

TATTERSALLS COMMITTEE

RULES ON BETTING

Consultation paper

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1. Introduction and background

Tattersalls Committee is a horse racing institution dating back to the 19th century. It was originally formed through the amalgamation of the Committee of Tattersalls Subscription Rooms (established 1795) and the Committee of Newmarket Subscription Rooms (established 1881).

Throughout the following 100+ years, Tattersalls Committee had two primary functions – firstly, to issue the Rules on Betting and, secondly, to act as a tribunal for betting disputes or monetary claims in respect of horse racing. Until the implementation of the Gambling Act 2005, it derived its authority from the Jockey Club through the Rules of Racing.

Shortly after the implementation of the Gambling Act, however, the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) reviewed the Rules of Racing and decided to remove all references to the Rules on Betting. By this time, however, the Gambling Commission had already imposed a licence condition on all betting operators requiring them to abide by Tattersalls Committee's Rules on Betting during their on-course transactions. This gave the Rules on Betting an important function in the new regulatory environment. Since that date, each racecourse has been required to display the Rules on Betting and all on-course betting has been subject to those Rules, unless otherwise stated.

Similarly, the Gambling Commission required all licensees to have a third party dispute resolution service. Historically, all on-course bookmakers had used Tattersalls Committee as the independent adjudicator of disputes and it became clear that this function was still necessary.

Since September 2007, it has become apparent that the Rules on Betting have become outdated and would benefit from a thorough review. Tattersalls Committee is keen for this process to be as open and transparent as possible. Consequently, the Committee has decided to publish this consultation paper in order to give industry stakeholders and interested parties the opportunity to contribute to the process by submitting written responses.

Responses may be submitted for a period of twelve weeks from the publication of this paper, by 7 December 2009. All views are welcome and will be taken into account prior to the updating of the Rules, which we anticipate will be completed in March 2010. Further details on how to contribute may be found in section 4 of this paper.

Section 2 of this paper gives a detailed breakdown of the Committee's proposals, rule by rule. We stress that the Committee has made no final decisions yet and all proposals are subject to change, depending on the feedback from respondents to this consultation and subsequent discussions relating to the Rules.

Section 3 describes the proposed process which the Committee expects to adopt in reframing the Rules on Betting, again subject to alteration dependent on feedback. A timetable is included in this section.

Appendices 1 and 2 include clean copies of the current and proposed rules. The final appendix sets out the consultation questions that have been posed in sections 2 and 3 of this consultation paper.

2. Proposals for changes to the Rules on Betting

Rule 1

As originally drafted, the Committee considers that this Rule should be entirely deleted. It is no longer accurate to state that the Committee has the authority to deal with ‘any matters arising directly or indirectly out of wagers or gaming transactions on horseracing, to adjudicate on all cases of default, and, at their discretion, to report defaulters to the BHA.’ The capability to report defaulters to the BHA was removed when the Rules on Betting were removed from the BHA’s Rules of Racing.

Equally, the Committee considers that the arrangements for re-hearing cases need not be enshrined in the Rules on Betting. Such matters are better dealt with in the terms of engagement for the Committee, which are a separate issue.

In its place, the Committee considers that Rule 1 should feature a pre-amble to the Rules on Betting, as follows: -

These Rules on Betting are issued by Tattersalls Committee, as amended from time to time. All on-course bookmakers are obliged to adhere to these Rules unless they display a prominent notice to the contrary. On request and in accordance with the published procedures, Tattersalls Committee may hear any betting disputes arising from the application or interpretation of these Rules.

Question 1

Do you consider that the original Rule 1 should be deleted?

Question 2

Do you agree with the proposed re-wording of Rule 1?

Question 3

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Rule 2

The increasing popularity of in-running betting has led to a significant amount of betting activity after the start of a race. Though this is predominantly an online phenomenon, some on-course bookmakers have begun to offer in-running odds and this is likely to increase in the future.

Also, on-course bookmakers have always been willing to offer odds on the race result pending the official announcement following a Stewards' Enquiry or a photo-finish. For this reason, the Committee considers that any Rule which focuses on the 'off' of a race is too restrictive in the current betting environment. Further, betting on racecourses need not be restricted to horse racing bets only, as bookmakers may offer odds on other sporting or non-sporting events.

