## **Minor Offences**

The British Horseracing Authority give notice that Owners, Trainers and Riders will not necessarily have to appear before the Stewards concerning those breaches of the Rules of Racing for which standard fines or penalties are imposed.

In such cases the Stipendiary Steward will approach the person concerned to ask if he is willing for the matter to be considered by the Stewards in his absence. If he is so willing he will be asked to sign a formal declaration which will also show the notice, including the amount of any fine imposed, which will subsequently be published.

The Authority emphasises, however, that this procedure in no way precludes any person who wishes to make representations personally to the Stewards concerning his case from appearing before them and it does not limit the powers of the Stewards to hold full enquiries.