

CHANNEL ISLANDS RACING AND HUNT CLUB

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THE CHANNEL ISLANDS RACING CALENDAR

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1. STEWARDS

The following will act as Stewards of the Channel Islands Racing and Hunt Club in the Calendar year 2013:

Mr.I.N.Ozanne
Mr.C.R.Bennett
Mr.C.E.Gruchy
Mr.M.W.Torode

2. DATES FOR MEETINGS IN 2013– all in Jersey except for the first May meeting

Monday	April	1	
Sunday	April	21	
Monday	May	6	GUERNSEY
Monday	May	27	
Sunday	June	16	
Friday	June	28	EVENING
Sunday	July	14	
Sunday	July	28	
Sunday	August	11	
Monday	August	26	

3. APPLICATION FOR LICENCES

Trainers' and riders' licences may be obtained from Mr. Jonathan Perrée in Jersey or Mr. Mike Torode in Guernsey. Should neither be available the Hon. Secretary Mr.C.J.Edwards should be contacted at the above Registry office address.

Application forms for all types of licences may be obtained from the Secretary of the Jersey Race Club at

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Grouville,
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4. RULES OF RACING

The Stewards of the Channel Islands Racing and hunt Club at their recent meeting approved the following amendments to the Rules of Racing:

Definitions

Started

2nd Sentence: Insert “or the Stewards” after the words “withdrawn by the Starter”

Rule 21

(iii)Add: Trainers or their representatives may, with the permission of the Starter, be in attendance at the Start. On arrival at the Start they will place themselves under the control of the Starter. Should they arrive at the Start without the Starter's permission they will be required to leave the Course and at the Starter's discretion may be reported to the Stewards.

The trainer or his representative must in no way interfere with any other horse. The trainer or his representative is not under any circumstances permitted to encourage their horse physically, verbally or by any other means to jump off in the race.

Any other means includes carrying a whip of any kind, striking the horse in any way using tins of stones to rattle, blowing whistles etc.

(viii) 2nd Sentence: Insert “or the Stewards” after the words “withdrawn by order of the Starter”

INSTRUCTION A

Insert new paragraph 4:

RACEDAY ACTIVITY

A horse may not run if it has received other than normal feed or water on the day of its race unless permission has been given by a Veterinary Officer who will report this to the Stewards. Whenever in doubt trainers should check with a Veterinary Officer. Whenever there is doubt the following guidelines will apply:

1. It is acceptable to give electrolytes to a horse orally after the race.
2. A Veterinary Officer may authorise the administration of a limited number of substances before the race provided these are not Prohibited Substances (see Paragraph 2 above)-for example glycerine.

Nothing may be given by injection on the day of a race or while on the racecourse without the permission of a Veterinary Officer who will report the matter to the Stewards.

1. Only a Veterinary Officer (including the Veterinary Surgeon) may bring onto the Racecourse a Prohibited Substance or any means of administering a Prohibited Substance.

INSTRUCTION C

PARAGRAPH 2

TRAINER’S LICENCE

Insert new final paragraph;

Duty to keep medication records

1. A record of any treatment administered to a horse under the control of a licensed trainer must be kept by the trainer for the minimum of a year.

Each record must include the following:

Date of commencement and prescribed duration of any Treatment

Name of the horse

Name of the Treatment

Route and daily dosage of the Treatment
Name of the person administering the Treatment
Name of the person authorising or prescribing the Treatment

The records must be always available for inspection by any person authorised by the Stewards of the C.I.R.H.C. to make such an inspection.

Treatment means any medication or treatment containing a Prohibited Substance administered to a horse under the care of a licensed trainer.

The Rules of Racing of the Channel Islands Racing and Hunt Club are published on the Club's website : <http://www.cirhc.co.uk> The Rules are no longer published in printed or written form.

5. LICENCE FEES

Race Clubs-per Meeting	50
Trainers	25
Riders	25
Owners	25
Registration of Colours	10
Registration of Partnerships	25
Registration of Leases	25
Registration of Clubs	25
Registration of Sponsorships	25

6. The maximum fines in 2013 are:

	£
Stewards of C.I.R.H.C	1,500
Stewards of meetings	300
The Starter	100
Deposit for an Objection	20
Deposit for an Appeal	100

7. SAFETY FACTORS-JERSEY

Flat Races (except for 7 furlong races)	14 Runners
Flat Races-7 furlongs	12 Runners
Hurdle Races	10 Runners

SAFETY FACTORS-GUERNSEY

Flat Races	10 Runners
Hurdle Races	Not authorised

8. STEWARDS' ENQUIRIES

Channel Islands Racing and Hunt Club

The Stewards under the Chairmanship of Mr. Christopher Bennett held an enquiry on Saturday July 14th into the events at the start of the 4th race at Les Landes on July 6th.

