

MEMBERSHIP RULES

50 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (Fees - Annex I)

50.1 **Honorary Life Membership** is offered to those recognised and elected by the Executive Committee for long and outstanding service. They have all rights and privileges of Full Membership.

50.2 **Life Membership** is available to Full Members who have been members for a minimum of 10 years. The subscription is 10 times the current subscription for Full Membership. They have all rights and privileges of Full Membership.

50.3 **Full Membership** is available to persons from the end of the calendar year they reach the age of 18. They have all rights and privileges of Full Membership.

50.4 **Employee Membership** is available to permanent employees of Full or Non-Competing Members. If the HAK Office is notified of the end of the employment, the membership will cease. Membership rights are restricted.

50.5 **Non-Competing Membership** is available to persons from the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Non-Competing Members may not ride in any event or clinic but they may exhibit a horse In Hand. Otherwise they have all rights and privileges of Full Membership.

50.6 **Child Membership** is available to persons until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Riders in Leading Rein or First off Leading Rein need not be members. All Child Members must have a nominated Life, Full, Non-Competing or Family Member as legal guardian, who will take full responsibility for the Child Member and act on his behalf in all matters. Membership rights are restricted.

50.7 **Family Membership** is available to three or more members of the same immediate family, of which only two may be Full Members. They have all rights and privileges of the appropriate membership category for each member of the family.

50.8 **Student Membership** is available to persons ineligible for Child Membership but undergoing full time overseas education or training, under the age of 24. Student Members may not enter more than 4 Shows in each year. Membership rights are restricted.

50.9 **Temporary Membership** is available to persons wishing to compete in a maximum of 4 shows/clinics during the calendar year. The entrance fee is nil and subscription is payable at each Show. To register a horse/pony and/or as a Parent/Guardian of a Child Temporary member, an adult must also be a Non-Competing member. Membership rights are restricted.

50.10 **Regimental Membership** is available to serving members of the Armed Forces of Kenya, the Kenya Police or the Forces of any country stationed in Kenya. A specific unit of any of the foregoing may join as a Regimental Member and in that event individuals serving in that unit may

compete without being members individually. The Regiment will have all rights and privileges of Full Membership vested in their Authorised Agent.

50.11 **Riding School Membership** is available to HAK acknowledged Riding Schools. Pupils may ride fully registered horses only in non-grading competitions. The Riding School will have all rights and privileges of Full Membership vested in their Authorised Agent.

50.12 **Corporate Membership** is available to Partnerships and to Companies incorporated in Kenya under any statutory enactment whether with limited or unlimited liability. The company will have all rights and privileges of Full Membership vested in their Authorised Agent.

50.13 **Visiting Membership** is available to Non-Kenya residents wishing to compete as owners or riders at one show only. On application, they may be granted by the Executive Committee, the membership category appropriate to age and circumstances, without paying any fee.

50.14 **Invited Athlete's Membership** is granted to members of foreign teams or foreign individuals formally invited by the HAK to compete, coach or officiate in Kenya. They must have the written approval of their NF.

50.15 **Affiliated Membership** may be granted to HAK recognized bona fide other registered equestrian clubs, associations or federations in Kenya. The members of an affiliated body may ride fully registered horses and ponies in non-grading competitions only. The Affiliated Member will have all the rights of Full Membership vested in a single Authorized Agent.

51 RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership confers certain rights and privileges as follows, depending on the category of membership:

51.1 **Life, Full, Non-Competing and the Authorised Agent of Regimental, Riding School, Affiliated and Corporate Members** are in addition to rights of the constitution entitled to:

51.1.1 Register a horse or pony as an owner. He is deemed to hold all authority to act in respect of that horse.

51.1.2 Enter a horse or pony in a show including a substitution entry.

51.1.3 Compete as a rider and/or an owner, on a registered horse or pony (unless a NC Member 50.5).

51.1.4 Make protests, objections and appeals or representations to a Judge or Official.

51.1.5 Appoint an Authorised Agent.

51.1.6 Be appointed to any level of the National HAK Panels for: Technical Delegates, HAK Chief Stewards, Judges and Course Designers.

