

Arabian Racing Organisation Hands and Heels series 2018

The Arabian Racing Organisation Hands and Heels Series is specifically designed to assist in the education and training of all jockeys. It is important therefore that these conditions are adhered to by riders and their Trainers so that the maximum benefit can be obtained.

The special conditions set out below apply to all races in the 2018 ARO Race Series, which will be held at the following meetings:

- 21/04/18 Chelmsford
- 27/05/18 Chepstow
- 10/06/18 Wolverhampton
- 24/06/18 Chelmsford
- 08/09/18 Taunton
- 22/09/18 Huntingdon (Final)

1. Every Rider must carry a whip. The whip may be pulled through from one hand to the other as often as necessary. A Rider must not hit their horse with the whip either with their hands on or off the reins or wave their whip. In exceptional circumstances the Rider may use the whip for safety reasons only.

2. If a Rider uses their whip as prohibited in paragraph 1 above, it will be regarded as Improper Riding (see Regulation (66(vi) and the Arabian Racing Organisation have recommended to Stewards that they impose a minimum suspension of 3 days on those days when an ARO race is programmed to take place. This suspension will not count towards the total number of days suspended during the current rolling twelvemonth period.

3. If a Rider is suspended for using their whip in one of these races they will be stripped of existing points and receive no further points in the series, but will be able to continue riding in the series unless one of the races falls on a suspension day. In the case of a second offence occurring the Arabian Racing Organisation have recommended to Stewards that they impose a minimum suspension of 6 days on those days when an ARO race is programmed to take place and the Rider will be prevented from riding in the remainder of the series.

4. If the Stewards impose a suspension on a Rider for any other riding offence, 10 points will be deducted from the Rider's total points in the series, but the Rider may continue to ride in the series and receive points. A second offence would mean the Rider will be stripped of existing points and, although they will still be able to ride in the rest of the series, they will receive no further points.

5. The points table for the series can be viewed on the Arabian Racing Organisation Website.

Riders will be awarded points under the following guidelines:

 $1^{st} = 10$ points $2^{nd} = 6$ points $3^{rd} = 4$ points $4^{th} = 2$ points