup or Trophy and Prize Money, more than a regular Race of the same class.

**Dam:** The female parent of a horse (mother)

**Day:** Twenty four hours finishing at midnight.

**Dead Heat:** When two or more horses cross the finish line at exactly the same moment.

**Disqualified Person:** A person who has been disqualified by the Stewards and carries disabilities applicable to disqualification.

**Entry Time:** A date and time fixed for Authorized person to enter their horses for a race meeting.

**Filly:** A female horse through age of four (4)

**Foal:** The offspring of a sire and dam.

**Foaled:** Born.

**Gelding:** A horse who has been castrated.

**Groom:** A person responsible for the care of a horse.

**Halter:** Equipment used on horse's head to help the handling of horses.

**Handicap:** The assignment of weights to be carried by each horse in each race.

**Handicap Rating:** The number allocated to a horse by the Handicapper on his assessment of that horse's performance.

**High Committee:** The High Committee of Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club.

**Horse:** Includes mare, gelding, rig, colt, and filly. (also a male horse aged four (4) and over).

**Horse Race:** Any race in which any horse runs with any other horse in competition for any prize money.

**Identifier:** An R.E.HR.C. official, responsible for checking all markings of all runners of each Race, to make certain that the proper horse is saddled for the race for which it has been entered.

**Inquiry:** An investigation into the running of a race conducted by the Stewards.

**Irons:** Jockeys' stirrups.

**Jockey:** A person who holds a licence from the Stewards of the R.E.HR.C. or from other recognised racing authority to ride in a race.

**Lead Weight:** Pieces of lead inserted in pads and carried by horses, who's Jockeys weigh less than the assigned weight.

**Length:** The size of a horse from nose to tail.

**Maiden:** A horse which at the time of declaration to start, has never won a race at any recognized meeting in Bahrain or in any other country.

**Mare:** A female horse of age 5 years or older.

**Match Race:** A race between two horses that are property of two owners and on terms agreed by them.

**Medical Officer:** A physician who is available at a race meeting for medical assistance.

**Meeting:** A horse-racing meeting held under the Rules of Racing of the R.E.H.R.C.

**Month:** a Calendar month.

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

**Objection:** A claim of foul riding in a race, usually lodged by the Jockey or any other authorized person.

**Offence:** Any breach of the rules.

**Officials:** The following occupations and their assistants shall be considered Racing Officials.

- Stewards
- Director General
- Dy. Director General
- Racing Director
- Clerk of the Course
- Handicapper
- Clerk of the Scales
- Starter
- Paddock Steward
- Jockey's Room Custodian
- Public Relations Supervisor
- REHRC Veterinarians
- Medical Aid Representatives
- Judge
- Saddling Enclosure Stewards

**Overweight:** The extra weight carried by a horse, when Jockey is heavier than the assigned weight.

**Owner:** The legal owner of a horse (the term owner includes "part-owner" and lessee but not the lessor)

**Paddock:** The area in which, horse's parade, and the Jockeys receive instructions, prior to mounting and proceed to the Post Parade.

**Paddock Steward:** Track official Steward in charge of Paddock procedures.

**Passport:** The approved diagrammatic document of the identity of a horse, issued by any recognised racing authority.

**Patrol Judge:** Track official who views running of Races from various points around the course, to make certain no infractions occur.

**Photo Finish:** The photograph taken when the horses pass the winning posts by the Photo-finish camera.

**Placing Judges:** Track officials responsible for determining the proper order of all running in the race.

**Pony:** A horse measuring 1.44m or under.

**Post Position:** The position in a Starting Gate shall be assigned to the horse by a draw .

**Post Time:** The time that a Race Starts.

**Prize Money:** The money awarded by the RREHRC or any sponsor to the top finishers, usually the first four (4) in a Race.

**Prohibited Substance:** Means a substance and its metabolites, originating externally and whether or not it is endogenous to the horse, other than ordinary feeding and which could fall in any of the categories contained in a list published substances by the RRREHRC.

**Race:** A contest between horses of different ownerships for a Prize Money or Plate and Trophy or Cup or match. When the Stewards decide to run a Race in two or more divisions, each division shall be deemed to be a Race for the purpose of these Rules.

**Racing Calendar:** is an annual publication by the Racing Office and includes the results of all the Races in the Racing Season.

It also includes statistics, any amendments of the Rules and any other necessary information concerning Horse Racing in Bahrain.

**Racing Season:** Starts on the first day of the entries of the first Racing Day and ends after the last Racing Day of the proposed programme.

**Racing Director:** RREHRC official who heads the Racing Dept. and establishes conditions of Races.

**Recognized meeting:** A Race meeting authorized by any recognized Racing Club Authority.

**Registration Office:** Office of the Racing Director or the Register of Stud Book.

**Safety Factor:** The Maximum number of Horses that can participate safely in a particular Race.

**Scratching:** The withdrawal of a horse from a race within the Advertised Time.

**Sire:** A male parent of horse.

**Stable Name:** Any registered name, used by any owner to race his horses and appears in the Racecards or and other racing publication, instead of his proper name.

**Stallion:** A male horse, used for breeding.

**Starting Gate:** mechanical equipment with individual stalls used for the level start of the races.

**Starter's Order:** Stage when the horses officially come under the Starter's charge after arriving at gates.

**Stewards of the R.E.H.R.C.:** Persons appointed by the High Committee to act as the Stewards of the meeting.

**Stud Book:** The official register of the breeding of horses in the country.

**Suffix:** A part of horse's name and consists of two or three letters in parenthesis as abbreviation of the country where foaled.

**Tack:** Jockey's equipment such as Saddle, Whip and Helmet.

**Trainer:** A person who holds a licence from R.E.H.R.C. or any recognised racing authority to train horses.

**Visor:** A garment similar to Blinkers in which both cowls have holes cut in them, permitting limited side vision.

**Walkover:** An event where only one runner participates in a race .

**Weight - to - Age:** A Race in which the Weights are allotted according to the Age of the entrants.

**Winner:** Horse that crosses the Finish Line first in any Race scheduled on a Racing Day under the Rules of racing including a Dead Heat or Walk over and when such result is declared official.

**Year:** A Calendar Year.

## **RACING SEASON**

- 1.** The Racing Season commences in the month of October in each Calendar Year and ends in May the following Calendar Year.
- 2.** The exact dates and other details of the Racing Season shall be published in advance by the Racing Director of REHRC in the proposed programme.
- 3.** Certain regulations pertaining to matters such as weight and allowances, classification etc. and general guidelines will be published in the proposed programme.

# **RULES OF RACING**

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **HIGH COMMITTEE**

- 1- The HIGH COMMITTEE is the apex body of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club. By the Amiri Decree the Chairman of the R.E.HR.C. is appointed by H.H. the Amir and the members are appointed by the Chairman.
- 2- The High Committee controls the activities of the Club and is the only body to administer or alter these Rules or the delegate powers to the appropriate persons to execute these Rules.
- 3- The High Committee shall deal in the matters referred to them by the Stewards and shall have absolute powers to suspend or withdraw any licence or impose fine on any person referred by the Stewards.
- 4- The High Committee is the supreme power to deal with any matter pertaining to or arising out of these Rules and their decision in any matter shall be final and binding.
- 5- The High Committee shall have powers to deal in any matter that is not covered under these Rules and their decision and action thereof shall be final and binding.
- 6- At the meeting of the High Committee, attending members shall constitute the quorum and the majority vote of the members present shall determine any issue.
- 7- The Rules which follow are by the High Committee and are framed by giving Consideration to and within scope of the law of the land.
- 8- These Rules make provision for allocation of racing fixtures, supervision of race programmes and administrative matters in relation to all meeting conducted under these Rules.
- 9- These Rules shall apply to all persons racing under these Rules such as Owners, Trainers, Jockeys and all other persons licenced by this Club and the persons connected with racing and horses.

### **STEWARDS OF THE MEETING**

- 10- The High Committee shall appoint the Stewards of the Meeting who shall be the distinguished members of the society with a good experience of racing affairs and with a good knowledge of Rules of Racing.
- 11- The High committee shall vest powers in the Stewards to control and regulate horse racing in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
- 12- The Director General and the Racing Director shall act as the Senior Stewards of the Meeting.
- 13- A Steward can own a race horse but shall not act as Stewards for the race when he has a runner in that race.
- 14- The Stewards should, as far as possible, be present on the race course sufficient time before the first race to supervise the arrangements for the races. A quorum of three Stewards is required to conduct the racing.

15- The Senior Stewards shall delegate duties to the Stewards for the race day.

## **POWERS OF THE STEWARDS OF THE MEETING**

16- The Stewards have power to grant, withdraw and suspend licenses to Jockeys, Trainers and Owners.

17- The Stewards have power to fix the dates on which the meeting shall be held and to alter the same.

18- The Stewards have power to regulate, control and adjudicate upon the conduct of officials, licensed professionals, owners, authorised agents and persons attending horses and impose such punishment as they may deem fit.

19- The Stewards have power to order examination at any time of any horse entered in a race and that of persons connected with any horse entered.

20- In the event any winner or placed horse is not permitted to do his best, the Stewards have power to disqualify such horse and/or fine, suspend or disqualify any person that in the opinion of the Stewards is responsible to the offence .

21- The Stewards have power to order down any jockey or to replace any jockey with another jockey, in their opinion, is of near equal calibre.

22- The Stewards have powers to exclude from all places under control:

a) Any person whose name is published in the unpaid Forfeit list, until the default is cleared.

b) Any person who has been a repeated defaulter.

c) Any person declared to have been guilty of corrupt or a fraudulent practice by any competent authority or by the Stewards of any recognised meeting in Bahrain or in any other country.

23- Under the urgent necessity the Stewards have powers to abandon the meeting or abandon any race day or postpone any race and to declare on the race day itself any race to be null & void, notwithstanding that ALL CLEAR signal has been hoisted.

24- The Stewards have powers to refuse or cancel any entry or declaration and to refuse to register or cancel any sale of any horse, refuse to register any name of horse, or any lease, or partnership of any horse .