51.1.7 Register if a Corporate Member, a commercial prefix or suffix and to apply such to the names of horses registered by the company.

51.2 **Employee and Child Members** are in addition to rights of the constitution, entitled only to:

51.2.1 Compete as a rider and/or an owner, on a registered horse or pony.

51.2.2 Make protests, objections and appeals or representations to a Judge or Official but only through their employer or Guardian.

51.3 **Student, Temporary, Visiting and Invited Members** are in addition to rights of the constitution, entitled to:

51.3.1 Enter a registered horse in a show including a substitution entry.

51.3.2 Compete as owner and/or rider of a registered horse.

51.3.3 Make protests, objections and appeals or representations to a Judge or Official.

52 PERSONS RESPONSIBLE

52.1 The Person Responsible for a Horse has legal responsibility for that Horse, including responsibility under the GRs and the VRs and unless otherwise stated is liable under the Legal System

52.2 It is the obligation of the Person Responsible and of every other person subject to HAK Rules to know the relevant Rules, and lack of such knowledge does not relieve these persons from liabilities under the Rules.

52.3 The Person Responsible shall be the competitor who rides the horse during an Event, but the Owner and other support personnel including but not limited to grooms and veterinarians may be regarded as additional Persons Responsible if they are present at the Event or have made a relevant decision about the horse.

52.4 Competitors under 18 years of age:

52.4.1 If the competitor is under 18 years of age when the entry is submitted, his nominated Guardian is the representative for the competitor and will act on his behalf as the Person Responsible.

52.4.2 He is responsible for condition, fitness and management and for declaring or scratching of horses for that minor. This includes any act performed to any Horse under his responsibility, by himself or by any other person with access to the Horse, and is fully responsible at all times for any Horse under his jurisdiction.

52.4.3 If, for any reason, the Person Responsible is unable or is prevented from caring for the horses under his jurisdiction he must notify the Secretary of the Show Organising Committee.

53 AUTHORISED AGENT

53.1 The owner of a registered horse may appoint in writing, any Life or Full Member as his Authorised Agent to act fully on his behalf in respect of the horse(s) and be held as the Person Responsible.

53.2 The appointment of an Authorised Agent may be cancelled by the owner or by the Authorised Agent in writing at any time.

54 POWERS OF A TEAM MANAGER

The Chef d'Equipe or Team Manager or his appointed deputy, while accompanying HAK members on a course of training or on a tour or team visit, whether in Kenya or elsewhere will have ultimate authority over that team. He shall have power in his absolute discretion to regulate, control and/or adjudicate upon the conduct of members on such course of training tour or team visit. He shall have the power to direct that a member shall be suspended from taking part in such course or training or in any competition, taking place on such tour or team visit.

55 REGISTERED SPONSORSHIPS

55.1 Sponsorship Agreements may provide competitors with financial assistance for the preparation for and the participation in shows and events run under HAK Rules. Only Full Members eighteen years old or over may enter into Sponsorship Agreements.

55.2 A written application for Registration of Sponsorship Agreements to the HAK office must include:

55.2.1 The name of the Sponsor who must be an HAK member.

55.2.2 The name of the Authorised Agent for the sponsored horses.

55.2.3 The prefix or suffix to be added to the names of horses in the 55.2.4 A Sponsorship Agreement at a fee fixed by the Executive Committee.

55.2.5 The Sponsorship Agreement must be terminated in writing.

55.3 In the competition arena the Sponsor's name or logo may appear:

55.3.1 On both sides of the horse's saddlecloth provided that it does not exceed 200 sq. cm. or on the horse's brow band provided that it does not exceed 5 cm in height.

55.3.2 For Jumping, on the breast pocket of the rider's jacket twice not exceeding 80 sq. cm as well as both sides of the shirt collar or the centre of a high collared shirt provided that it does not exceed 16 sq. cm.