The matter had been referred to them by the Stewards of the meeting who at the time did not have access to the video recordings of the events.

In attendance were Mr. Johnny Mercier-trainer of CONKYVODDY; Mrs Angie Corson (trainer and employer of Tom Marett Junior), Tom Marett Junior (stable lad to Mrs Corson) and Mr. Tom Marett Senior (father of Tom Junior and present because the latter is under 18)

The Stewards viewed 2 video recordings of the start and then interviewed:

1. Mrs Corson who confirmed that she employed Tom Junior and that she had sent him to the start to help with her horse in case he played up. In the event he did not. As a general observation she encouraged her staff to assist other trainers whenever they had problems.
2. Mr. Mercier who conceded that he might have hit CRONKYVODDY with the neck strap but thought that this was unlikely.

He agreed that it was probably not safe for him to have walked around the other horses in the way that he had. He thought that Jemma Marshall had not enough control of UNIFORM RUBY and that this had contributed to the problem.

When asked what he had said to Tom Junior in a conversation clearly visible on the video, he said that he had told him to be careful and keep out of the way of the other horses.

3. Tom Marett Junior who said it was his second or third visit to the start. CRONKYVODDY was known to him as he sometimes trained with Mrs. Corson's string.

He confirmed Mr. Mercier's account of their conversation.

He agreed that he had swished around with the leading rein but denied that he had ever hit CRONKYVODDY but admitted that he might have touched Gemma Marshall's horse UNIFORM RUBY who had crossed in front of him. He had slowed his movement but perhaps not in time.

At this point Mrs. Corson stated that none of her riders were allowed to use sticks on the gallops except in case of emergency.

The Stewards were read an e-mail from Laura Pike-the rider of CRONKYVODDY- stating that neither she nor her horse had been touched by a whip.

After consideration the Stewards addressed Tom Junior and severely reprimanded him for apparent over active use of the whip. They accepted his word that he had not hit the horse but pointed out that viewing his activity on the video revealed a fundamental lack of care not only for himself but also for all the other participants in the race- whether human or equine. Secondly it did great damage to the public image of horse racing and if he wished to make a career in the sport it was fundamental that he never repeated his performance.

Tom Junior accepted that his behaviour had been unacceptable and he would not repeat it.

The Stewards then spoke to Mr. Mercier and advised him that they found his behaviour unacceptable since in walking through the other horses he had imperilled them and their riders. His behaviour had also completely ignored the welfare of Tom Junior, -who is sixteen and inexperienced.

The Stewards found that he, the other runners and the Racecourse had been extremely fortunate to have escaped a tragedy, - which if it had occurred would have been entirely due to his behaviour.

In the circumstances they advised Mr. Mercier that he would be banned in future from going to the start. However should he so wish he could apply to the Stewards of the Channel Islands Racing and Hunt in 2013 for a review of this decision.

Appeal by Mrs. Joan Le Brocq

The Stewards heard an appeal by Mrs Joan Le Brocq against the decision to refuse her entry for July 29th for ROBBMAA on the grounds that the horse had not arrived in Jersey until 3rd July when it was a condition of the race that the horse had been in Jersey since July 1st. Mrs Le Brocq said that the horse had been booked on the ferry in the last week of June but bad weather had caused Condor to cancel the booking. Mrs. Le Brocq produced correspondence from Condor to substantiate this.

The Stewards considered the matter and resolved in the exceptional circumstances to authorise the entry.

STEWARDS OF MEETINGS

April 9th

The Stewards interviewed Mr. T. Clark about his use of the whip and warned him that his future conduct would be carefully monitored

The Stewards interviewed Mrs. A. Corson- the trainer of KING KENNY- who had started favourite having won his last four races in Jersey. They noted her explanation that he did not like soft going and was now very heavily weighted by the handicapper

The Stewards interviewed Mrs. A. Malzard-the trainer of REACH OUT-about the horse's behaviour at the start. They noted her explanation that it was the horse's first appearance in Jersey and it had possibly got over excited due to the weather conditions.

April 22nd

The Stewards interviewed Mrs.A. Corson- the trainer of KING KENNY-about the horse's improvement in form. They noted her explanation that he was racing at level weights on this occasion and was happier with the ground. Following his last run the horse had undergone a blood test which revealed nothing untoward.