25- The Stewards may consider the safety factor & have powers to divide a race on to scratch the horses according to the merit they may decide.

26- The Stewards have power to enquire into objection lodged by a Jockey, Trainer or an Owner and to revise the placing in the event the objection is upheld by them or to disqualify any horse at their absolute discretion

27- The Stewards have powers to enquire in to or raise objection and finally decide and deal with any matter relating to and arising out of racing.

28- The Stewards have powers to take action against any person for disturbance of peace or misconduct on race course. Such action shall be at the discretion of the Stewards and may include fine, suspension or exclusion from the race course.

- 29- The Stewards have powers to impound a horse any time after being declared or up to 24 hours after the advertised time of the race in which he was declared to run and to order such examination as they may deem fit.
- 30- The Stewards have powers to stop a horse from racing permanently or for any period they may deem fit
- 31- The Stewards have powers to correct the weight allotted to any horse even after the publication of the weights.
- 32- In the event a horse is found, before or even after declaration, to have entered in a wrong class the Stewards have powers to order the concerned horse to be withdrawn.
- 33- The Stewards may at their discretion consider any video recording, transcript, notes of evidence, statements and other material forwarded to them and have powers to impose or to remove or modify any disqualification, or any penalty at any time.
- 34- In case of emergency or expediency the Stewards have powers to suspend the operation of any rule or regulation for such period of time as they may think fit without giving previous notice.
- 35- The Stewards shall have access to every premises on race course, personal, private or otherwise .
- 36- The Stewards have powers to restrict entry to any person into the weighing room paddock, saddling enclosure and other specified areas.
- 37- The Stewards have power to call for proof that a horse is neither itself disqualified in any respect, nor nominated or entered by, nor the property of, wholly or in part, of a disqualified person and in default of such proof being given to their satisfaction they may declare the horse disqualified for any race or races at the meeting.
- 38- The Stewards have power to take possession on the race course or with the consent of the owner elsewhere, of any horse which has been entered for or run in any race and detain such horse for the purpose of examination, identification or observation or of being photographed, for such period as they think proper without being liable for any damage in consequence of the exercise of such powers or otherwise to fine or disqualify any owner refusing such consent.
- 39- The Stewards have power to require and obtain production of all books and documents from any person which, in their opinion, relate to the meeting.
- 40- The powers of the Stewards continue after the meeting for all purposes relating to any matter connected with or arising out of that meeting .
- 41- The Stewards have powers to refuse to allow any person to act or to continue to act as an authorised agent.
- 42- The Stewards have powers to adjudicate upon and decide Appeals made by Owners, Trainers, Jockeys or any other person aggrieved by the penalty imposed upon him by the Stewards or the officials of the Club.
- 43- The Stewards have powers to correct the decision of the Judge even after ALL CLEAR sign has been hoisted .

- 44- In the event the Stewards opine that an offence warrants a punishment in excess of their powers they may refer the matter to the High Committee with their recommendations.
- 45- No person who has been requested by the Stewards to attend an enquiry or hearing of an appeal shall without reasonable cause fail or refuse to do so.
- 46- In the event of difference of opinion on any matter, the decision of the majority of the Stewards present shall prevail and in case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote .
- 47- There shall be a quorum for the Stewards' meeting. In the event there is no quorum for any meeting, the Director General has powers to enlist any person/s he may think fit to act as the Steward/s for that meeting and any adjournment there of only .

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **RACING OFFICIALS**

#### **DIRECTOR GENERAL**

- 48- The Director General is the chief administrator of the Club and has overall control on all departments of the Club including racing department.
- 49- The Director General shall act as the Senior Stewards and shall be the Chairman of the body of the Stewards.
- 50- The Director General shall appointment officials of the Club and delegate specific duties to each official.
- 51- In absence of any official the Director General shall appoint any person to act in his place.
- 52- The Director General shall have access at any time to any stable where registered horses are staying and has authority to vest such powers in any person at his discretion .

#### **RACING DIRECTOR**

- 53- The Racing Director shall assist the Director General in discharging his duties. He shall regulate and control racing and the activities of all racing Officials and deal in all national and international racing matters.
- 54- The Racing Director shall produce and publish the programme for the season with detailed conditions for each race including Distances, Prize Money etc. and to from races to suit general interest of racing. He has powers to make amendments in racing programme.
- 55- The Racing Director shall receive all Nominations, Entries, Scratchings, and Declarations etc.
- 56- The Racing Director shall draw positions of the Runners for each race on the declaration day.

- 57- The Racing Director shall publish Race Day Programme containing all required information including conditions of races, correct weights, names of the Owners, Trainers, and Jockeys etc .
- 58- The Racing Director shall ensure correct distances of each race and to arrange the starting gates accordingly.
- 59- The Racing Director shall grant licences to and publish a list of all Owners, Jockeys Apprentice Jockeys, Trainers, Veterinarians, and Farriers etc. for each season and to issue entry permits to all such persons.
- 60- The Racing Director shall supervise and to ensure proper condition of the track and stands.
- 61- The Racing Director shall keep himself informed of all names appearing on any forfeit, veterinary, and Stewards list.
- 62- The Racing Director shall have access at any time to any stable where registered horses are staying and has authority to vest such powers in any person at his discretion.
- 63- The Racing Director shall report to the Stewards any person that violets any of the Rules of Racing.
- 64- The Racing Director is empowered to impose a fine a sum not exceeding BD. 30, for any racing offence on any licenced person or to take action against any person for an improper behavior .
- 65- The Racing Director has powers to call for the Stewards' meeting after the race and before "ALL CLEAR" signal is given to enquire into any racing incidence which, in his opinion, may have affected the result of the race .
- 66- The Racing Director has powers to adjudicate on any dispute or complaint arising out of racing programme and to take a final decision.
- 67- The Racing Director shall regulate and administer the anti-doping control.
- 68- The Racing Director shall publish an unpaid forfeit list and shall ensure that the entries of the horses owned by persons appearing on such list are not accepted.
- 69- The Racing Director shall be in charge of the stable area and shall maintain general discipline, hygiene and utilities therein and shall report to the Stewards any misconduct by any person.
- 70- The Racing Director shall publish the notices for the Owners, Trainers and Jockeys or on any matter pertaining to racing. Such notices shall be placed on the notice board and all persons concerned shall be deemed to have read such notices.
- 71- In the event a horse is wrongly entered, the Racing Director may, at his discretion and after consultation with the Trainer, accept the same for an appropriate race .

## **HANDICAPPER**

- 72- Handicapper shall allot the weights to be carried in all handicap races in accordance with the definitions of a weight to age handicap and a handicap rating .

- 73- The rating figures represent merit of each horse for the purpose of equalising chances of all runners.
- 74- The Handicapper shall add or deduct points according to his assessment on the performance of the horse and his rating shall be at his absolute discretion.
- 75- After the publication of the handicaps no alteration will be made. In the event of omission or error, the matter shall be placed before the Racing Director who may order to correct such error of weight.
- 76- The Handicapper shall determine from time to time classification of every horse intended to be raced under these Rules.
- 77- The Handicapper shall be responsible for the classification, which shall be in classes as published in the racing programme.
- 78- Any complaints concerning handicapping should be lodged in writing with the Racing Director within 48 hours after the publication of the handicaps.
- 79- The detailed conditions & other information shall be published in the proposed programme for racing.

#### **CLASSIFICATION**

- 80- Every horse must be classified by the Club's Handicapper before entry.
- 81- Every horse must be identified and registered before being classified.
- 82- Any horse registered and classified for racing and does not run for two years or more must be reclassified if it is intended to be entered and raced again.
- 83- Horses whose names have been removed from the classification list must be reclassified before entry.
- 84- Horses which have raced at the meetings outside Bahrain subsequent to classification by the Club's Handicapper, must be reclassified prior to entry for the races under the Rules of this Club.
- 85- No horse shall be entered in any race other than those for the Class in which it is classified by the Handicapper, unless otherwise mentioned in the conditions of the race.
- 86- Any infringement of the above mentioned instructions will be reported to the Stewards for action and horse may be withdrawn even having been handicapped or declared.

#### **CLERK OF THE SCALES AND WEIGHING ROOM**

- 87- The Clerk of the Scales is in charge of weighing room and the Jockey's room.
- 88- The Clerk of the Scales shall supervise the number cloths, racing colours and equipment that each Jockey carries.
- 89- He shall exhibit number of each horse together with the name of rider and post-position on the board. Any change of information published in the official race-card shall also be displayed.

- 90- He shall Weight out and Weight in all riders and report to the Stewards any discrepancy noticed by him.
- 91- No persons other than Jockeys, Trainers, Owners and attendants that are actually engaged in the race are permitted to enter the weighing area.
- 92- No persons other than the Jockeys with engagement and their attendants are permitted in the Jockeys' room.
- 93- The Clerk of the Scales has powers to fine any Trainer up to BD. 20/- for any discrepancy in colours.
- 94- In the event of any violation of the above mentioned Rules or any misconduct by any person, the Clerk of the Scales shall report the same to the Stewards.
- 95- Any unauthorized person visiting the above mentioned areas or any person involved in undesirable activities in these areas will be reported to the Stewards for such severe action as they think fit.

### **CLERK OF THE COURSE**

- 96- The Clerk of the Course is responsible for the condition of the race tracks, working tracks, working schools, fences, enclosures and for the maintenance of the stands and all buildings on the race course.
- 97- The Clerk of the Course shall ensure that the course is properly measured and marked.
- 98- The Clerk of the Course shall make all such arrangements for the conduct of the meeting or any race.
- 99- The Clerk of the Course shall supervise and keep informed the underfoot conditions of the course and convey this information to the Stewards and the Racing Director two hours before the start of the first race .
- 100- Under the exceptional circumstances or if the weather or the ground, in his opinion, be in an unfit state to race then the Clerk of the Course shall make recommendations to the Stewards to cancel the parade or to abandon a day's racing or to abandon any races.

### **STARTER AND STARTING**

- 101- Any horse that is to be started in a race under the rules of R.E.HR.C. will have to hold a Starting Gate Certificate issued by the Club's Starter or by any other competent Racing Authority. No horse without a Starting Gate Certificate, as stated above, will be permitted to start in a race.
- 102- Owners and Trainers from other racing centres who intend to send their horses to race under the rules of R.E.HR.C. must ensure, in their own interest, that the Starting Gate Certificates of their horses are lodged with the Racing Director of R.E.HR.C. as much in advance as possible but certainly before the Declaration.
- 103- The Starter is responsible for following the correct procedure of starting.
- 104- The Starter shall be responsible to issue Starting Gate Certificates to the horses after being satisfied with their behavior at the Gates .

- 105- The Starter shall obtain a list of runners for each race from the Clerk of the Scales in the Weighing Room.
- 106- Every horse shall be at the Post ready to start at the appointed time.
- 107- All riders who arrive at the Starting Post must immediately place themselves under the control of the Starter.
- 108- Riders who wish to dismount at the start must obtain the Starter's permission before doing so and shall themselves lead their horses around. Horses are not to be passed to or led round by handlers.
- 109- Misconduct by a rider at the start is an offence and the Starter shall report to the Stewards any rider whom he considers to have been guilty of such misconduct.
- 110- Loading will take place under the direction of the Assistant Starter, or if there is no Assistant Starter, under the direction of the Team Leader. Horses will be loaded according to the draw but this may be varied at the direction of the Starter or the Assistant Starter in the interests of speedy and efficient loading.
- 111- Any horse which refuses to go into stall on the first occasion will be blindfolded and tried again. In no circumstances will a blindfolded horse be loaded without its rider being mounted. It will be the responsibility of the rider to ensure that the blindfold has been removed.
- 112- When loading is completed and the Assistant Starter is satisfied that all the back gates are securely shut he will, from his position at the rear of the stalls, make the appropriate signal to the Starter. The Starter, having checked and satisfied himself as to the situation, will start the race.
- 113- The horses must be started by the Official Starter or his authorised substitute from starting stalls. In the case of emergency, by permission of the Stewards or the Starter, any race may be started with a flag.
- 114- The Starter shall check the runners and riders against the list of runners which he has obtained from the Clerk of the Scales and assign the horses to the places drawn by lot, all horses taking their place at the Start in the order drawn for them.
- 115- The Starter shall give all orders necessary for securing a fair start. In a start with a flag the horses must be started, as far as possible, in a line but they may be started at such reasonable distance behind the Starting Post as the Starter thinks necessary. The Starter shall also ensure that a race is not started before the appointed time.
- 116- A race shall be declared "Off:"
- a) for races started from Starting Stalls, when the Starter has released the Starting Stalls;
  - b) for races started by a flag, when the Starter has dropped his flag; unless the Starter declares a false start.
- 117- Should the Starter consider that through any cause a horse is unable to start he shall at once notify the Stewards that the horse is withdrawn.
- 118- On the first occasion that a horse is declared to run in a race the trainer must, if he requires any special arrangements to be made at the Start, submit a written request to the Racing Director at the time declaration.

- 119- If no written request is submitted as above for the horse no special arrangements will be made for it at the start. If the horse is in any way difficult at the start and the Starter considers that it has been inadequately schooled he will report to the Stewards .
- 120- When a horse runs on subsequent occasions
- a) any request by the trainer for special arrangements at the start must be confirmed by the Stewards after consultation with the Starter.
  - b) any request for a trainer or a member of his staff to attend a start for the purpose of participating in the loading procedure must be subject to similar confirmation from the Stewards.
- 121- A start in front of the starting post or on a wrong course or before the advertised time shall result in a race being declared void.
- 122- Time recorded at the weighing room shall be taken as official time for the start of a race.
- 123- The Starter is responsible for discipline at Gates and is empowered to fine a Jockey a sum not exceeding BD 20/- for misconduct at Gates or report to the Stewards when, in his opinion, more deterrent action is called for.
- 124- The Starter shall ensure that all horses start from the stalls as allotted by draw, except in case of a stall being damaged when that particular horse shall be loaded in the out side stall, if available, failing which the horse shall be withdrawn. Under no circumstances any horse can be started from outside the starting gates.
- 125- The Starter may withdraw any horse that is too unruly or which can not be loaded.
- 126- In the event of an injury to the Jockey or the Jockey falling sick or any horse getting injured the Starter shall withdraw the horse and inform the Stewards.
- 127- In the event a horse is withdrawn at the Gates for any reason then the Starter shall inform the Stewards immediately.
- 128- In the event horse(s) being withdrawn at the Gates and only one runner remaining, then that runner will be considered as walk over for that race.
- 129- Should the Starter consider that through any faulty action of the Starting Gate or Starting Stall a fair start has not been affected he shall declare it a false start. The Starter may also declare a false start when a horse(s) has broken away before the race has been declared "Off". Whenever a false start has been declared the Starter shall order the Riders, by means of a recall flag, to return to the Post.
- 130- Where the recall flag is raised without the orders of the Starter he shall nevertheless declare it a false start.
- 131- Unless at least one rider returns to the Starter after the recall flag has been raised for a false start the race shall be void.
- 132- Should only one rider return to the Starter and satisfy him as to his obeyed the recall flag, his horse shall be considered as walk over for the race. Should more than one return the race shall be started again as soon as the course is clear.
- 133- Should the Starter declare a false start and the recall flag not be raised the race shall be void unless all the horses pull up before completing the course.

- 134- In the event of a false start or for any reason if the horse breaks away to complete the course then the horse may be withdrawn at the discretion of the trainer or the owner.
- 135- The Starter may remove Starting Gate Certificate of a horse that is too unruly or refuses to jump out of the Gates. The concerned Trainer is required to show such horse to the Starter for passing without which the horse will not be permitted to be declared.
- 136- Without the prior approval from the Stewards no unauthorized person, Owner, Trainer or his staff shall be permitted at the Gates and if so they are strictly prohibited from interfering the starting procedures
- 137- After each race the Starter shall report to the Stewards all incidences including misbehavior of riders, accidents and his observations of the race after the jump off and within first 200 meters.
- 138- Any matter not covered by the Rules as stated above shall be dealt with by the Stewards and their decision thereof shall be final and binding.

#### **ASST. STARTER:**

- 139- The Asst. Starter shall assist the Starter in all matters of starting and signal the starter after the proper loading of all runners.
- 140- The Asst. Starter shall carefully watch the field after the dispatch and report to the Starter any rider not making sufficient effort to urge the horse to jump off.
- 141- The Asst. Starter shall report to the Starter any damage caused to the stalls or any gates not functioning properly.

#### **JUDGE**

- 142- The Judge or his authorised substitute must occupy the judge's box at the time the horses pass the winning post. Contrary to this will result in race being declared void .
- 143- The Judge must announce his decision immediately or after consulting the photograph and shall determine the winner according to that part of horse's head, excluding the ears, which is first past the winning post. The remaining placing shall be determined in a similar manner .
- 144- This rule shall not prevent the Judge from correcting any mistake provided such correction is approved by the Stewards .
- 145- The Stewards shall have right to correct the decision of the Judge in any race before or after ALL CLEAR signal has been hoisted.
- 146- At the end of the race day the Judge shall submit to the Racing Director a list of all final placing and distances of each race.
- 147- Asst. Judge shall assist the Judge and act as a Judge in his absence .

## **PADDOCK STEWARD**

- 148- The Paddock Steward will be in charge of the paddock area.
- 149- Before each race the Paddock Steward shall order the Jockeys to mount, parade and proceed to the starting gates at an appropriate time.
- 150- In the event the Jockey is found to carry an unauthorised whip, the Paddock Steward is authorised to take away such a whip from the Jockey..
- 151- The paddock Steward is also authorised to take away a whip from a Jockey that is prohibited by the Stewards to carry the whip.
- 152- The Paddock Steward shall ensure that no unauthorised person enters the paddock area.
- 153- The Paddock Steward shall check number cloth of each runner.

## **SADDLING BOX STEWARD**

- 154- The Saddling Box Stewards shall verify the identity of every runner. No unauthorised person is permitted in this area.
- 155- The Saddling Box Steward shall keep record of and check all equipment and shoes for every runner.
- 156- Jockey's Room Custodian: Shall look after and store racing colours during and until the end of the season and shall report to the Stewards any irregularity. He shall ensure that no unauthorised person or any Licenced person other than actually required to be present for a specific reason/duty, shall enter the Jockeys' room. He shall assist the Clerk of the Scales in general supervision and maintaining discipline in the Jockeys Room .
- 157- Medical Aid Representative: The Medical Aid Representative shall be on duty on every race meeting and shall have an ambulance at his disposal.
- 158- The Director General is authorised to appoint or substitute any official during the race day.
- 159- Complaint against any official or licensed professional must be addressed to the Director General who shall deal with it and/or forward the same to the Stewards.

## **VETERINARY AND IDENTIFICATION OF HORSES**

- 160- Every horse is required to be identified by the Club's Veterinarian at the time of registration of name as also when it is intended to run for the first time. Trainers must approach the Club's Veterinarian well in time to have their horses identified.
- 161- In the event any Owner or Trainer bringing a horse from outside into the R.E.HR.C. premises then he must have the horse examined for health by the authorised Veterinarian, without which the horse will not be permitted to enter in. If, in the opinion of the Club's Veterinarian, an isolation for such horse is necessary then that horse will remain in isolation till cleared by him.
- 162- If a horse having been declared to start in a race, subsequently injures itself or rears up and falls after leaving the stables or in the saddling enclosure or in the Paddock or on way to or at the start, then the Club's Veterinarian will examine the horse and decide if it

is fit to race. In the event the horse is withdrawn it may be stopped from racing till passed fit by the Club's Veterinarian.

- 163- If in the opinion of the Club's Veterinarian a horse after a race has come back lame then that horse will be stopped from racing till passed fit by him .
- 164- It is the responsibility of Trainer to show to the Club's Veterinarian for passing the horse that is stopped from racing on Veterinary grounds. Such examination shall be at the morning track work and with the prior appointment.
- 165- Declaration of a horse that is stopped for racing on Veterinary grounds will not be valid till such time the same is passed fit by the Club's Veterinarian.
- 166- Any horse that is injured in a race and in the opinion of the Club's Veterinarian requires destruction on humanitarian grounds, then that horse will be destroyed and the Club shall not be liable for any compensation.
- 167- The Trainers are required to inform the Club's Veterinarian in the event a horse is found to be suffering from any infectious or contagious disease.
- 168- Any horse that is deserved or where a neurectomy surgery is performed on any part of the leg of the horse then that horse will not be permitted to participate in any race.

#### **BLEEDERS - PROHIBITED TO RACE**

- 169- **169.** If a horse is observed to have bled (epistaxis or Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage) during or after a race then the following procedure will be adopted.
- 170- When a horse bleeds, whether it is profuse or in a streak, for the first time, the horse will be prohibited from racing for a period of 4 weeks.
- 171- In case the horse bleeds the second time, the horse will be prohibited from racing for a period of 8 weeks.
- 172- In case the horse bleeds for the third time it would be prohibited from racing for a period of 12 weeks.
- 173- In case the horse bleeds for the fourth time it will be prohibited from racing for one year
- 174- If the horse does not bleed for the first time after one year as mentioned in '1' above but bleeds subsequently then it will be considered as the first time bleeder.
- 175- In all above cases the horse will be cleared to run only after being passed fit by the Club's Veterinarian.

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **REGISTRATION AND NAMING OF HORSES**

#### **REGISTRATION OF A HORSE**

- 176- Any horse foaled in the Kingdom of Bahrain should be registered with the corresponding registry according to its breed. Any qualified TB foal, provided that both Sire and Dam have been registered in any recognised Stud Book of any country recognised by the I.S.B.C. should be registered with the Bahrain Thoroughbred Stud Book Authority. Any horse of pure bred Arab Origin, with Sire or Dam registered with WAHO of any country, should be registered with WAHO Stud Book.
- 177- Any product of cross breeding between Thoroughbred and Arab must be entered in the Anglo Arab Registry.
- 178- The Stewards have the right to ask for parentage verification of any horse, at any time.
- 179- To be eligible to participate in racing/breeding in the Kingdom of Bahrain horse must be registered with one of the above Stud books or Registry for Anglo Arabs.
- 180- No horse will be allowed to participate in racing or breeding activity unless it is registered. It is compulsory to use the Suffix of imported horses with their name unless the horse is bred in Bahrain.
- 181- If a horse is imported for racing, the owner or his agent must apply to the Registrar, Stud Book Authority with the Stud Book Certificate and the Racing Record of the horse duly issued by the foreign Racing Authority and the passport of the horse.
- 182- If it concerns a local bred horse of any breed, a Certificate of Registration of the corresponding Stud Book of Registry must be submitted to the Racing Office before entering in any race.

#### **REGISTRATION OF NAME**

- 183- The registration of name of a horse for racing can only be done by the Registrar, Stud Book Authority of Bahrain .
- 184- The change of a name which is already registered and published can only be requested from the Racing Authority which has originally registered that name.
- 185- An International list of protected names is established according to the rules fixed by the Executive Council of the International Federation .
- 186- Names registered, and not protected, will become available for re-use on the following basis
- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Broodmares                      | 10 years after death or being put out of stud. |
| Stallions                       | 15 years after death or being put out of stud. |
| Other horses                    | 5 years after death.                           |
| Broodmares if no death reported | 25 years old.                                  |

Stallions if no death reported 35 years old.

Other horses if no death reported 20 years old.

187- Names cannot be accepted if they are already registered subject to the conditions on re-use of names set out above, and if:

- a) they appear on the International List of Protected Names,
- b) they have more than 18 characters, including signs or spaces,
- c) they are the name of a public person, without that person's or their family's permission ,
- d) they are preceded or followed by numbers,
- e) they are followed by initials,
- f) they are made up of initials or figures,
- g) their meaning, pronunciation or spelling may be thought obscene or insulting,
  
- h) in spelling or pronunciation, they are similar to a protected name or a name registered for a horse whose year of foaling is within ten years of that of the horse in question.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **EQUIPMENT**

#### **Saddle**

188- The saddle comprises the saddle itself, the girth, the surcingle, the stirrup irons and the leather or webs.

189- Trainers are responsible for condition of their Racing Bridles and the Jockeys are responsible for condition of the Saddle, Weight cloth, Martingale and Rings except in case of apprentice Jockey where Trainers shall be responsible.

190- Trainers are responsible for ensuring that their horses are properly saddled when they leave the parade ring.

191- In the event any Jockey dropping or breaking an iron, leather or any other part of their equipment or a whip when in a race then he is required to inform the Clerk of the Scales immediately after the race .

192- Every Trainer must ensure that his charge carries a correct number cloth.

#### **Shoes / Plates**

193- The use of racing plates or shoes which may increase the danger of falls and accidents to which the Jockeys and horses are liable during the race is forbidden.

194- An inspection of shoes may be made before the race and any horse equipped with forbidden shoes shall be withdrawn and the Trainer concerned shall be reported to the Stewards for the action they may deem fit.

- 195- The use of American type toe-grab plates or those with sharp fangs or protrusions on the ground surface shall not be permitted. Examples of forbidden and authorized shoes are shown in Annex 7.
- 196- In the event a horse requiring any surgical shoe an approval for use of such shoes must be obtained for the Club's Veterinarian prior to the use .
- 197- Trainers are required to indicate on the Declaration form action to be taken in the event of loss of plate/s before the start

### **Whip**

198- Jockeys shall use the whip of a standard pattern and length as under:

- a) Maximum length, including flap, of 68 cms.
- b) Minimum diameter of 1 cm.
- c) The only additional feature which may be attached to the whip is a flap. If the flap is attached it must fall within the specifications as under:
  - I) A maximum length of flap from the end of the shaft of 10 cms.
  - II) A maximum width of the flap of 4 cms, with a minimum width of 2 cms.
  - III) The flap from the end of the shaft must not contain any reinforcement or additions.

199- The whip should be used for safety, correction and encouragement only.

200- The whip shall NOT be used:

- a) to punish a horse
- b) on a horse that is showing no response.
- c) on a horse that is clearly winning or has passed the winning post.
- d) with an unreasonable force or frequency that may cause injury to the horse.
- e) when the first four horses have clearly passed the winning post.
- f) in any way that would interfere with running of any other horse.

201- The whip shall never be used on the abdominal portion of horse or its head.

202- Trainers have responsibility for giving instructions to the riders, especially to the apprentice Jockeys, on the use of whip. Failure to give proper and adequate instructions or to give instructions which if obeyed could lead to violation of these rules will result in disciplinary action being taken against the concerned Trainer and Jockey.

### **Hood, Blinkers, Visors etc.**

203- If a horse is to run in a hood, blinkers, visor, eyeshield or eyecover a declaration must be made on the declaration form by the time fixed for making the declarations to run.

204- When a horse has been declared to run in hood, blinkers, visor, eyeshield, eyecover or any combination thereof they must be worn by the horse before entering the parade ring or going to the start. The starter has powers to withdraw the horse if he finds omission of or addition to any declared equipment.

205- For the purpose of this Rule " blinkers " means a garment fitted over a horse's head with holes for the eyes and ears, one or both eyeholes being fitted with cowls cutting out all vision to the rear but permitting full forward vision. "Visor" means a garment similar to blinkers in which one or both cowls have holes cut in them permitting limited side or rear vision. "Hood" means a garment similar to blinkers, incorporating ear covers but without eye cowls. "Eye shield" means a garment similar to blinkers except that in place

of the eye cowls both eyes are covered with a mesh or other transparent material. "Eye cover" means a garment similar to blinkers except that in place of the eye cowls one eye only is completely covered by an opaque cover.

## **General**

- 206- Gadgets such as electric/battery goader or any other electric contraption will not be allowed to be used to urge horses jump out of the starting gates in a race or in practice .
- 207- No Jockey shall ride in work or any race unless he is wearing a skull cap of a pattern approved by the Stewards .
- 208- Use of tongue tie, if required, must be mentioned on the Declaration form. The method of tying the tongue must be shown to the Club's Veterinarian for his approval.
- 209- No horse shall be permitted to run in unsatisfactory bandaging .
- 210- Spurs are not permitted in races confined to apprentice Jockeys. Spurs, which are sharp, fitted with rowels or are angled upward or inward are not permitted in any race.
- 211- Every horse running in a race shall carry a number cloth and the Trainer is responsible for ensuring that the correct number is worn and that such number is clearly visible.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **AGE OF A HORSE**

- 212- The Age of a horse changes on November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year following its birth. Foal: A horse in its first year of life, whilst it is still suckling. Weanling: a horse in its first year of life after being separated from its dam. Yearling: A horse in its second year of life. Two year old: A horse in its third year of life.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **LICENCING**

- 213- No person shall participate in Racing under any capacity (Owner, Trainer, Asst. Trainer, Jockey, Appr. Jockey, Veterinarian, Farrier, Stable Employee, etc.) unless he is properly licenced, with the Racing office of the R.E.HR.C.
- 214- Applications for licenses shall be in writing and addressed to the Racing Director and must be accompanied by the correct Licence Fee and two photographs.
- 215- Each license shall be valid for a period of one year. Licence issued at any time during the year shall stand terminated on following 30<sup>th</sup> September.
- 216- The REHRC Stewards may refuse to issue or renew or suspend or revoke any licence, for conduct that the Stewards consider a violation of the Rules or for any other reason, that is considered against the interests of racing, without giving any explanations. The R.E.HR.C. Stewards have the right to refuse to issue licence to any person who has been declared by a competent authority or the Stewards of any recognised Racing Authority to have been guilty of any corrupt or fraudulent practice on the race course.