55.3.3 For the Eventing Cross Country phase not more than 200 sq. cm on the arms.

55.3.4 On the helmet not more than 100 sq. cm.

55.3.5 Not more than 3 sq. cm on other items of clothing or equipment.

CONDUCT, LEGAL AND DISCIPLINARY RULES

60 PROCESS OF DUTIES

The Rules of the HAK define the process by which the HAK and its officials and affiliates shall carry out their respective duties for the well being of the horse and for the fair and efficient control of HAK disciplines to the benefit of all participants and spectators.

61 AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY THE RULES

61.1 Every member of the HAK has, by the completion of his membership application form, agreed to be bound by the Constitution and all Rules, regulations and bye-laws made there under. He has agreed that the decisions of the Executive Committee, Chairman or other authorities of the HAK given in accordance with the Rules shall be final and binding.

61.2 The Committees in accordance with the provisions in the Constitution shall make Rules.

61.3 The Executive Committee must approve new Rules and amendments.

61.4 New Rules and amendments shall only take effect from 1st January each year, except where safety is concerned, or by Government order.

62 CODE OF CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

No member of the HAK shall:

62.1 Conduct himself at a show in manner which is offensive to the public

62.2 Behave with incivility or contempt towards a member of any HAK or Show Committee on matters concerning the Association.

62.3 Argue with a Judge or Official, use abusive or threatening language or behave with incivility or contempt towards a Judge or Official at a show.

62.4 Ill-treat a horse in any way anywhere on or in the vicinity of the show ground. Any act or series of acts, which can clearly be defined as cruelty to or abuse of a horse, will be penalised by a Yellow Card and possible elimination/disqualification on confirmation of a documented report to a show or event official. Such acts will include but are not limited to: excessive use or marking of a horse by the whip or spurs, the deliberate use of the action of the bit as a means of punishment, the misuse of any item of saddlery in a manner likely to cause pain, discomfort or distress to a horse, continuing to ride a horse clearly exhausted or distressed and/or any other act which, in the opinion of a Judge or Official, can clearly be defined as cruelty.

62.5 Allow a horse to be rapped or to jump a pole or obstacle, which is held by hand, either in the collecting ring or anywhere on or in the vicinity of the show ground.

62.6 Ride on, over or near any part of any competition area except when actually competing. Any schooling over a cross country or jumping course will only be allowed with permission from the Show Organising Committee

62.7 Allow a horse for which he is responsible as owner, Authorised Agent or rider to compete if a prohibited substance has been administered.

62.8 Unreasonably refuse to allow a horse which has participated or is about to participate in a competition to undergo any properly authorised test or examination if requested to do so by a Judge, Official or member of the Show Organising Committee.

62.9 Unreasonably fail or refuse to assist in any investigations of complaints of misconduct by members of the HAK.

62.10 Make either orally or in writing to a Judge, Official or SOC a statement on any matter covered by the Rules, which he knows to be untrue.

62.11 Compete as owner or rider knowingly, in a competition for which the horse or pony or the rider is not fully eligible.

62.12 Having indicated his availability for selection for an official Kenyan national team, unreasonably fail or refuse to compete in such a team.

62.13 Exercise any of the rights or privileges of membership in the HAK while suspended from HAK or any other recognised Equestrian Federation or assist, represent or act on behalf of any other HAK member at an affiliated show while suspended from such membership.

62.14 Compete as a rider in any competition or behave in a fashion offensive to the public while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The offender may be eliminated and subject to disciplinary action.

62.15 No member shall fail, under penalty of elimination, to obey any order or direction given by any Judge or Official; and in particular, not do anything liable to upset or hinder the undisturbed progress of the show.

62.16 School or lunge in a practice area in such a manner or at such a time so as to interfere with other competitors warming up their horses, or to use areas not allowed as practice or exercise areas.