However, the Committee considers that the concept of 'if you can't win, you can't lose' (and vice-versa) has stood the test of time as one of the fundamental tenets of betting. This concept should be retained.

Consequently, the Committee proposes that Rule 2 is amended as follows: -

In all bets, there must be a possibility to win when the bet is placed.

Question 4

Do you agree with the proposed re-wording of Rule 2?

Question 5

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Rule 3

The Committee has always previously disregarded unorthodox betting, including first past the post betting. However, the modern betting industry provides many betting opportunities and it seems inappropriate to deny such opportunities to on-course bookmakers and their customers, or for such betting on racecourses to carry on outside the auspices of Tattersalls Rules. Indeed, there are specialist on-course bookmakers who offer unorthodox betting on a daily basis – for instance, betting without the favourite.

One of the rare consequences of unorthodox betting is that it is possible for a betting market to be nominated where (in hindsight, after the race) it is impossible for the customer to win. For instance, the market for a certain red-hot favourite to win by a certain number of lengths does not offer a winning opportunity if that horse does not win: to combat this, the bookmaker should offer a price for that horse not to win.

Consequently, the Committee proposes that Rule 3 is amended as follows: -

Tattersalls Committee recognises all types of betting, including unorthodox betting (i.e. betting other than conventional win or each-way) and betting on sports/events other than horseracing. The Rules on Betting apply to all bets placed on British racecourses, unless otherwise stated by the bookmaker. Unorthodox bookmakers should take special care to display prominently the terms of unorthodox bets and ensure that they comply with the provisions of Rule 2.

Question 6

Do you consider that the original Rule 3 should be deleted?

Question 7

Do you agree with the proposed re-wording of Rule 3?

Question 8

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Rule 4

On a technical note, the Committee recognises that overnight declarations have been replaced by 48-hour declarations and the concept of ‘Starter’s Orders’ is no longer valid. Therefore, these terms have been removed or updated and other minor changes have been applied to this Rule.

The Committee is aware that the scale of Rule 4(c) deductions has long been a topic of discussion within the industry. The current scale of deductions has been in place for many years, but we are aware that there is some pressure to change it. We consider that any change would need to demonstrate clear improvements on the current scale and, as importantly, have the support of stakeholders and interested parties.

Tattersalls Committee has no proposal for substantive change to Rule 4(c) at the present time. However, the Committee invites stakeholders and interested parties to submit their views on whether the existing scale is fit for purpose in the current/future industry and, if not, to suggest reasoned changes.

We also invite views on whether the Committee is the best and most logical custodian of the scale of Rule 4 deductions or whether some other body or organisation would be better suited to this task. The Committee is satisfied that it should continue to perform this role but is prepared to consider appropriate alternatives.

Question 9

Do you consider that the minor amendments to Rule 4 are appropriate?

Question 10

Do you have any comments or suggestions in respect of Rule 4(c)?

Question 11

Do you think that Rule 4(c) should remain under the auspices of Tattersalls Committee? If not, which body should be responsible for it?

Question 12

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Rule 5

The Committee considers that this Rule is still effective and should remain substantively unchanged.

Question 13

Do you agree that Rule 5 should remain largely unchanged?

Question 14

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Rule 6

The Committee considers that this Rule is still effective and should remain unchanged.

Question 15

Do you agree that Rule 6 should remain unchanged?

Question 16

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Question 17

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Question 18

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Rule 8

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Question 19

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Question 20

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Rule 9

The Committee considers that the Rule as currently drafted is covered by the proposed Rule 2 and that in any case the use of terms such as ‘fraudulent’ should be avoided. We propose the total deletion of the current wording, to be replaced by a Rule covering errors in the processing of bets.

The Committee acknowledges that the topic of ‘obvious’ errors, previously tagged as ‘palpable’ errors, causes a certain amount of angst in the High Street betting environment and is likely to be no less problematic in the on-course sector. Indeed, there are those who believe that on-course operators are directly responsible for their pricing/terms mistakes, different to their High Street counterparts, and should bear the consequences of such mistakes accordingly.

The Committee disagrees. It considers that on-course bookmakers should be able to correct mistakes and settle bets at the prevailing prices/terms, as happens in the off-course betting industry and in common, collaterally, with most retail situations. This would appear to be fair to both bookmaker and customer.