- 217- When a license of a person is withdrawn by the Stewards then that person shall be a disqualified person and shall be a subject to the disabilities which the Stewards may impose.
- 218- When a license of a person is suspended then that person shall be a subject to disabilities, which the Stewards may impose.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **OWNERS - JOCKEYS - TRAINERS**

#### **OWNERS**

- 219- Owner is a person who owns or leases a horse fully or partly and shall not own less than a quarter share in a horse.
- 220- Name of an owner may be registered by an application to the Racing Director on the prescribed form signed by the owner or his authorised agent.
- 221- The registration will be effective on approval of application by the Stewards of R.E.H.R.C. who have powers to refuse any application without assigning any reason.
- 222- Only Bahraini nationals and residents of the Kingdom of Bahrain will be granted owners' licences.
- 223- When a horse is owned by lease, contingency or partnership, a document must be lodged with the Racing Director detailing the names of the parties, addresses, conditions of the lease, contingency or partnership, share held by each party and other relevant information. Only one person will be authorised to act in all official matters except the sale.
- 224- The Ownership of a horse can be changed by an application on a prescribed form to the Racing Director .
- 225- If any registered owner or part owner shall become a disqualified person or shall have a Bankruptcy Order made against him then his registration shall thereon become void. If the Stewards of R.E.H.R.C. register name of a person currently disqualified or against whom there is a Bankruptcy Order in force then the registration shall be void.
- 226- Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the personal representative of a deceased owner from running a horse solely under the description of "Estate of late Mr" .....
- 227- In an emergency Owner may be granted a temporary Trainer's licence for a period the Stewards may deem fit.

#### **SYNDICATES**

- 228- A syndicate not more than 12 persons may share an interest in a horse provided that legal possession of the horse is vested in not less than three and not more than four members of the syndicate as lessees of the horse from the syndicate.

- 229- The members of the syndicates in whom legal possession of the horse is vested shall be treated as joint owners and shall be subject to all the liabilities, duties and privileges of joint ownership .
- 230- Control and management of the horse shall be exercised only by the joint ownership as referred above.
- 231- A copy of agreement among the members of syndicate must be lodged with the Racing Director's office and should contain
- a) Name and address of each member of the syndicate and share held in horse by each member.
  - b) A statement stating all financial arrangements among the members of the syndicate, in particular the method of calculating all payments due from the members towards training and other expenses .
- 232- The Stewards may at their discretion at any time and without assigning any reason withdraw their approval of any member of syndicate and in such event registration of the syndicate agreement in respect of that horse will be cancelled.
- 233- A horse shall not be eligible to be entered for or to run in any race whilst any member of the syndicate is a disqualified person or having a Bankruptcy Order made against him or be placed in the defaulters list.

## **JOCKEYS**

- 234- No person shall ride in any race under these Rules until he has obtained a licence to ride in races from the Stewards of R.E.H.R.C.
- 235- Such license must be applied for with a health certificate to the Racing Director and shall remain in force for the current season.
- 236- When a jockey becomes unfit to ride due to an injury or illness he must submit to the Racing Director a fitness certificate before accepting to ride in a race .
- 237- Jockeys holding license from this Club are prohibited from riding in unrecognised meetings.
- 238- Every Jockey must ensure that he accepts only one ride in a race. Any breach of this Rule will be viewed seriously by the Stewards.
- 239- No Jockey shall be permitted to own or part own any registered horse employed for the purpose of racing.
- 240- Every rider is entitled to a mount fee and the commission where applicable.
- 241- A Jockey whose licence has been withdrawn shall be a disqualified person.
- 242- No rider shall ride in work or races without a skull cap as approved by the Stewards.
- 243- Jockeys without a contract or retainer must confirm their engagement with the Trainers by signing on Declaration form.
- 244- Every Jockey entering into contract with any Owner or a Trainer must lodge with the Racing Director a copy of the agreement, such Jockey shall accept the outside rides only with consent of the concerned Owner or the Trainer.

245- Riders must acquaint themselves in advance with the correct course over which they are to ride.

246- No Jockey shall bet on a horse or accept the bets or accept rewards, money or gifts from any person other than his Trainer or Owner. Any infringement of this Rule will attract severe penalties.

247- No rider shall get in contact with any member of public on his way from weighing room to the paddock or any place before the weighing in is over.

### **FOREIGN AND VISITING JOCKEYS**

248- Whenever a Jockey other than Licenced by R.E.HR.C. intends to ride in a race at R.E.HR.C., he shall submit in advance a clearance certificate from the recognised Racing Authority where he rode last.

249- In absence of such clearance certificate a foreign Jockey may be granted a license by the Stewards provided he gives an affidavit, vide Annex 2 .

- a) That he is a holder of a valid licence from the recognised Racing Authority.
- b) That he is not penalised in a way which disallows him from taking part in a race.
- c) That he agrees to be bound in all respects by the Rules of R.E.HR.C. and accepts that any suspension imposed by R.E.HR.C. may be extended by other Racing Authority under their domestic Rules and in accordance with their laws of public order.
- d) That he is currently free from injury and is fit to ride in races.

250- This affidavit signed by the Jockey shall be endorsed by the Racing Director after the race day stating penalty imposed, if any. A copy of such affidavit shall then be sent to the Racing Authority, which had issued the licence .

### **APPRENTICE JOCKEYS**

251- No person shall be granted an Apprentice Jockey License unless he is engaged by a trainer licensed by R.E.HR.C. who shall instruct the Apprentice in the business and in requirements of the Rules of Racing.

252- At the time of application the Apprentice shall not be younger than 14 years .

253- A written consent of his parents or guardian must be attached to the application.

254- Application must be made through the Trainer engaging the apprentice .

255- Health certificate stating that he is physically fit and issued within one month prior to the application must accompany the application.

256- Salary, riding fee etc. shall be paid by the Trainer to the Apprentice within 30 days, failing which the Apprentice can lodge a complaint with the Racing Director.

257- No Apprentice Jockey shall ride in any race (except of his master) without his master's written consent being obtained before Declaration .

- 258- An Apprentice Jockey can claim an allowance of 3 kgs until he completes 20 wins and 2 kgs till he completes 30 wins. No allowance shall be claimed thereafter.
- 259- If an Apprentice Jockey who is riding in a race lodges an objection then the Trainer concerned of that horse may accompany the Apprentice Jockey to present his case before the Stewards.
- 260- All Rules pertaining to the Jockeys shall apply to the Apprentices except where specified otherwise.

## **TRAINERS**

- 261- Every Trainer training under these rules must obtain an annual licence from the Stewards. Application must be made in writing and addressed to the Racing Director. Trainer from other centre must attach to his application a clearance certificate from the Racing Authority he trained last.
- 262- Every new applicant must furnish with the application a list of horses and their Owners.
- 263- Such license must be applied for and shall remain in force up to the following 30th September.
- 264- Trainer shall hold a good conduct and shall be responsible for the security, upkeep & training of the horses.
- 265- A Trainer whose licence has been withdrawn shall be a disqualified person.
- 266- Every Trainer when he takes charge of a horse or when the horse leaves his charge, must submit this information to the Racing Director on the forms for this purpose within three days.
- 267- All horses retired from racing and all deaths must also be reported to the Racing Director within three days.
- 268- Every Trainer must submit a list of horses under his charge on April 1st and October 1st each year.
- 269- Every Trainer engaging the Apprentice Jockeys must submit to the Racing Director names, the health certificates and a copy of agreements. He shall be responsible for looking after them and for payment of the dues.
- 270- Trainers / Owners are required to obtain permission from the Director General in the event they wish to carry any advertisement of any product by the Jockey, horse's clothing or attendants during the race meeting .
- 271- A licensed Trainer who is unable to attend the race meeting under these Rules may authorise in writing another Trainer licenced by this Club to act on his behalf.
- 272- A Trainer shall report immediately to the Racing Director when a horse under his charge has been identified or suspected as being infected with a communicable disease.
- 273- It shall be duty of the Trainer to check the identity of every horse under his care from the identification papers available at the office of the Racing Director or the Registrar of the Stud Book as the case may be.

274- No Trainer shall be granted Jockey's licence until licence to train is surrendered.

### **AUTHORISED AGENTS**

275- Authorized Agent means a person appointed by a document signed by the Owner and lodged with the Racing Director's office.

276- No person can act as an Authorised Agent unless approved by the Stewards.

277- Each Authority to act as an Agent must be registered at the Racing Director's office.

278- Authority to act as an Agent lodged and approved at any time during the year shall stand terminated on the following 30th September.

279- An Authorized Agent may be appointed for the season or for a single meeting or for a particular period of time.

280- The Authority to act as an Agent becomes void when Owner or part Owner or his authorised person becomes disqualified.

281- The Authority to act as an Agent becomes void on death of a person issuing the authority.

282- An Authority to act as an Agent can be terminated by a letter signed by the Owner and addressed to and lodged with the Racing Director.

### **COMMISSION, FEES AND RETAINERS**

283- Unless a private arrangement between an Owner and a Trainer or a Jockey regarding the commission or the stakes earned is made and lodged with the Racing Director, every Trainer and Jockey shall be entitled to a commission as under Trainer: Ten percent on winning and placed stakes. Jockey: Five percent on winning Stakes .

284- The mount fee of the Jockey is fixed at BD. 10 per mount, refundable when his mount is withdrawn on veterinary grounds or a race being declared void.

285- In case of a dead-heat, each Jockey shall be paid a winning fee of 5 percent of the stakes earned by the Owner.

286- Every Owner, Trainer, Jockey must lodge with the Racing Director for registration an Agreement relating to Jockey's retainer. The Stewards will not recognize any retainer unless such Agreement has been registered.

### **GROOMS**

287- Every Trainer must ensure that every groom is registered with the racing office and that no unregistered groom is employed by him.

288- Any dispute between groom and his employee shall be heard and settled by the Racing Director.

289- The Stewards have powers to fine or terminate employment of any groom.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **RACING COLOURS**

- 290- Every owner/partnership by application to the Racing Director must register racing colours annually on payment of a fee as may be fixed by the Stewards from time to time. Registration shall remain in force till following 30th September.
- 291- The racing colours already registered before the publication of these rules will be allowed. However, new colours will be registered as per the pattern prescribed by the Stewards. See Annex 5 and 6.
- 292- No horse shall race in any colour other than registered by its ownership.
- 293- When an owner has more than one runner in a race each horse shall be differentiated by a different colour cap, which shall be notified when being declared.
- 294- In the event the Jockey is unable to produce the declared colour at the time of weighing out then the horse shall run in ALL BLACK and the Trainer of the horse may be fined by the Clerk of Scales up to B.D. 20/- and shall be reported to the Stewards .
- 295- No advertisement of any kind will be permitted on the silk unless authorised by the Director General of the Club.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **UNPAID FORFEIT LIST**

- 296- An unpaid forfeit list shall be maintained by the office and shall include all arrears which have been notified by the Racing Director or the office.
- 297- The term 'arrears' means all dues and unpaid entrance money, forfeits, subscriptions, fines, fees, and all other sums of money due to the Club.
- 298- So long as the name of a person is on the forfeit list no horse owned or part owned by him can be entered for any race and may not be qualified to run if entered previously.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **ENTRY, ACCEPTANCE AND DECLARATION**

#### **ENTRY**

- 299- No horse shall be eligible to be entered for a race under these rules unless he has a name which has been registered with a competent recognised authority .
- 300- Every entry must be accompanied by a remittance for the full amount of entry fee and be made before the appointed time for entry.

- 301- No entry of any horse will be accepted if the concerned Owner or the Trainer is are not properly registered at the time of entry.
- 302- The Stewards reserve right to refuse or cancel any entry at any time without assigning any reason.
- 303- A horse shall not be eligible to be entered in any class other than the one it belongs to at the time of entry unless specified otherwise by terms of the race.
- 304- No horse shall be permitted to be entered or run without having a valid Starter's Approval Certificate.
- 305- Any Owner/Trainer who wishes to enter an imported or a local bred horse for the first time, must obtain Starter's Approval Certificate and attach the same to the entry form. Further, the Trainer is required to apply in writing the Racing Director two weeks prior to the entry day providing all necessary documents in order to identify and classify and register the horse. The application to the Racing Director must be preceded by proper registration of the horse with the Registrar, Stud Book Authority of Bahrain .
- 306- In the event there are less than four entries in a race, except in Cup races, the race will be cancelled, unless specified otherwise by the terms of the race .
- 307- In the event the race being cancelled at the entry stage for any reason then the horse entered in that race shall be eligible to be entered in another race, terms of that race permitting, before the entries are published.
- 308- The entry fee shall not be refunded except when the race is declared void for any reason or a horse becoming ineligible for the race owing to being balloted out or winning or transfer to another class after the date of entry .
- 309- Any error in the entry form or entry in a wrong race may be corrected by the Racing Director in consultation with the concerned Trainer.
- 310- A horse can be entered in more than one race but will be permitted to participate in only one race on the same race day .
- 311- Entries must be deposited in entry box and shall be closed at the time appointed and no entry shall be admitted on any ground after that time.
- 312- No entry of a Trainer, Asst. Trainer, Owner or Part Owner whose name appears on the defaulter or disqualified persons list shall be accepted.
- 313- An entry once made can be cancelled by putting in a cancellation slip. When an entry is cancelled that horse shall be ineligible to be entered again for that race. Once the entry is cancelled, the entry fee shall not be payable.
- 314- Entry must be made on a prescribed form filling in all particulars and signed by Owner or his authorised agent or Trainer or Asst. Trainer.
- 315- No entries will be accepted by telephone, fax or telegram.
- 316- Entry shall not become void on death of the Owner.
- 317- In the event a horse after the entry races at any other centre then the entry made will be valid unless it is reclassified prior to the closing of the final entry.

318- Certain races shall be open for horses which are not entered as per the terms of the races. For such supplementary entry, a fee at the rate of 25% of the total prize money shall be charged and shall be payable at the final declaration. Names of such races shall be published in the Racing Programme.

## **ACCEPTANCE**

319- Any horse that is duly entered becomes qualified for the declaration provided it is not scratched before the appointed time for Acceptance .

320- Once the scratch slip is put in the same can not be withdrawn and the horse shall become ineligible for that race.

321- Any horse entered in two races must be scratched from one of the races before the Acceptance time is fixed to be closed, vide Rule number 310, failing which the Racing Director has powers to draw the runner by ballot and such horse shall be treated as accepted.

322- The weights of race shall be raised at the acceptance stage if the top weight is not accepted.

323- If the top weight is not scratched at the acceptance stage than such horse/s must be declared.

324- For the purpose of these Rules the top weight means every horse that is allotted top weight as per the terms of the race.

## **DECLARATION**

325- A horse to be qualified to run in any race must be Declared to Start. A horse that is not Declared to Start shall be deemed to be struck out.

326- The Declaration shall be in writing, accompanied by declaration fee and signed by the Owner, Trainer or Asst. Trainer or the authorised agent and shall be made before the appointed time. It shall contain particulars regarding weight, colours, riders name, plates, equipment etc. as the Stewards may direct.

327- The Declaration fee shall not be refunded except when race is declared void or when the horse is withdrawn on veterinary grounds.

328- In the event the number of declared runners in a race is in excess of the safety factor of 18 horses for any distance then the race may be divided at the discretion of the Stewards.

329- A horse once Declared to start must run except by a specific permission from the Racing Director to withdraw the same. Any infringement of this rule will be viewed by the Stewards seriously and could attract penalties the Stewards may deem fit.

330- After the Declaration to start slip is put in the same can be cancelled by Final Declaration before the stipulated time. The Final Declaration can not be withdrawn.

331- After the Declaration no change of Jockey or alteration of the declared equipment will be permitted without prior approval of the Stewards. When a change of a Jockey is permitted, save medical ground, the original Jockey is entitled to the riding fee and the winning commission should that horse be declared a winner. This is provided that the original Jockey does not ride in that race.

- 332- Omissions and errors in the Declaration form will render the person making Declaration subject to a fine at the discretion of the Stewards.
- 333- No person shall be Declared to ride in a race who at the time of Declaration does not hold a licence. However, a Jockey who has been suspended can be declared in a race, provided his suspension is over at the time of the race.
- 334- Before the name of the rider is declared it shall be a duty of the person making the Declaration to ensure that the rider is qualified to ride in the race in which he is declared.
- 335- In the event of a race or race day being postponed due to any reason, the Declarations already put in shall be treated as cancelled and fresh Declarations for the postponed race shall be required to be put in.
- 336- Once a horse is declared to start in a race and subsequently requires veterinary attention for any ailment, Trainer of that horse must immediately inform the Club's Veterinarian, preferably before being treated. Such horse may be withdrawn on recommendations of the Club's Veterinarian.
- 337- Trainer must ensure that horses under his charge are fit in condition to race at the time of Declaration. If it is found that a horse declared to start in a race is not in a fit condition or needs veterinary attention then the Trainer of such horse shall be reported to the Stewards for such severe action as they may deem fit.

#### **DIVISION OF RACE AND BALLOTING OUT**

- 338- Except for sponsored and sweep stakes races, a race will be divided at the discretion of the Stewards if there are 18 or more bonafide entries at the time of final declaration.
- 339- Handicap races shall be divided according to higher weight and lower weights.
- 340- Weight to age race will be divided by draw.
- 341- If the number of horses in a race is in excess of the safety limit in any handicap or weight to age race then there will be a ballot at the Declaration stage to remove such excess. Any horse balloted out once will not be included in the next ballot. The entry fee in respect of a horse balloted out will be refunded.

#### **Balloting out in sponsored and sweep stakes races:**

- 342- If the number of runners in any sponsored or sweep stakes race is in excess of the safety limit then the rejection will be based on the aggregate value of the winner's stakes in ascending order starting from the horse which has earned the lower aggregate stakes. In case of a tie, however, the horse will be rejected by ballot.
- 343- In the sweep stakes or sponsored races confined to the maidens, rejection will be by ballot.
- 344- In respect of any horse having been rejected from the sweep stakes or sponsored races, only the final entry fee will be refunded .

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **WEIGHING OUT, RUNNING AND WEIGHING IN**

#### **WEIGHING OUT**

- 345- Every Jockey must be weighted out for a specific horse by the Clerk of the Scales at an appointed place and time.
- 346- If a Jockey intends to carry overweight he must declare the same at the time of weighing out and in any event if it exceeds 3 kgs the approval of the Stewards is required.
- 347- When weighing out or weighing in, the rider must put into scale and include in his weight every thing the horse is to carry or has carried except anything worn on legs, number cloths, blinkers, bridle, eyeshield/eye cover, hood, breast plate, martingale, muzzle, plates, rings, skull caps, visor and whip .
- 348- The Clerk of the Scales shall keep a register of weights carried in every race, names of the Jockeys and extra weight, if any, carried.
- 349- When a rider is declared to ride it shall be an offence if he does not weigh out, unless the Stewards are satisfied that this was due to any of the circumstances beyond his control. Another rider of near equal calibre, however, with the permission of the Stewards be substituted provided always that he can be weighed within the specified time.
- 350- If a rider after he has been weighed out for a specified horse, and before he comes under the Starter's orders is prevented by accident or illness from riding in the race, then another rider may be substituted provided there is no unreasonable delay.
- 351- Trainer is responsible for saddling the horse with correct weight.
- 352- Any infringement of the above mentioned instructions will attract severe penalties.

#### **RUNNING**

- 353- Every qualified horse, which has been declared to run in a race and which subsequently not withdrawn by the Stewards or on veterinary grounds or eliminated by ballot, must run in that race.
- 354- It shall be duty of the Trainer to ensure that adequate instructions are given to the rider of a horse in his care. No Trainer, Owner or registered Agent shall give instructions to any rider of any horse which if obeyed would prevent the horse from winning a race or of obtaining the best possible placing. Any infringement of this instruction will be viewed by the Stewards seriously .
- 355- Every horse must be ridden on its own merit. Rider of the horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that his horse is given a full opportunity to win or of obtaining the best possible placing. Failure to do so will attract severe penalties.