63 DANGEROUS RIDING OR OUT OF CONTROL HORSES

63.1 A rider, anywhere on the show grounds who deliberately or unintentionally exposes himself, his horse or a third party to a higher risk than is strictly inherent to the nature of the sport will be considered to have acted dangerously and will be penalised according to the severity of the incident

63.2 A horse or pony which is considered dangerous or out of control or a rider unable to control his horse or pony may be forced to stop at any time by a Judge, Chief Steward or TD. He may be ordered to retire with the horse in question: from a round, the competition or the entire show or event.

64 DUTIES AND POWERS OF HAK TD / CHIEF STEWARD

64.1 A Technical Delegate [TD] or Chief Steward shall be appointed with overall responsibility for Discipline Rules and Regulations at the show. If there is no Chief Steward at an event, the TD will act in both capacities

64.2 If, in the opinion of the HAK TD or Chief Steward, any owner, official, rider, Authorised Agent or anyone else taking part in the show, or any person assisting anyone taking part in the show, has been guilty of dangerous riding or a breach of any Rule, he may impose any or all of the following penalties:

64.3 A reprimand or warning.

64.4 Disqualification of the horse from participating in a specific competition or in all competitions of the show.

64.5 Disqualification of the rider from participating in a specific competition or in all competitions, on the same or any other horse.

64.6 If the case concerns an official, the matter shall be referred to the Executive Committee and if required, to the Disciplinary Committee.

64.7 The HAK TD or Chief Steward may also refer any matter to the Appeal Committee or a Disciplinary Committee of the HAK.

65 DISQUALIFICATION

65.1 Disqualification by the Judge is a sanction imposed for misconduct and is not imposed for errors or infringements for which specific penalties are laid down in the Rules.

65.2 The Judge at his discretion may disqualify a competitor from a competition for any breach of Rule 62 inclusive which takes place in the arena or for failing to parade mounted and properly dressed for the presentation of awards. All such disqualifications are to be noted on the result sheet, indicating the number of the appropriate Rule. In the case of a flagrant or repeated breach of any of these Rules, the Judge may also disqualify the competitor from starting in any further competition for the duration of the show. In such cases, the Judge must make a report to the HAK Disciplinary Committee who may initiate further proceedings in accordance with Rule 68.

65.3 A competitor who is disqualified must leave the arena immediately and forfeit all prizes, rosettes, awards, qualifications and grading points to which he might otherwise be entitled. The result of the competition is amended accordingly.

65.4 The Judge is empowered to disqualify a competitor on the grounds of ineligibility for the competition. In such cases, the matter must be referred after the show to the HAK Secretary who will if necessary take action in accordance with Rule 68. referred after the show to the HAK Secretary who will if necessary take action in accordance with Rule 68.

65.5 If there is any doubt of a horse or competitor's eligibility, they must be allowed to compete and the verification of eligibility clarified before prize giving.

65.6 The Judge may disqualify a competitor if he is fully satisfied that the competitor is not a member of the HAK or is currently suspended from competition rights of membership. The Judge must make a report to the HAK Secretary who may take further action in accordance with Rule 68.

66 OBJECTIONS

66.1 An objection to the result of any competition may be made only by the owner, his Authorised Agent or the rider of a horse competing in that competition or by a Judge or Official of the show or of the HAK.

66.2 Objections must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Show Organising Committee, the HAK TD or such other Official as the schedule may direct and must be accompanied by a deposit as fixed by the Executive Committee (Appendix III). The deposit is forfeit unless the objection is upheld or the HAK TD or Chief Steward decides there were good and reasonable grounds for the objection. All objections will be first directed to the HAK TD or Chief Steward and may subsequently be referred to the Appeal Committee.

66.3 Objections must be made within the time limits specified in these Rules. Late objections may be considered in exceptional circumstances.

66.4 An objection concerning an incident or complaint of misconduct, which took place during a competition, must be made not later than 30 minutes after the results of that competition have been made public.

66.5 An objection, protest or complaint concerning the scoring of a competition must be made within 30 minutes of the end of the competition or the publication or release of the marks or score sheets.

66.6 An objection concerning the eligibility of a horse or rider for a particular competition must be made not later than 1 hour before the start of the competition.

