

## **PART 2 - FIXTURES AND RACECOURSES**

### **10. General**

10.1 Part (A)3 prohibits any authorised race meeting being held in Great Britain at a place or on a track which is not licensed by the Authority for the purpose.

10.2 This Part

- 10.2.1 sets out the powers of the Authority in relation to fixtures,
- 10.2.2 makes provision in connection with the licensing of racecourses, and
- 10.2.3 imposes specific requirements that have effect in connection with the licensing of racecourses.

10.3 Nothing in this Part restricts

- 10.3.1 the Authority's general powers under Part (A)2, or
- 10.3.2 its general powers as to licences which are specified in Part (A)3.

### ***Fixtures***

### **11. Powers of the Authority in relation to fixtures**

11.1 The Authority will fix the dates on which all race meetings are to be held and may

- 11.1.1 cancel any fixture or any advertised race or races,
- 11.1.2 make any alteration in the date of any meeting,
- 11.1.3 supervise the programme of any meeting or the conditions of any race,
- 11.1.4 make such alterations as it considers appropriate to any programme or race conditions,
- 11.1.5 order the transfer of any race meeting or race to another licensed racecourse whenever the Authority considers the transfer necessary or expedient in the interests of racing,
- 11.1.6 by the time determined in accordance with Rule 89 for making a declaration to run, elect not to divide a race or races that had been advertised as being subject to division, or alternatively, elect to divide a race that had not been advertised as being subject to division.

11.2 Any transfer under Paragraph 11.1.5 may be ordered with or without existing engagements.

11.3 No transfer under Paragraph 11.1.5 or 11.1.6 may be ordered without the consent of The Racecourse Managing Executive concerned.

11.4 The Authority may

- 11.4.1 authorise point-to-point fixtures and fixture fees,
- 11.4.2 cancel any such fixture, and
- 11.4.3 make such alterations to any such fixture as it considers necessary.

11.5 The Authority may

- 11.5.1 authorise Arabian horse racing fixtures, races and fixture fees,
- 11.5.2 cancel any such fixture or race, and
- 11.5.3 make such alterations to any such fixture or race as it considers necessary.

### **12. Fixture fees**

12.1 Where a fixture is granted to a race meeting, the Racecourse Managing Executive must pay to the Authority when the fixture takes place

- 12.1.1 fees of such amount as the Authority may from time to time decide, and
- 12.1.2 fees in respect of the receipt of entries.

12.2 Unless the Authority directs otherwise, fees payable under Paragraph 12.1 remain payable even if the fixture, or any part of it, is abandoned.

## ***Racecourses***

### **13. Racecourse licences**

13.1 A racecourse licence may be granted by the Authority to such Person as it considers appropriate and subject to such conditions and restrictions as it considers appropriate.

13.2 The Person to whom a licence is granted is referred to in these Rules as a **Racecourse Managing Executive**.

13.3 An application for a racecourse licence must be made using the Prescribed form.

13.4 No licence may be granted unless the applicant meets such requirements as the Authority may from time to time determine.

13.5 A licence must be applied for annually using the Prescribed form.

13.6 A licence may be renewed subject to such restrictions or conditions imposed by the Authority as it considers appropriate and these may differ from those previously imposed.

### **14. Circumstances in which a racecourse licence ceases to be valid**

14. A racecourse licence shall immediately cease to be valid if

- 14.1 it expires and is not renewed,
- 14.2 it is withdrawn by the Authority, or
- 14.3 it is suspended by the Authority.

### **15. Duties of racecourse managing executive**

15.1 Any licence which is granted is subject to

- 15.1.1 the requirement that such facilities as are reasonably required by any contractor for the effective provision of integrity technical services must be afforded on the racecourse, and
- 15.1.2 such other restrictions or conditions as the Authority consider appropriate.

15.2 Subject to Paragraph 15.4, a Racecourse Managing Executive must

- 15.2.1 comply with the requirements of this Manual,
- 15.2.2 comply with the requirements of any other Manual,
- 15.2.3 comply with the requirements of the General Instructions, and
- 15.2.4 have regard to any directions or instructions as to the operation of these Rules, which apply to the executive or have effect in relation to racecourses.

15.3 Subject to Paragraph 15.4, a Racecourse Managing Executive shall be taken to have contravened a requirement imposed on the executive by this Rule in any case where the executive fails to take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that

- 15.3.1 all Persons who are employed at the racecourse, or who provide services in connection with it, act at all times in accordance with these Rules,
- 15.3.2 the Authority is provided within a reasonable time with such information as it requires,
- 15.3.3 the Inspector of Courses is permitted to carry out such inspections as he reasonably requires,
- 15.3.4 the course and obstacles are maintained in good condition,
- 15.3.5 the course is properly measured and marked,
- 15.3.6 the course is fit for racing to take place on a raceday, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Stewards on the day, before racing commences and on a race-by-race basis thereafter;
- 15.3.7 Disqualified Persons are, at the request of the Authority or the Stewards, excluded or ejected from all stands, rooms, enclosures and other places used for the purposes of the meeting,
- 15.3.8 such Persons as the Authority or the Stewards may request are, to the extent that a Racecourse Managing Executive has the right to do so, excluded or ejected from all stands, rooms, enclosures and other places used for the purposes of the meeting,
- 15.3.9 integrity technical services are provided at all race meetings run under these Rules in accordance with such standards as the Authority may specify,
- 15.3.10 effect is given to any direction given by the Authority under Rule (A)88 (controls on

advertising and sponsorship) to modify or remove any of the conditions of a race, and  
15.3.11 effect is given to any decision to abandon any race or race meeting which is made by the Authority under Part (A)2.