We are proposing to include the word ‘obvious’ in the revamped Rule 9 as it appears to be the word of choice for the majority of High Street betting operators and such decisions will not have been taken lightly. Simply using ‘errors’ would be another alternative, but this might not give sufficient protection to customers. The addition of ‘obvious’ allows all parties to make a reasonable assessment of whether the error should have been spotted. We acknowledge that what may be ‘obvious’ to one party may not be ‘obvious’ to another, but in the event of a dispute, there are several levels of adjudication available (initially the Betting Ring Manager, then Tattersalls Committee then the courts) and we feel that this offers sufficient protection to all parties.

We present our proposal below, but invite comments and suggestions on this issue.

Where any bet is processed with an obvious error in the stake, price and/or terms, bookmakers should settle the bet at least at the correct prevailing stake/price/terms at the time the bet was placed, without the obvious error.

Question 21

Do you think that the introduction of an ‘obvious error’ Rule is appropriate?

Question 22

Do you agree with the proposed wording?

Question 23

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Rule 10

The Committee considers that this Rule is still effective and should remain unchanged.

Question 24

Do you agree that Rule 10 should remain unchanged?

Question 25

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Rule 11

The Committee considers that this Rule should be deleted, as it is the responsibility of the bookmaker to determine the terms of such bets and for customers to make themselves aware of such terms. In its place, the Committee considers that the Rules on Betting are an appropriate place to lay down the industry standard place betting terms which have historically applied throughout the gambling industry. As with the other Rules, it is not obligatory for on-course bookmakers to adopt these terms if they choose not to, so long as a prominent notice to the contrary is displayed.

The proposed new Rule 11 would read as follows: -

Unless otherwise stated, all each-way bets will be settled on the actual number of starters according to the following place terms: -

Fewer than 5 runners – All To Win

5-7 runners – 1/4 odds a place 1-2

8 or more runners – 1/5 odds a place 1-2-3

Handicaps with 12-15 runners - 1/4 odds a place 1-2-3

Handicaps with 16 or more runners - 1/4 odds a place 1-2-3-4

Question 26

Do you agree that the original Rule 11 should be deleted?

Question 27

Do you think it is appropriate for the Rules on Betting to list the standard place terms and to underline the impact of non-runners and withdrawals?

Question 28

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Rule 12

With the exception of the removal of references to ‘Starter’s Orders,’ the Committee considers that this Rule is still effective and should remain unchanged.

Question 29

Do you agree that Rule 12 should remain unchanged?

Question 30

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Rule 13

As before, the Committee considers that references to fraud and corrupt practice should be removed. These issues are within the domain of the Gambling Act 2005, as regulated by the Gambling Commission, and it is neither necessary nor desirable for the Committee to become involved in these areas.

However, it is sensible and practical to retain a Rule governing the amendment or cancellation of bets. We propose the following: -

Bets may only be amended or cancelled by mutual consent between the bookmaker and the backer. This does not supersede the provisions of Rule 9.

Question 31

Do you agree with the proposed re-wording of Rule 13?

Question 32

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Rule 14

The Committee considers that this Rule is still effective and should remain unchanged.

Question 33

Do you agree that Rule 14 should remain unchanged?

Question 34

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Rule 15

The Committee considers that this Rule is covered by the proposed new Rule 1 and should be deleted.

Question 35

Do you agree that Rule 15 should be deleted?

Question 36

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

3. Process for changing the Rules on Betting

Tattersalls Committee is committed to an open and transparent review of the Rules on Betting. The Rules underpin millions of betting transaction on racecourses each year, and their importance cannot be underestimated.

Consequently, it is important that the process for amending the Rules should be thorough and robust, giving everybody the opportunity to comment and to contribute. We seek such contributions through this consultation, but would like to go further than that in the process to approve any changes to the Rules.

We are planning, therefore, to co-opt appropriate persons to sit on the Committee that discusses and finally approves the amended Rules. Such persons may include representatives of stakeholders and interested parties, although no firm decisions have yet been made. We would welcome your views on this and your recommendations on who might be co-opted for this purpose. Of course, not all nominations or self-nominations will necessarily be successful, but the Chairman of Tattersalls Committee, along with the Secretary, will consider all applications and will announce a balanced team of willing (unpaid) volunteers to participate in the process. Meetings will take place in London and we hope that no more than three meetings will be necessary.

In addition to this, a document summarising the consultation responses will be published, along with the text of the responses themselves. This will assist in achieving the openness and transparency that we seek.

We do not anticipate that a workshop will be necessary during the process. However, we welcome views on whether you think a workshop would be useful.

Question 37

Do you agree that co-opted persons should sit on the Committee that discusses and approves amendments to the Rules?

Question 38

Do you have any suggestions for persons or organisations, including yourself, who should be represented?

Question 39

Do you think a workshop would be desirable or useful?

We have produced below a draft timetable, subject to change, for the process to review the Rules: -

Subject	Date by
Consultation published	21 September 2009
Consultation closes	14 December 2009
Consultation responses analysed	18 December 2009
Review Committee appointed	31 December 2009
Review Committee 1 st meeting	w/c 11 January 2010
Review Committee 2 nd meeting	w/c 1 February 2010
Provisional Review Committee 3 rd meeting	w/c 1 March 2010
Revised Rules on Betting published	29 March 2010
Consultation responses document published	29 March 2010
Consultation responses published	29 March 2010

Question 40

Do you have any comments or observations on the draft timetable?

4. Responding to this consultation

Tattersalls Committee is inviting comments on these proposals and would prefer respondents to complete the responses template provided and send it by email to: info@tattersallscommittee.co.uk

Alternatively, responses can be sent by post to:

Tattersalls Committee
PO Box 159
St Ives
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Further information and assistance is available from the Committee's consultation co-ordinator at the same email address. If you are not able to use the template provided, please indicate clearly the questions or issues to which your comments refer. A covering letter is acceptable but not essential.

The closing date for receipt of responses by the Committee is 14 December 2009.

When responding, please state whether you are responding as an individual or representing the views of an organisation. If responding on behalf of an organisation, please make clear who or what that organisation represents. If responding as an individual, please mention your own interest.

Respondents should note that Tattersalls Committee intends to publish all responses. If you do not wish your response to be published, please state so clearly, giving your reasons.

Appendix A Current Rules on Betting

RULES ON BETTING

(As authorised by Tattersalls' Committee on the
8th day of February, 1886, and last revised
on the 16th day of October 2007)

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1.-Tattersalls' Committee have authority to settle all questions relating to bets, commissions for bets and any matters arising either directly or indirectly out of wagers or gaming transactions on horseracing, to adjudicate on all cases of default, and *at their discretion*, to report defaulters to the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) . If a defaulter is a partnership or limited company all or any of the partners or their agents and all or any of the shareholders, directors, officers or agents of the defaulting company may be reported to the BHA.

Upon an application being made to the Committee in any case to admit or hear further evidence, the Committee may at its discretion decide to re-hear such case and upon such re-hearing may admit such further evidence and uphold, reverse or amend its original decision or adjudication as it may think fit.

2.-In all bets there must be a possibility to win when the 'Race is off'.

3.-No betting first past the post will be recognised by the Committee, nor will any cases involving first past the post betting be heard by the Committee.

4.-All bets made, stand and are subject to official 'Weigh In' with the following exceptions:

(A) Single Ante-Post bets, being made before 10 a.m. on the day of the overnight declarations will be void under the following circumstances:

- 1) If the race is abandoned.
- 2) If the race is declared void.
- 3) If the "Conditions" of the race entry are changed prior to the horses coming under Starter's Orders.
- 4) If the venue is altered.
- 5) If a horse is eliminated under BHA Rule 125.

However, in any such circumstances accumulative Ante-Post bets (win or place) will stand and be settled at the ante-post price(s) laid on the remaining horse(s).

Any race in which a horse is supplemented does not affect Rule 4(A).

In the event of a race being postponed to another day:

Ante-Post bets placed before the entries have closed should stand and only be made void if the race is abandoned or made void, if the horse is balloted out/ eliminated under BHA Rule 125 or the venue is change.

Ante-Post bets placed after the entries have closed should be void, except when the race is run at a later

date at the same venue and entries for the race are not reopened, in which case bets would stand.

(B) Bets other than Ante-Post bets will be void if the race is abandoned or declared void. If postponed to another day and overnight declarations stand, then bets stand, and if the original overnight declarations do not stand, bets will be void. Bets on a horse which does not come under Starter's Orders or on a horse declared by the Starter "not to have started" will be void. Bets on the distance are void if the first or second horse is disqualified, or the placings are reversed.

(C) In the case of bets made at a price on the day of the race before it has been officially notified that a horse has been withdrawn before coming under Starter's Orders or has been declared "not to have started", the liability of a layer against any horse remaining in the race, win or place, will be reduced in accordance with the following scale depending on the odds current against the withdrawn horse at the time of such official notification:

If the current odds are:

- | | | |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| a) 1/9 | or longer odds on | by 90p in the £ |
| b) 2/11 | to 2/17 | by 85p in the £ |
| c) 1/4 | to 1/5 | by 80p in the £ |
| d) 3/10 | to 2/7 | by 75p in the £ |
| e) 2/5 | to 1/3 | by 70p in the £ |
| f) 8/15 | to 4/9 | by 65p in the £ |
| g) 8/13 | to 4/7 | by 60p in the £ |
| h) 4/5 | to 4/6 | by 55p in the £ |
| i) 20/21 | to 5/6 | by 50p in the £ |
| j) Evens | to 6/5 | by 45p in the £ |
| k) 5/4 | to 6/4 | by 40p in the £ |
| l) 13/8 | to 7/4 | by 35p in the £ |
| m) 15/8 | to 9/4 | by 30p in the £ |
| n) 5/2 | to 3/1 | by 25p in the £ |
| o) 10/30 | to 4/1 | by 20p in the £ |
| p) 9/2 | to 11/2 | by 15p in the £ |
| q) 6/1 | to 9/1 | by 10p in the £ |
| r) 10/1 | to 14/1 | by 5p in the £ |
| s) | If over 14/1 | the liability would be unchanged. |
| t) | In the case of two or more horses being withdrawn before coming under Starter's Orders, the total reduction shall not exceed 90p in the £. | |

In the case of withdrawals in reformed markets, the total deduction over the two or more horses (i.e. one in the original and one in the reformed market) will be calculated on the prices applicable in the original market.

For bets placed in subsequent markets deductions over withdrawn horses in these markets will be calculated on the prices applicable in these markets.

Bets made at Starting Price are not affected, except in cases where insufficient time arises for a fresh market to be formed, when the same scale of reductions will apply. In the event of the withdrawal of one or more runners in circumstances which would lead to only one runner and therefore a "walkover", all bets on the race will be void. The race will be considered a "walkover" for the purpose of settling bets.

For the purpose of this Rule the non-appearance of the number of a declared runner in the Number Board will be held to be an official notification of the withdrawal of such horse before coming under Starter's Orders. In the case of a horse declared by the Starter "not to have started" the racecourse announcement will be made to that effect. This official announcement will be made before the race result is displayed.

(D) In the event:

- i) of an announcement being made that the provisions of Rule 4(C) do not apply on the grounds that no market had been formed at the time of the withdrawal of an overnight declared runner; or
- ii) of the number of an overnight declared runner not appearing in the number board, all bets (other than ante-post bets) made at a price prior to either eventuality will be settled at Starting Price with the exception of bets struck at nationally advertised or publicly transmitted prices when Rule 4(C) will operate, based on the advertised price or the first transmitted price of the withdrawn horse(s). In the event of any price change after this time, Rule 4C will operate based on the current price of any horse, where independent timed verification is available;
- iii) of any race where a market has been deemed to have been formed by the S.P. Returners - 90 minutes prior to the advertised time of the commencement of racing, any bets struck will be subject to Rule 4(C) deductions;
- iv) that no first show has been transmitted by S.I.S. or Turf TV, yet a market is deemed to have been formed on course, by a sufficient sample of book-makers, Rule 4(C) deductions will apply to bets made on course, prior to the withdrawal of an overnight declared runner, but not to S.P. bets.

(E) In the event of a horse or horses being withdrawn under BHA Rule 125 (limitations of the number of

runners in a race), all Ante-Post bets on such horse(s) will be void and the liability of a layer against any horse(s) remaining in the race, win or place, will be reduced in accordance with a rate to be announced before the race by Tattersalls' Committee, dependent on the odds current against the withdrawn horse(s) at the time of such official withdrawal.