66.7 In the event of an objection concerning the eligibility of a horse or rider, the Chief Steward or HAK TD will inform the owner or Authorised Agent responsible for the horse against which the objection has been made of the details of the objection. The Chief Steward or TD will take into consideration any written representation received from such owner or agent. Should he decide to uphold the objection, he will disqualify the horse and take action in accordance with his powers. All concerned will be informed of the HAK TD's decision.

66.8 An objection against a measurement certificate may only be lodged at a show and may be made by an adult exhibitor who has a horse/pony competing in the same class, by the Judge of the class in question, or by the Chairman or Secretary of the SOC. The following procedure must be carried out by the objector:

66.8.1 The Secretary of the SOC must be informed immediately the class leaves the ring, and be given a deposit as fixed by the Executive Committee if the objector is another competitor. (Appendix II).

66.8.2 The steward of the class must be informed and he must inform the exhibitor or his representative that an objection has been lodged immediately the class leaves the ring.

66.8.3 The Secretary of the SOC will initiate the re-measurement procedure on being informed of the objection. If the objection is upheld, the deposit, if there was one, will be returned. The horse/pony will be re-measured as soon as possible during the show by an official measurer in the presence of the Chief Steward and the Chairman of the SOC or his designate. The decision of this three-person panel concerning the height of the horse/pony shall be final and binding.

66.9 Representations to a Judge or other Official may only be made by members of the HAK. A member who wishes to make a representation must not interrupt or distract the attention of a Judge during a competition and must wait until the Judge signifies he is ready to hear the representation.

66.10 In the case of any protest or objection, competitors have the right of appeal to the Appeal Committee of the Show, with the following exceptions:

66.10.1 Where the elimination of a horse is for Veterinary reasons, including non-acceptance of a horse at a horse inspection.

66.10.2 Where the question for decision is a factual observation of performance during a competition or the award of subjective marks for performance as for instance, in Dressage, Showing and Equitation or against wins or placings in a class where the awards are determined solely by the judge's subjective opinion.

66.10.3 Where there is an imposition of a warning without any additional penalty.

66.10.4 Where there is an immediate disqualification during an event.

66.11 In Eventing/Hunter Trials, no appeal will be entertained if there has been communication by the objector with any officials, Judges, Jump Judges, Timekeepers or the Scorer before the objection is considered.

66.12 Objections and appeals should be settled before the end of the show, but where not possible, within seven days of its completion.

67 DUTIES AND POWERS OF APPEAL COMMITTEES

67.1 All persons concerned, including the Judges of the competition, the objector and the owner, rider and/or Authorised Agent of the horse against which the objection was made, must be informed of the time and place at which the enquiry will be heard and invited to attend, together with any witnesses they may wish to call. Unless the objector has waived, in writing, his right to attend, he shall be present at any enquiry.

67.2 No party at an enquiry of an Appeal Committee is entitled to have legal representation.

67.3 The Appeal Committee must allow the objector to put his case verbally and/or in writing and to call and examine witnesses in support of the objection. The owner, rider and/or Authorised Agent responsible for the horse and the Judges must be heard in a like manner, or give evidence in writing.

67.4 The Appeal Committee may overrule the Judges and uphold the objection if they decide that the Judges' decision was contrary to the Rules for the competition as laid down in this Rule Book and/or in the schedule.

67.5 If the Appeal Committee decides that there has been a breach of the Rules, it may either take no further action or impose any or all of the following penalties:

67.5.1 A reprimand.

67.5.2 Disqualification of a horse and/or rider from a specific competition or from all competitions at the show.

67.5.3 Recommend to the Disciplinary Committee suspension of a horse, rider, owner or other person participating in a competition from all future competitions affiliated with the HAK for a period not exceeding 6 months.