- 356- After the jump-off every horse must keep a straight course for 100 meters. Any crossing within that distance will be considered as a breach of this Rule.
- 357- After the declaration if other runners are withdrawn on any ground and only one horse remaining in the race then it will be considered as walk over for that race.
- 358- When any Owner has more than one horse in a race, each horse shall run on its merits and the Owner shall not be entitled to prevent one of his horses from winning in order that he may win with other.
- 359- No horse shall cross another horse at any part of the race so as to interfere with that or any other horse's chance unless it is proved that he was two lengths in front when it crossed or, in the opinion of the Stewards, the interference did not affect the chances of the interfered horse.
- 360- No Jockey shall jostle with another Jockey or horse in any race. A horse is liable to disqualification if he or his Jockey jostles another horse or a Jockey.
- 361- When an interference is caused, whether it may have affected the result of the race or not or the horse is placed or not then it must be reported to the Clerk of the Scales immediately after the race.
- 362- Any break or loss of any equipment during the race must be reported to the Clerk of the Scales immediately after the race .
- 363- If the race has been run by all horses at wrong weight or over a wrong course or distance or before the appointed time or if the Judge or his authorised substitute is not in the box at the time the horses pass the winning post, the Stewards shall order the race to be run again on the same day or otherwise it shall be void. When such order is made any horse may be permitted to be withdrawn.
- 364- The Stewards shall classify the riding offences into foul riding, dangerous riding, careless riding and accidental interference and shall impose punishment accordingly and on the merit of the case.
- 365- If any horse disqualified for crossing or jostling, every other horse running in that race belonging to the same owner, or in which he has an interest, may also be disqualified. It is clarified that this will apply only if the Stewards feel that there is purposeful or deliberate intension of the Jockey concerned .
- 366- In the event a horse developes a habit of planting in the starting stall or veering after the jump out or drifting then such horse shall be stopped from racing till the remedial measures taken and passed for racing.

## **WALKING OVER**

- 367- In a race only one horse shall have been Declared to Start, it shall be sufficient if the horse is weighed out, mounted and ridden past the judges box when he shall be declared the winner and in such case it will not be necessary for the horse to complete the entire course.
- 368- The full amount of stake payable to the winner and the placed horses by the condition of the race shall be paid and go to the winner by walk over.

## **DEAD HEAT**

- 369- When the horses run a dead-heat for the first place each horse shall be declared a winner and prizes for the first and second place shall be divided equally between them. In a cup race the trophy shall be given by a draw unless it is mutually agreed between the winning Owners.
- 370- When the horses run a dead-heat for places similar rule shall apply for dividing the prizes.

## **MATCH**

- 371- A match is a race between horses of two different owners and on the terms agreed by them.
- 372- A match at "Catch Weights" means one for which the riders need not weigh before or after the race.
- 373- The "nominator" is a person in whose name a horse is entered for a match race.
- 374- An engagement in match can not be transferred.
- 375- On a dead-heat for a match, the match is off.
- 376- If either party to a match shall die, the match stands cancelled.

## **WEIGHING IN**

- 377- Every Jockey must, immediately after pulling up, ride his horse to the winning enclosure, dismount and present himself to be weighed by the Clerk of the Scales.
- 378- If a Jockey is too ill to weigh in or can not be carried the scales then the horse that he rode shall not be disqualified, provided the Jockey was duly weighed out.
- 379- If a horse carries in a race more than 1/2 kg over weight than that he carried at the weighing out then the matter must be reported to the Stewards .
- 380- If a Jockey carries less weight than the weight at which he weighed out then the Clerk of the Scales shall allow him 0.5 kg. If he can not then draw the weight, the matter must be reported to the Stewards for disqualification of the horse or any punishment to be mated out.
- 381- In the weighing the Jockey shall include in his weight every thing that was included at weighing out and carried by the horse.
- 382- If the Jockey does not present himself for weighing in or is in the opinion of the Stewards guilty of any fraudulent practice with regard to weight or weighing then the horse he rode shall be disqualified.
- 383- If the Jockey touches (except accidentally) any person or thing other than his own equipment after the start and before weighing in then he may be fined, suspended and the horse he rode may be disqualified.

## **NULL AND VOID RACE**

384- When any race is declared null and void by the Stewards:

- a) The entry and other fees shall be refunded.
- b) The Trainers' and Jockeys' commission and Jockeys' riding fees shall not be payable.
- c) The prize money shall not be payable and if paid the same must be refunded.
- d) The trophy if presented must be returned.
- e) The handicap rating of horses in such race remains unchanged.
- f) Such race will not be considered for any statistics .

## **ARTICLE 12**

### **OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS**

#### **OBJECTIONS**

385- An objection to a horse on grounds of his not having run a proper course, or with wrong weights or race having run on a wrong course or a cross, jostle or any act on part of the Jockeys or any matter occurring in the race or before weighing in must be made in the weighing room to the Clerk of the Scales by the objecting Jockey before he presents himself for weighing in and within five minutes after the winner has been weighed in .

386- Objection on grounds other than laid down in Rule 385 and which may affect the runners or the race must be lodged with the Racing Director at least one hour before the start of the race concerned.

387- The Owner or his authorized agent or the Trainer may lodge an objection on the grounds as stated above even after the Jockey has weighed in but within five minutes after the winner has been weighed in .

388- Every objection shall be made in writing to the Clerk of the Scales and must be signed by the objector and must accompany a sum as a deposit as stipulated by the Stewards. The deposit may be refunded at the discretion of the Stewards.

389- An objection may also be made by a Steward or an official of the meeting in his official capacity.

390- If an objection is to be made, it must be lodged irrespective of the Stewards' objection in that race .

391- An objection once made can not be withdrawn without consent of the Stewards.

392- If an objection to a horse that has won or has been placed is declared valid then the horse may be disqualified or be placed behind the horse interfered with at absolute discretion of the Stewards.

- 393- After the enquiry on an objection if the Stewards find the objection to be frivolous then the Jockey or the Trainer or the Owner raising the objection shall be liable for a punishment at the discretion of the Stewards.
- 394- When a dead-heat is run for the second place and an objection is made to the winner of the race and sustained then the horses which ran the dead-heat shall be deemed to have run a dead-heat for the first place. This principle shall apply for the dead-heat for the minor placing.
- 395- When a dead-heat is run for the first place and an objection is made against one of the dead-heat runners and sustained then the objecting horse shall be placed second and the horse objected against shall be placed third or disqualified as the case may be .
- 396- When an objection is announced every Trainer, Asst. Trainer, Agent and Jockey concerned in that race must remain on the race course until ALL CLEAR signal has been authorised.
- 397- The Stewards of E. H. R. C. have laid down the below mentioned norms to be followed by them regarding decision on objection and actions thereon as well as punishments, disqualifications, etc.

Each incidence to be determined whether a case is one of:

- a) foul riding.
- b) dangerous riding.
- c) careless / improper riding.
- d) accidental interference.

**a) FOUL RIDING:**

If the Stewards find a Jockey guilty of foul riding, his mount shall be disqualified and the Jockey will be subjected to such severe punishments as the Stewards in their discretion may decide.

**b) DANGEROUS RIDING:**

If a Jockey indulges in rough riding which causes an accident or in the opinion of the Stewards comes very near to causing an accident then it would be considered as dangerous riding and his mount may be disqualified and he may be subjected to severe punishment at the discretion of the Stewards.

**c) CARELESS / IMPROPER RIDING:**

If in the opinion of the Stewards interference may not have resulted in an accident but was tantamount to careless or improper riding and the interfered horse finishes on the board, the placing will be altered only if according to the Stewards the interfered horse could have beaten the interfering horse. Such interference may take place in any part of the race .

At the same time a Jockey indulging in improper/careless riding may be subject to severe punishment at the discretion of the Stewards.

**d) ACCIDENTAL INTERFERENCE:**

In the case of accidental interference from the marker before the bend to the Winning Post and the interfered horse finishes on the board, the placing will be altered only, if according to the Stewards, the interfered horse could have beaten the interfering horse. In the case of accidental interference before the marker and the interfered horse finishes on the board, such interference will not be considered, unless it makes a very significant difference to the result of the race and the placing may be altered. The Jockey shall not be punished in cases of accidental interference .

## **APPEAL BODY AND APPEALS**

- 398- The Appeal Body shall be appointed by the High Committee and shall consist of three members.
- 399- An appeal may be made against the decision of the Stewards in any racing matter. Such appeal should be made in writing and be addressed to the Racing Director and must be lodged within 48 hours from receipt of the letter of the decision of the Stewards. After hearing the appeal the decision of the Appeal Body shall be final and binding. For the purpose of calculating the period for appeal, race days and Club holidays shall not be counted.
- 400- Every appeal must be accompanied with a sum of deposit as stipulated by the Stewards.
- 401- The suspension shall commence on 9th day following the decision of the Stewards.
- 402- The appellant could defend himself or through a spokesman nominated by him and approved by the Stewards.
- 403- The appellant shall have right to examine witnesses against him and to obtain attendance and examination of witnesses on his behalf under the same condition as the witnesses against him.
- 404- In the case of foreign or visiting Trainer or Jockey the Racing Authority which issued the original license shall be informed of the original penalty as also the result of any appeal hearing .
- 405- Such suspension may then apply in the country where the licence was issued, subject to any special conditions required by the local laws.

## **ARTICLE 13**

### **CORRUPT PRACTICES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS**

- 406- The Stewards shall warn off Race course or place where these rules are in force any of the following persons.
- a) Any person who corruptly offers any bribe in any form to any person having official duties or any Trainer, Jockey or any person connected with the horse.
  - b) Any person who corruptly accepts any bribe in any form from any Official Trainer, Jockey or any person connected with the horse .
  - c) Any person who conspires or connives with any person in the commission of any corrupt or fraudulent practice in relation to racing in any part of the world.
  - d) Any person who at any time administers or causes to be administered or connives at the administration to a horse for the purpose of affecting the performance or conduct of a horse in a race any prohibited substance or uses any electric or galvanic apparatus for any of the purposes aforesaid.

407- Any person on whom disqualification or suspension has been imposed by any Recognised Turf Authority is a disqualified or suspended person under these Rules as long as the disqualification or suspension continues unless the Stewards of R.E.H.R.C. declare that the disqualification or suspension shall not have effect under these Rules.

408- The Stewards may withdraw license of or fine and /or suspend for any of the following reasons:

- a) Any Owner, Trainer, Jockey or any person who either willfully refuses to attend and give evidence at any enquiry when requested by the Stewards to do so or knowingly gives evidence which is false or misleading in any manner.
- b) Any person who has been guilty of any other dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent or improper practice or dishonorable action.

409- A disqualified person so long as his disqualification lasts shall not act as a Steward, official or an authorised agent. Such person shall not own, train or ride any horse and shall not be permitted on any race course or racing stables where these rules are in force .

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **MEDICATION RULES**

410- No horse shall, after being declared to start, show the presence in its tissues, body fluids or excreta, in any quantity of any substance which is either prohibited substance or a substance the origin of which cannot be traced to normal and ordinary feeding.

411- Prohibited substance means a substance originating externally whether or not it is endogenous to the horse and which falls in any of the categories of prohibited substances published hereunder. Substances include metabolites of that substance. The effect/efficacy of the prohibited substance on the performance of the horse is irrelevant to the implementation of these Rules.

#### **412- LIST OF CATEGORIES OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES:**

- a) Substances acting on the nervous system.
- b) Substances acting on the cardiovascular system.
- c) Substances acting on the respiratory system.
- d) Substances acting on the digestive system.
- e) Substances acting on the urinary system.
- f) Substances acting on the reproductive system.
- g) Substances acting on the musculoskeletal system.
- h) Substances acting on the blood system.
- i) Substances acting on the immune system other than those in licenced vaccines.

- j) Substances acting on the endocrine system, endocrine secretions and their synthetic counterparts.
- k) Anti-infectious substances other than an exclusively anti-parasitic substances.
- l) Anti-pyretics, analgesics and anti-inflammatory substances.
- m) Cytotoxic substances.

413- Exceptions to Rule No. 410 (applicable only to substances endogenous to the horse or substances arising from normal feeding) listed in Annex 8 are to the extent of the threshold levels fixed by the Stewards:

- a) In such cases, the sample will be declared positive only if the level of the substance exceeds the threshold level.
- b) For all other prohibited substances no threshold levels are acceptable.

414- Biological samples are taken systematically. They may, however, at the discretion of the Stewards also be taken either before or after the race.

415- No substances other than those used in the normal feeding of a horse should be administered to the horse within 24 hours before the start of the first race.

416- The aforesaid Rules 415 does not in any way derogate from the absolute nature of the prohibition in Rule 410 and it is clarified that on finding of a positive result, the horse shall be disqualified from that race.

417- Trainers are warned that if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Stewards that there has been any infringement of the above instructions and any substances other than those used in the normal feeding of a horse have been used or administered in contravention of this Notification, the horse will not be allowed to race and the Trainer concerned will be liable to be treated in the same way as if proof has been forthcoming that he has administered a prohibited substance.

418- The trainer is always responsible for the protection and security of the horse in his care. Trainers are warned that they will be held responsible if an examination of a horse, declared to start in a race, results in the finding of any of the prohibited substances.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **GENERAL RULES**

419- Every person who is subject to the Rules of Racing of R.E.HR.C. is deemed to have knowledge of these Rules, howsoever amended and agrees to observe and at all time to comply with these Rules. Any failure to observe these Rules shall be a breach of these Rules.

420- No person shall aid or abet the commission of any breach of these Rules.

421- The Stewards will take cognizance of any violent or improper conduct on the premises owned or controlled by the Stewards of R.E.HR.C.

- 422- No person shall act in a manner, which in the opinion of the Stewards of R.E.HR.C. is prejudicial to the integrity, proper conduct or good reputation of horse racing under these Rules.
- 423- No person shall without the permission of the Stewards of R.E.HR.C. associate in connection with horse racing any person known to be disqualified by the Stewards of R.E.HR.C. or any other Recognized Racing Authority.
- 424- Breach of any undertaking given by a licenced person to the Stewards of R.E.HR.C. or officials in relation to the administration of racing shall be an offence.
- 425- Use of any form of advertising / sponsorship to be carried and displayed by a rider, a horse or an attendant during a race meeting will require prior approval of the Director General of the Club .
- 426- No person shall make or offer to make a bet on horse racing on behalf of a Jockey during the term of his licence nor shall he offer a jockey the proceeds of any bet on horse racing.
- 427- It shall be an offence to deliberately mislead or attempt to mislead the Stewards or any official of the Club at any enquiry or in connection with the administration or control of racing under these Rules.

## **ARTICLE 16**

### **AMENDMENTS AND MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR**

- 428- These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by a special resolution passed by the High Committee of R.E.HR.C.
- 429- If any matter that arises which is not provided for under these rules shall be dealt with and decided by the Stewards or the High Committee, R.E.HR.C. as the case may be and their decision shall be final and binding to all parties concerned.

## Annex 1

### INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SUFFIXES

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>SUFFIX</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>SUFFIXES</b>
Algeria	ALG	Malaya	MAL
Argentina	ARG	Malta	MTA
Australia	AUS	Mexico	MEX
Austria	AUT	Morocco	MOR
Bahrain	BRN	New Zealand	NZ
Belgium	BEL	Norway	NOR
Brazil	BRZ	Pakistan	PAK
Bulgaria	BUL	Panama	PAN
Canada	CAN	Peru	PER
Ceylon	CEY	Philippines	PHI
Chile	CHI	Poland	POL
Colombia	COL	Portugal	POR
Cuba	CUB	Qatar	QA
Cyprus	CYP	Rhodesia	SRH
Czech Republic	CZE	Rumania	RUM
Denmark	DEN	Saudi Arabia	SDA
Egypt	EGY	Senegal	SEN
France	FR	Slovakia	SLO
Great Britain	GB	South Africa	SAF
Greece	GR	Spain	SPA
Hong Kong	HK	Sudan	SUD
Hungary	HUN	Sweden	SWE
India	IND	Switzerland	SWI
Indonesia	NDO	The Netherlands	HOL
Iran	IRA	Trinidad & Tobago	TRI
Ireland	IRE	Tunisia	TUN
Italy	ITY	Turkey	TUR
Japan	JPN	United Arab Emirates	UAE
Kenya	KEN	United States Of America	USA
Korea	KOR	Uruguay	URU
Libya	LIB	Venezuela	VEN
Luxemburg	LUX	Germany	GER
		Yugoslavia	YUG

**Annex 2**

**DECLARATION BY A FOREIGN JOCKEY  
IN ABSENCE OF A CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE**

I ..... hereby declare that I hold a jockey's / amateur  
Rider's / apprentice jockey's licence for flat races / steeple - chases and hurdle races  
issued by ..... for the year ..... and valid upto  
.....I am not subject to any suspension or medical restriction at this time and I am  
Currently free from injury and am fit to ride in recess. I agree to be bound in all respects  
by the Rules of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, Bahrain when riding under its  
Rules. I accept that any suspension which may be imposed upon me by the Stewards  
of the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, Bahrain may be extended by other racing  
Authorities under their domestic Rules and in accordance with their laws of public  
Order.

Last rode at.....

Under the Rules of.....

Signed :

Date:

**Annex 3**

**RASHID EQUESTRIAN AND HORSERACING CLUB - BAHRAIN**

P. O. Box 5029  
Kingdom of Bahrain  
Telephone : (0973) 17 440440  
Fax : (0973) 17 442777

Date..... :

**CERTIFICATE OF RIDING CLEARANCE**

**(FOR FOREIGN JOCKEYS).**

Certified that Jockey ..... whose signature  
appears below rode in Bahrain under the Rules of this Club on ..... and  
incurred no suspension of any kind. Further, no medical restriction was imposed upon  
him.

Racing Director :

Jockey:

Date:

**Annex 4**

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Kingdom of Bahrain  
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Date..... :

**CERTIFICATE OF RIDING CLEARANCE  
(FOR JOCKEYS LICENCED BY E. H. R. C).**

Certified that ..... is a duly licenced jockey  
with the Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club, Bahrain and is in good standing. His  
current licence was issued on ..... and is valid until ..... He is  
presently not under any suspension and no medical restriction has been imposed upon  
him.

Racing Director

## Annex 8

### THRESHOLD LEVELS OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

Defined Internationally by the official analysts and veterinarians

- 1 .Arsenic: 0,3 microgram per milliliter in urine
- 2 .Dimethyl sulfoxide\* : 15 micrograms per milliliter in urine  
or 1 microgram per milliliter in plasma
- 3 .Hydrocortisone\*\* : 1 microgram per milliliter in urine
- 4 .Salicylic acid : 750 micrograms per milliliter in urine  
or 6.5 micrograms per milliliter in plasma
- 5 .Nandrolone : 5a - estrane - 3 B, 17a - diol  
----- = 1 (free and  
5 (10) - estrene - 3 B, 17a - diol conjugated) in urine
- 6 .Available carbon dioxyde: 37 millimoles per liter in plasma
- 7 .Theobromine : 2 micrograms per milliliter in urine

\*Dimethyl sulfoxide =DMSO

\*\*Hydrocortione = Cortisol

## Annex 12

### INTERNATIONAL LIST OF PROTECTED NAMES

#### APPLICATION FORM

To submit the addition of a name on the list of protected names, it is necessary, owing to the development of computerization, to provide, with the demand the following information:

-name of horse

-sex

-colour

-country of birth

-year of birth

-name of the sire

-name of the dam with the suffix

-name of the dam's sire

Justification of request and Race record