(F) In the event of a reserve horse replacing a declared runner all bets, other than Ante-Post bets, struck prior to such a replacement and a new market being formed will be settled at Starting Price.

5.-When the 'Weighed In' announcement has been made as provided for in Rule 162 of the Rules of Racing, or such other rule being in identical terms which may be substituted for it, the bets go to the horses as officially announced. Objections or disqualifications after the 'Weighed In' announcement has been made, do not change the result of the race for betting purposes.

6.-Bets made on one horse against another or that one horse beats another are determined by the official result. Unless agreed by the parties it is not essential that both horses should start.

7.-Dead Heats. Where a dead heat is declared, a bet on one of two horses that dead heat loses half the stake, with full odds being applied to the remaining half (if a triple dead heat or more, reduction in proportion).

- a) In the event of a double and the first selection dead heats, then the stake is halved and full odds applied. This then becomes the stake on the second selection. Should the second selection also dead heat then the stake is again halved.
- b) In the event of any withdrawals, Tattersalls Rule 4(C) reductions will apply to the winnings from the reduced stake.
- c) Un-named favourites finishing joint will be subject to the same rule as if they dead heated. Where an un-named favourite both dead heats and is returned joint in the market, then the stake is halved twice in the proportion of one-fourth to the backer and three-fourths to the layer.

8.-If odds are laid without mentioning the horse, the bets must be determined by the state of the odds at the time it was made. Bets made after a race that a horse will be disqualified stand, even if no objection be made.

9.—Any bet made from signal or indication when the race has been determined, will be considered fraudulent and void.

10.—Subject to Rule 4(A) accumulative bets are not determined until the last event has been run.

11.—Bets made on horses, jockeys, trainers etc. winning any number of races within the year, will be understood to mean between 1st January and 31st December for flat racing. For jump racing the recognised National Hunt season will apply.

12.—In the event of a race being ordered to run over again, or of a false start or breakaway, Starter's Orders is negated. Starting Price bets will be regulated by the price current at the time of the re-run. All bets in favour of any horse that is subsequently withdrawn from the re-run race will be void, except when such a horse comes under Starter's Orders. Rule 4(C) will apply to all bets in the event of withdrawals.

In the event of a race being re-started for reasons other than a false start or breakaway, Starter's Orders stand. Starting Prices will be determined at the original 'Off Time'. All bets on horses withdrawn by the Starter as ineligible to start in a re-started race will be lost.

All bets on horses eligible to run but subsequently unable to start in a re-started race and withdrawn by the Starter will be void and therefore refunded. Rule 4(C) will apply to all bets based on the prices of those horses.

13.—No bet can be declared off except by mutual consent but on any allegation of fraud or corrupt practice, the Committee may investigate the case and may declare the bet void. Either of the bettors may demand stakes to be made on proving to the satisfaction of the Committee, or any two of them, that he has just cause for doing so, and, *if ordered*, the bets must be covered or sufficient security given within the time specified in such order, in default whereof the bets will be off.

14.—In the case of a photo finish, all bets made will be settled as if they had been made on the result of the race.

15.—If any extraordinary occasion should arise, or in cases of notorious and palpable fraud, or it should come to the notice of the Committee that the wager or gaming transaction involved either or both of the parties in an illegal act under the current legislation in respect of betting and gaming, any of the before-mentioned rules may be suspended by the Committee, and any of the before-mentioned rules may be altered or added to by a simple majority of the Committee.

Appendix B Proposed Rules on Betting

RULES ON BETTING

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and last revised on the [date to be inserted])

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4. Other than 'first past the post' bets, all bets will be settled according to the official result as announced at the 'Weigh In' with the following exceptions:

(A) Single Ante-Post bets, being made before 10 a.m. on the day of the final declarations will be void under the following circumstances:

- 1) If the race is abandoned.
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However, in any such circumstances accumulative Ante-Post bets (win or place) will stand and be settled at the ante-post price(s) laid on the remaining horse(s). Any race in which a horse is supplemented does not affect Rule 4(A).

