

# Global Racing

Stewards' Issues  
UA 2007 Symposium

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# 31<sup>st</sup> Asian Racing Conference

Racing without Borders

January 2007, Dubai, UAE

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- Business sessions
- Operational sessions
- Workshops
- Participants
- Conference Venue

# Welcome



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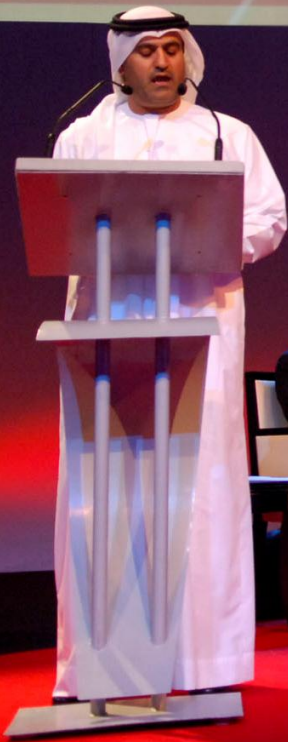








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# Horse Racing as an International Sport

- ARC Business session 4
- Dr. Isamu Takizawa - Chairman
- *Harmonization in Stewarding* – panel discussion  
moderator Des Gleeson (Aus)
- JRA PowerPoint – several case studies on interference
  - Special acknowledgment to the JRA for permission to use this material.



*Placing under the Demotion  
Systems of Other Countries  
Courtesy of JRA*

Business Session 4

Harmonization in Stewarding

# Race Case in Golden Gate Fields (Courtesy of JRA)



- **stands for violating horse**  
**stands for affected horse**

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# Placing for Double Disqualification

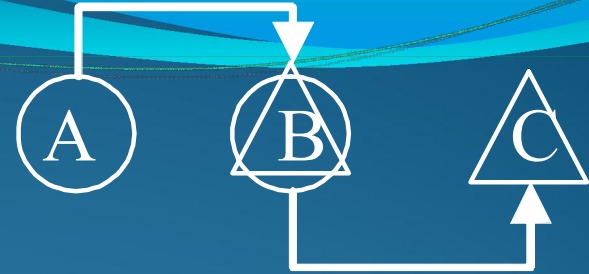
- Procedure in the **USA**
- Incidents in order of occurrence - start to finish
- 1<sup>st</sup> incident: **A** - **B** - C > **B** - **A** - C
- 2<sup>nd</sup> incident: **B** - A - **C** > A - **C** - **B**
- Final placing: **A - C - B**

# Demotion Principle

- “Lowest ranked” objection first –preferred method
- 1<sup>st</sup> DQ: **A - B - C** to **A - C - B**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> DQ: **A - C - B** to **C - B - A**
- Final placing: **C - B - A**



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AUS	C-B-A	KOREA	C-B-A
ERA	C-B-A	NZ	C-B-A
HK	C-B-A	SA	C-B-A
INDIA	<b>A-C-B</b>	UK	C-B-A
JAPAN	C-B-A	USA	<b>A-C-B</b>

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# ROAP

- Racing Officials Accreditation Program
- [www.horseracingofficials.com](http://www.horseracingofficials.com)
- Stewards' Advisory Committee
- Review procedures for multiple infractions to determine the best policy and recommendation for national (international) consistency in placing.

# 1st International Stewards' Conference

Held in conjunction with ARC – Jan. 23, 2007

Fin Powrie (New Zealand)- Chairman

Representatives from 24 countries





# ISC Specific Aims

- International consistency of rules & regulations
- Parity in penalties
- Consistency in conduct of inquiries
- List of approved gear for horses
- Safety equipment for riders – weight allowances
- Reciprocity of other's penalties

# ISC Recommendations/actions

- **Reciprocity** – riders and trainers compete under the conditions of the host country.

Mechanism to inform participants of rules/penalties

- **Safety Equipment** – approved list of equipment to be endorsed later (D. Egan, IRE)

**Safety Vest** – mandatory use and weight allowance

- 1 kg and 2 lbs



# Objections / Inquiries

**Demotion principle** endorsed - Offending horse disqualified and placed behind the horse fouled, rather than promoting (“moving up”).

**Multiple objections** – “lowest ranked” objection dealt with first agreed to be the preferred method.

# ISC

- Spurs – rarely used in flat racing, but agreed they should be banned (welfare issue).
- Weighing in/out process – list of equipment/gear to be included/excluded at scales will be compiled.  
(J. Stier HK)
- Betting and Mobile phone use by jockeys – obvious integrity issues
- Request that a Stewards' Conference be annexed to future ARCs.

# Harmonization of Raceday Rules

Race video presentation / interference at IFHA conference – Inconsistency emphasized the need for harmonization.

IFHA EC approved an International Committee

Rob de Kock (South Africa) – Chairman

Membership – 2 each from three regions:

Europe, The Americas, and The Asian Racing Federation

1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Hong Kong – Dec. 8, 2007



# ICHRR Objectives

- To encourage the maximum number of countries to adopt a common approach to the application of major race-day rules.

# Objectives

- To investigate the possibility of producing a draft Article to harmonise the approach to incidents of interference for approval by the EC and subsequent inclusion in the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering.