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TO: ALL OWNERS, TRAINERS, JOCKEYS AND APPRENTICES

GUIDELINE FOR JOCKEYS ON WHIP USE

Following observations of excessive whip use in recent race meetings, the following guideline was introduced to uphold the integrity of racing and safeguard horse welfare, with effect from 01 January 2026.

"In terms of MRA Rule of Racing 41(6), where a Rider uses his whip more than 15 times throughout a race it should be presumed excessive, unnecessary and/or improper".

2. Due to unforeseen circumstances, a request has been made to defer the effective date of the above guideline to April 2026, to allow sufficient time for preparation and implementation.
3. Accordingly, the latest effective date for the implementation of the above guideline shall be **01 April 2026**.

Best Regards.



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