In the event of a race being postponed to another day:

Ante-Post bets placed before the entries have closed should stand and only be made void if the race is abandoned or made void, if the horse is balloted out or eliminated under Rule 125 of the BHA's Orders and Rules of Racing or the venue is changed.

Ante-Post bets placed after the entries have closed should be void, except when the race is run at a later date at the same venue and entries for the race are not reopened, in which case bets would stand.

(B) Bets other than Ante-Post bets will be void if the race is abandoned or declared void. If postponed to another day and final declarations stand, then bets stand, and if the final declarations do not stand, bets will be void. Bets on a horse declared by the Starter "not to have started" will be void. Bets on the distance are void if the first or second horse is disqualified, or the placings are reversed.

(C) In the case of bets made at a price on the day of the race before it has been officially notified that a horse has been withdrawn or has been declared "not to have started", the

liability of a layer against any horse remaining in the race, win or place, will be reduced in accordance with the following scale depending on the odds current against the withdrawn horse at the time of such official notification:

If the current odds are:

- a) 1/9 or longer odds on by 90p in the £
- b) 2/11 to 2/17 by 85p in the £
- c) 1/4 to 1/5 by 80p in the £
- d) 3/10 to 2/7 by 75p in the £
- e) 2/5 to 1/3 by 70p in the £
- f) 8/15 to 4/9 by 65p in the £
- g) 8/13 to 4/7 by 60p in the £
- h) 4/5 to 4/6 by 55p in the £
- i) 20/21 to 5/6 by 50p in the £
- j) Evens to 6/5 by 45p in the £
- k) 5/4 to 6/4 by 40p in the £
- l) 13/8 to 7/4 by 35p in the £
- m) 15/8 to 9/4 by 30p in the £
- n) 5/2 to 3/1 by 25p in the £
- o) 10/30 to 4/1 by 20p in the £
- p) 9/2 to 11/2 by 15p in the £
- q) 6/1 to 9/1 by 10p in the £
- r) 10/1 to 14/1 by 5p in the £
- s) If over 14/1 the liability would be unchanged.
- t) In the case of two or more horses being withdrawn, the total reduction shall not exceed 90p in the £.

In the case of withdrawals in reformed markets, the total deduction over the two or more horses (i.e. one in the original and one in the reformed market) will be calculated on the prices applicable in the original market.

For bets placed in subsequent markets deductions over withdrawn horses in these markets will be calculated on the prices applicable in these markets.

Bets made at Starting Price are not affected, except in cases where insufficient time arises for a new market to be formed, when the same scale of reductions will apply. In the event of the withdrawal of one or more runners in circumstances which would lead to only one runner and therefore a "walkover", all bets on the race will be void. The race will be considered a "walkover" for the purpose of settling bets.

For the purpose of this Rule the non-appearance of a declared runner will be held to be an official notification of the withdrawal of such horse before the race is off. In the case of a horse declared by the Starter "not to have started", a racecourse announcement will be made to that effect. This official announcement will be made before the race result is displayed.

(D) In the event:

i) of an announcement being made that the provisions of Rule 4(C) do not apply on the grounds that no market had been formed at the time of the withdrawal of a declared runner;
or

ii) of the withdrawal of a declared runner, all bets (other than ante-post bets) will be settled at Starting Price with the exception of bets struck at prices when Rule 4(C) will operate, based on the advertised price or the first transmitted price of the withdrawn horse(s). In the event of any price change after this time. Rule 4(C) will operate based on the current price of any horse;

iii) of any race where a market has been deemed to have been formed by the S.P. Returners – 90 minutes prior to the advertised time of the commencement of racing, any bets struck will be subject to Rule 4(C) deductions;

iv) that no first show has been transmitted to the off-course industry, yet a market is deemed to have been formed on course by a sufficient sample of bookmakers, Rule 4(C) deductions will apply to bets made on course, prior to the withdrawal of an overnight declared runner, but not to off-course bets.

5. When the 'Weighed In' announcement has been made as provided for in Rule 162 of the Rules of Racing, bets will be settled on the horses as officially announced. Objections or disqualifications made after the 'Weighed In' announcement do not change the result of the race for betting purposes.