15.4 The Authority may decide not to take Disciplinary Action against a Racecourse Managing Executive in respect of any contravention under Paragraph 15.2 or 15.3 if the Authority is satisfied that

15.4.1 the circumstances of the contravention were wholly outside the control of

15.4.1.1 a Racecourse Managing Executive, or

15.4.1.2 its employees, servants and agents (including self-employed and professional Persons engaged to provide services), and

15.4.2 a Racecourse Managing Executive has taken reasonable steps to arrange its affairs so as to minimise the adverse impact on racing of matters outside its control.

15.5 Where, on the day of a race meeting, a Racecourse Managing Executive proposes to abandon a day's racing or abandon any race as a result of

15.5.1 an emergency situation involving crowd safety or public order, or

15.5.2 any direction given by the police or emergency services,

the executive must inform the Stewards before the decision to abandon is announced.

15.6 A Racecourse Managing Executive may

15.6.1 abandon a day's racing,

15.6.2 abandon any race

in any circumstances specified in Paragraph 15.7.

15.7 The circumstances are

15.7.1 there are exceptional circumstances,

15.7.2 there is adverse weather, or

15.7.3 the ground conditions are such that the course (or any part thereof) is not safe.

15.8 Subject to Paragraph 15.5, the decision to abandon a day's racing or abandon any races, may only be taken from noon 3 days prior to that on which the day's racing has been advertised until the conclusion of the first race.

15.9 If a Racecourse Managing Executive abandons a day's racing or races on the grounds specified in Paragraph 15.7, a certificate must be drawn up stating the day and hour when the decision was arrived at and summarised reasons for doing so.

15.10 The certificate must be signed by the Clerk of the Course and without delay despatched to the Racing Calendar Office.

15.11 A Racecourse Managing Executive may leave out or alter any obstacles in the circuit of the course if their retention would necessitate the abandonment of the day's racing or a race, but the original advertised distance of a race must not be decreased.

15.12 For the purposes of Paragraph 15.11, a decision to leave out or alter may only be taken up until the conclusion of the first race.

15.13 Any decision to implement the Stop Race Procedure shall be made by the Racecourse Managing Executive acting in good faith and believing there to be a good reason for doing so, but without further obligation.

15.14 A Racecourse Managing Executive must comply with the controls for sponsorship which are for the time being approved by the Authority.

15.15 For the purposes of Paragraph 15.3.1, the Stewards of a meeting or any other Person acting in an official capacity on behalf of the Authority at a meeting shall not be regarded as employed by or otherwise subject to the control or direction of a Racecourse Managing Executive.

15.16 In Paragraph 15.3.9, Integrity Technical Services include camera patrol and technical facilities for Stewards, photofinish, starting stalls, a radio communication network service approved by the Authority and a public address communication service.

## **16. Inspection of racecourses in connection with licensing**

16.1 The Inspector of Courses may, either on an initial application for a racecourse licence or subsequently

16.1.1 inspect a racecourse at any time and with such frequency as he considers appropriate,

16.1.2 prepare a report for consideration by the Authority, and

16.1.3 if authorised to do so under Paragraph 16.3, issue a penalty notice to the Racecourse Managing Executive in respect of any failure to comply with a requirement imposed on him by these Rules.

16.2 The greatest number of horses which may be started safely in a race at a racecourse is such number as may be determined by the Inspector of Courses.

This number is referred to in this Manual as the **Safety Factor**.

16.3 The Authority may

16.3.1 authorise one or more Inspector of Courses to issue fixed penalty notices, and

16.3.2 from time to time determine the amount of the fixed penalty, subject to a maximum amount of £500.

16.4 Where a fixed penalty notice is issued by an Inspector of Courses, the amount of the penalty shall be charged to the account of the Racecourse Managing Executive at the end of the period of 7 days starting on the date of the issue of the notice.

16.5 Paragraph 16.4 does not apply if the Racecourse Managing Executive notifies the Authority that the matter of its alleged non compliance should be the subject of an enquiry held under Part (A)5.

## **17. Submission of racecourse statement of accounts**

17.1 This Rule applies where a Racecourse Managing Executive requires fixtures for the racecourse for any year.

17.2 On or before June 1st immediately preceding the start of the year in question, the Racecourse Managing Executive must send to the Authority a statement of accounts which

17.2.1 relates to the period of 12 months that ended on December 31st of the previous year,

17.2.2 is in the Prescribed form, and

17.2.3 has been certified by a Chartered or Certified Accountant.

## **18. Approvals required for equine events at racecourses**

18.1 A racecourse may not be used for an equine event involving the use of the track unless

18.1.1 the Racecourse Managing Executive has given its approval to its use for that purpose, and

18.1.2 the Authority has given its authorisation under Paragraph 18.2.

18.2 If the Authority considers it appropriate to do so, it may

18.2.1 authorise the use made of a racecourse for an equine event involving the use of the track, and

18.2.2 refuse or cancel such authorisation.

## **19. All weather tracks**

19. No track with an All Weather Track may be used unless it has been approved by the Authority.