



Rule Changes 26 February 2023

The CIHA Announces that the following amendments to the Rules of Racing have been made and will come into effect on 1 March 2023:

Manual (A)

1. Rule 9 (Appointing officials) deleted and replaced with the following:
 - 9.1 The Authority shall be responsible for the appointment of the following officials:
 - 9.1.1 the Handicapper; and
 - 9.1.2 the Stewards of the meeting.
 - 9.2 The Racecourse Managing Executive shall be responsible for the appointment of the following officials at a race meeting:
 - 9.2.1 Clerk of the Course
 - 9.2.2 Clerk of the Scales;
 - 9.2.3 Starter;
 - 9.2.4 Judge;
 - 9.2.5 Farrier;
 - 9.2.6 Medical Officer
 - 9.2.7 Veterinary Officer;
 - 9.2.8 Veterinary Surgeon; and
 - 9.2.9 any other positions deemed necessary or expedient by the Racecourse Managing Executive.
2. In accordance with Rule (A) 10.3, (A) Schedule 1 (fees) the following changes have been made:

Rule Number	Narrative	Fee (£)
(A)70.3	Deposit for an appeal against the decision of the Racecourse Stewards	£100 £120
(E)48.6.1	Registration of a Syndicate	£45 20 per member – minimum £45 £80

Manual (B)

3. A new Rule 50.8 shall be added as follows:
 - 50.8 Where a Rider has been found in breach of Rule 50.3 and the number of strikes (excluding those found to be clearly and unequivocally for safety purposes) is 4 or more above the permitted level set out in Paragraph 2.5.1. of Part 2 of Schedule 6 to this Manual, the horse shall, on an objection to the Stewards under Part 7, be disqualified.

4. Rule 69.2.5 shall be modified as follows:

69.2.5 any other matter occurring in the race **with the exception of any breach of Rule 50.8.**
5. Rule 72.1 shall be modified as follows:

72.1 Subject to Paragraph 72.2 and Rule 73, any objection which is made to the Authority must be made in writing and notice of it must be received at the Authority's Office before the end of the period of:

72.1.1. in respect of any breach of Rule 50.8 seven days; and
71.1.2. in respect of any other matter fourteen days;

starting with the day after the day of the race to which the objection relates.
6. Part 2 of Schedule 6 – Causing interference and improper use of the whip. The following paragraphs 2.1 to 2.5 shall be inserted:

Improper use of whip

 - 2.1. The Stewards should hold an enquiry into any case where a Rider has used his whip contrary to Paragraphs 2.2 to 2.5.
 - 2.2. A rider must use an approved whip.
 - 2.3. A rider may use the whip (including when waving it) in the forehand or backhand position.
 - 2.4. On each occasion the whip is used when the rider's hand is off the reins, it will count towards the permitted number of strikes.

Improper riding

 - 2.5. The following are examples of uses of the whip which are regarded as improper riding for the purposes of Rule 50.3.
 - 2.5.1. a rider must not use their whip more than 6 times in a Flat Race or 7 times in a Jumps Race;
 - 2.5.2. a rider must not use their whip excessively down the shoulder in the backhand position, with their hands on the reins, for example, as an alternative to using the whip in the freehand;
 - 2.5.3. a rider must only use the whip on the hindquarters of the horse in either the forehand or backhand position or down the shoulder with the whip in the backhand position;
 - 2.5.4. a rider must allow 3 strides between each use of the whip;
 - 2.5.5. a rider must only use the whip where their horse is responding.
 - 2.5.6. a rider must not use the whip with excessive force, for example by pulling the whip through from the opposite side of the body or rotation of the core to generate increased leverage;
 - 2.5.7. a rider must not use the whip with their whip arm above shoulder height, for example where there is clear space between whip hand and top of the helmet;
 - 2.5.8. a rider must not use the whip when out of contention, for example when there is no realistic prospect of finishing in the first five places; a rider must not use

the whip without regard to stride, for example by actual or perceived impression of a double strike;

- 2.5.9. a rider must not use the whip if their mount is clearly winning (or clearly in any other placing);
- 2.5.10. a rider must not use their whip when past the winning post;
- 2.5.11. a rider must not weal a horse with their whip.