67.5.4 A fine not exceeding five times the annual subscription.

67.5 The decision of an Appeal Committee shall be final and without appeal except that appeals to the Disciplinary Committee may be made to penalties exacted under Rules 67.5.2 or 67.5.3 or 67.5.4

67.6 If an Appeal Committee overrules an objection, it may, if it considers that the objection was frivolous or mischievous, direct that the objector's deposit be forfeited to the show. If the objection is overruled and the Appeal Committee does not so direct, or if the objection is sustained, the deposit must be refunded.

67.7 The decision of the Appeal Committee must be conveyed on conclusion of the hearing to all concerned. This includes the Secretary of the SOC, the Judges, the objector, the owner, rider and/or Authorised Agent responsible for the horse against which the objection was made and witnesses who have given evidence.

68 DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (refer also to Appendix III)

68.1. Yellow Warning Cards:

68.1.1 The President of the Ground Jury, the President of the Appeal Committee or Chairman of the SOC (if there is no Appeal Committee) AND the Chief Steward or TD, instead of initiating the procedures of a Disciplinary Committee may choose to deliver to the Person Responsible a yellow warning card, either by hand or by any other suitable means, at an event. A copy must be forwarded to the HAK.

68.1.2 Should the same Person Responsible receive a second warning card at the same or any other Event for the same or a different offence within one year of the delivery of the first yellow warning card, that person shall be automatically suspended for a period of two (2) months immediately from the day following the Event at which the second card is given. The HAK Secretary shall be responsible for notification of such suspension.

68.1.3 If a Person Responsible refuses to accept any Yellow Warning Card, he will be automatically referred to a Disciplinary Committee.

68.2 **The HAK Disciplinary Committee** shall consist of the Chairman, the Vice Chairmen and such representatives of the Discipline, Show or Event as they think fit. Members of a referring Ground Jury or any person directly involved with the dispute are not eligible to sit as a member of that Disciplinary Committee.

68.3 A Disciplinary Committee is appointed to consider complaints of misconduct by members, appeals to the Appeal Committees of Shows and to review or if necessary impose appropriate penalties. In this context, misconduct is defined as failure in the observance of any provision of the Constitution or of any Rule, regulation or bye-law made by the Executive Committee or any other competent authority.

68.4 The findings of and penalties imposed by the Disciplinary Committee shall be final and binding on all parties in every case.

68.5 Complaints of Misconduct. Any person wishing to make a complaint of misconduct by a member must do so in writing to the Secretary of the HAK. If after preliminary investigation the Chairman considers that a prima facie case of misconduct exists which cannot be dealt with summarily, he will refer it to the Disciplinary Committee.

68.6 Before a hearing of the Disciplinary Committee is held:

68.6.1 The Chairman of the Committee shall give to the persons concerned reasonable notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. The Chairman shall send to the person whose case has come before the Disciplinary Committee, a written statement setting out the substance of the allegations made against him without disclosing identities, until the date of the enquiry. Unless the subject of the enquiry has waived in writing, his right to attend, he shall be present at any hearing of the Disciplinary Committee.

68.6.2 At the hearing of the Disciplinary Committee, a person accused of misconduct is entitled to be heard and to call oral evidence. If he decides not to attend, a written statement may be sent to the Disciplinary Committee and the matter will be dealt with in his absence.

68.6.3 No member or the Disciplinary Committee is entitled to be represented by a third party at a Disciplinary Committee enquiry, except a Child Member must always be accompanied by his Parent/Guardian.

68.6.4 Subject to the above provisions, the Disciplinary Committee may adopt such procedure and admit evidence as it thinks fit provided that the person against whom the allegations are made has the opportunity: of answering, of challenging the evidence, examining witnesses and calling any witnesses he may wish.

68.7 If after considering all the evidence the Disciplinary Committee decides that a complaint of misconduct by a member is sustained, they are empowered to impose any one or more of the following penalties:

68.7.1 The member be reprimanded and cautioned as to his future conduct and/or be placed on probation for a time as specified by the Disciplinary Committee.

68.7.2 That a member be suspended from all or any of the rights and privileges of membership for a period not exceeding 3 years.