6. Bets made on one horse against another or that one horse beats another are determined by the official result.

7. Dead Heats. Where a dead heat is declared, a bet on one of two horses that dead heat loses half the stake, with full odds being applied to the remaining half (if a triple dead heat or more, reduction in proportion).

a) In the event of a double and the first selection dead heats, then the stake is halved and full odds applied. This then becomes the stake on the second selection. Should the second selection also dead heat then the stake is again halved.

b) In the event of any withdrawals, Tattersalls Rule 4(C) reductions will apply to the winnings from the reduced stake.

c) Un-named favourites finishing joint will be subject to the same rule as if they dead heated. Where an un-named favourite both dead heats and is returned joint in the market, then the stake is halved twice in the proportion of one-fourth to the backer and three-fourths to the layer.

8. If odds are laid without mentioning the horse, the bets must be determined by the state of the odds at the time it was made. Bets made after a race that a horse will be disqualified stand, even if no objection be made.

9. Where any bet is processed with an obvious error in the stake, price and/or terms, bookmakers should settle the bet at least at the correct prevailing stake/price/terms at the time the bet was placed, without the obvious error.

10. Subject to Rule 4(A) accumulative bets are not determined until the last event has been run.

11. Unless otherwise stated, all each-way bets will be settled on the actual number of starters according to the following place terms: -

Fewer than 5 runners – All To Win

5-7 runners – 1/4 odds a place 1-2

8 or more runners – 1/5 odds a place 1-2-3

Handicaps with 12-15 runners - 1/4 odds a place 1-2-3

Handicaps with 16 or more runners - 1/4 odds a place 1-2-3-4

12. In the event of a race being ordered to run over again, or of a false start or breakaway, Starting Price bets will be regulated by the price current at the time of the re-run. All bets in favour of any horse that is subsequently withdrawn from the re-run race will be void. Rule 4(C) will apply to all bets in the event of withdrawals.

13. Bets may only be amended or cancelled by mutual consent between the bookmaker and the backer. This does not supersede the provisions of Rule 9.

All bets on horses eligible to run but subsequently unable to start in a re-started race and withdrawn by the Starter will be void and therefore refunded. Rule 4(C) will apply to all bets based on the prices of those horses.

14. In the case of a photo finish, all bets made will be settled as if they had been made on the result of the race.

Appendix C Consultation questions

Question 1

Do you consider that the original Rule 1 should be deleted?

Question 2

Do you agree with the proposed re-wording of Rule 1?

Question 3

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 4

Do you agree with the proposed re-wording of Rule 2?

Question 5

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 6

Do you consider that the original Rule 3 should be deleted?

Question 7

Do you agree with the proposed re-wording of Rule 3?

Question 8

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 9

Do you consider that the minor amendments to Rule 4 are appropriate?

Question 10

Do you have any comments or suggestions in respect of Rule 4(c)?

Question 11

Do you think that Rule 4(c) should remain under the auspices of Tattersalls Committee? If not, which body should be responsible for it?

Question 12

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 13

Do you agree that Rule 5 should remain largely unchanged?

Question 14

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 15

Do you agree that Rule 6 should remain unchanged?

Question 16

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 17

Do you agree that Rule 7 should remain largely unchanged?

Question 18

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 19

Do you agree that Rule 8 should remain largely unchanged?

Question 20

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 21

Do you think that the introduction of an 'obvious error' Rule is appropriate?

Question 22

Do you agree with the proposed wording?

Question 23

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 24

Do you agree that Rule 10 should remain unchanged?

Question 25

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 26

Do you agree that the original Rule 11 should be deleted?

Question 27

Do you think it is appropriate for the Rules on Betting to list the standard place terms and to underline the impact of non-runners and withdrawals?

Question 28

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 29

Do you agree that Rule 12 should remain unchanged?

Question 30

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 31

Do you agree with the proposed re-wording of Rule 13?

Question 32

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 33

Do you agree that Rule 14 should remain unchanged?

Question 34

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 35

Do you agree that Rule 15 should be deleted?

Question 36

Do you have any other comments or observations on this section?

Question 37

Do you agree that co-opted persons should sit on the Committee that discusses and approves amendments to the Rules?

Question 38

Do you have any suggestions for persons or organisations, including yourself, who should be represented?

Question 39

Do you think a workshop would be desirable or useful?

Question 40

Do you have any comments or observations on the draft timetable?