The Stewards interviewed Mr.J.S.O. Arthur-the trainer- about the behaviour of ATHANIA at the start. The Stewards noted that the horse had misbehaved in the previous season. Mr. Arthur could offer no explanation but suggested that he would try a different distance next time as when started in the straight there had been no problems.

The Stewards interviewed Mrs. A. Malzard- the trainer of UNIFORM RUBY- about the reasons why the horse was withdrawn at the start. They noted her explanation that the saddle had slipped and the horse then flatly refused to allow itself to be retacked.

GUERNSEY-May 7th

Mr. Jamie Moore-rider-was warned about his future use of the whip.

May 20th

The Stewards ordered GRENANE to be routine tested.

The Stewards were concerned at the late arrival of horses in the paddock and instructed the Steward's Secretary to notify all trainers that they must conform with the timetable.

June 4th

Following the refusal of FINE THE WORLD to start the Stewards interviewed Mr. A Le Brocq-the trainer-and noted his explanation that the horse was very quirky.

Following the withdrawal of RUNAROUND RITA the Stewards interviewed Mr.F.Tett-the rider-who reported that the horse had previously worked well on the course but on this occasion appeared to have had an attack of stage fright. Mrs Le Brocq-the trainer-agreed.

Following the withdrawal of ANNA GALERIA the Stewards interviewed Mr. T. Calrk-rider-who explained that the horse had slipped and unseated him and then bolted.

June 24th

The Stewards interviewed Mr. J. Mercier-the trainer of CRONKVODDY following the horse's refusal to start. They noted his explanation that he knew of no reason; the horse had simply refused to race.

July 6th

The Stewards gave permission to Mr. J. Mercier-trainer of CRONKYVODDY-to take a whip to the start to encourage the horse to jump off but on the strict condition that it never made contact with the horse and was only used to generate a noise.

The Stewards later interviewed Mr. Mercier as he had made contact with the horse. He apologised for this. The Stewards advised Mr. Mercier that in future neither he nor his representative would be allowed to use a whip or any other device to encourage a horse to jump off.

The Stewards noted that this was the second time that the horse had refused to start and his future conduct would be closely monitored.

Miss Gemma Marshall- rider-then reported to the Stewards that she had been struck by a whip at the start of the race.

Mr. Mercier was again interviewed by the Stewards regarding his conduct. He denied striking Miss Marshall and stated that the whip had only been used to encourage the horse.

In the circumstances where it was unclear what exactly had happened the Stewards instructed the Stewards' Secretary to obtain a recording of the start. Having viewed this the matter was referred to the Stewards of the Channel Islands Racing and Hunt Club for their consideration

July 29th

The Stewards interviewed Miss Jemma Marshall- rider of LANG SHINING-who had been difficult at the start, had eventually jumped off and then pulled himself up after 3 furlongs. The jockey told the Stewards that the horse was known to be difficult; although he had never failed to start in races he had refused to go on training gallops.

Mrs. Malzard-the trainer- confirmed this and expressed her belief that the horse's problems were in his head. This was noted.

The Stewards noted that Mr Amir Quinn who was booked for several rides had failed to arrive in the Island.

August 12th

The Stewards interviewed Mr. Jamie Goldstein-the rider of HIGH VOLTAGE as the horse had appeared to slip at the 5 ½ furlong mark. He confirmed that the horse had slipped and that he had informed the Clerk of the Course who reported that he had replaced the divots but could find no other fault with the Course.

The Stewards interviewed Mrs. Malzard-the trainer of GRENANE-about the horse's improvement in form. They noted her explanation that the horse had been waiting for this kind of going all season and was happy on Good to Firm going.

The Stewards called Mr. T. Clark before them and once again reminded him on the rules concerning use of the whip.

The Stewards interviewed Mr. D. Cuthbert about the running of MAJOR MAXIMUS and noted his explanation that the horse was carrying more weight than before and the going was firmer than he was used to.

Following the failure of CRONKVODDY to start the Stewards interviewed Miss Jane Edgar-co-owner-who advised them that the horse had now been retired.

The Stewards spoke to a representative of Miss Joan Le Brocq-the trainer of ROBBMAA about the horse's improvement in form and noted the explanation that the horse had enjoyed the faster ground.

August 29th

The Stewards interviewed the Starter following the false start to the second race. The Starter stated that as the horses were coming in he had spotted that the rider of ANNA GALERIA had lost an iron. He accordingly declared a false Start. The Stewards noted that the riders of KERSIVAY and ANNA GALERIA had not heeded the recall flag and were withdrawn by their trainers as they had completed a circuit of the Course.