68.7.3 That any horse belonging to and/or ridden by such a member at the time of the misconduct be barred from competing in any competition at HAK shows for a period not exceeding 12 months; and/or in addition be disqualified from the result of any competition or competitions directly associated with the misconduct.

68.7.4 That the member pays a fine of such sum as the Disciplinary Committee shall in their absolute discretion direct, giving due regard to the gravity of the misconduct.

68.7.5 That recommendation be made to the Executive Committee that the member concerned shall be expelled from the HAK.

68.8 The Chairman or a Vice Chairman of the HAK will within seven days of the Disciplinary Committee's decision notify the complainant and the accused in writing of the findings of the Disciplinary Committee and of any penalties imposed.

69 INDEBTEDNESS TO THE HAK

Any member who fails to pay the specified fees for membership, registration, etc or a fine imposed by the Disciplinary Committee may be notified by the Honorary Secretary of the HAK of his indebtedness by Registered Letter. If such indebtedness is not fully settled within 60 days of the dispatch of such notification, the member shall automatically be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership of the HAK until such time as payment is received.

The HAK Secretary shall notify the member accordingly. Should the member concerned dispute the facts of such indebtedness and the HAK Secretary fail to resolve such dispute, the matter may be reported to the Disciplinary Committee who will investigate it as a complaint of misconduct.

70 INDEBTEDNESS TO SHOWS

If a member fails to make **full payment to a show of all fees due**, the Secretary of the SOC may report the name of such person, together with the names of the horses and the names of the owners in writing to the HAK Secretary itemising the amount of fees outstanding. On receipt of such notice, the HAK Secretary shall notify the member by Registered Letter. If such debt is not fully settled within 60 days of the date of dispatch of the notification, the member shall automatically be suspended from all rights and privileges of membership of the HAK until such time as payment is received. The HAK Secretary shall notify the member accordingly. Should the member concerned dispute the facts of his indebtedness and the Secretary fail to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of those concerned, the matter may be reported to the Disciplinary Committee who will investigate it as a complaint of misconduct.

71 PUBLICATION OF FINDINGS AND PENALTIES

The Disciplinary Committee, the Chairman or a Vice Chairman of the HAK may at his/their absolute discretion publish any disciplinary decision, ruling or direction made concerning any person or matter in such manner as he/ they shall think fit. This may be by electronic transfer, in the public press in any part of Kenya or abroad, and/or on television or sound broadcasting, and/or to or through any news or broadcasting agency or agent or otherwise. Every member of the HAK shall be deemed to have consented thereto.

72 RECOGNITION OF AUTHORITY

All individuals and bodies including Organising Committees, Officials, Horse Owners, Persons Responsible, Competitors and Team Officials involved in any activities within the jurisdiction of these Rules undertake to recognise the authority and responsibilities of all HAK officials, Committees, the FEI and the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in the performance of the duties required of them under these and FEI Rules and undertake not to resort to any other legal procedures in matters coming within the responsibilities of these bodies.

73 AUTHORITY OF DECISION

Officials and Bodies, appointed or established in accordance with these Rules have the authority to make decisions under these Rules and to impose penalties for violations of these Rules and for any contravention of the common principals of behaviour, fairness and accepted standards of sportsmanship whether or not committed during an event, according to the relevant provisions of these Rules.

74 ENFORCEMENT OF PENALTIES

74.1 All penalties imposed under these and FEI Rules and decisions on appeals shall be accepted by the HAK and enforced.

74.2 All penalties imposed by HAK, which concern participation in international events and activities under the jurisdiction of the FEI shall be recognised and enforced by the FEI and all other FEI National Federations.

75 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

75.1 A “Conflict of Interest” may appear to exist whenever others may reasonably infer from the given circumstances that a conflict may exist. “Conflict of Interest” is defined as: any personal or financial gain that could influence or is perceived to influence objectivity when officiating.

75.2 No person who has been directly involved with a dispute concerning the conduct of a competition to which an objection relates is eligible to sit as a member of the Appeal Committee which hears the objection. This includes the Judges, Commentator, Timekeeper and Course Designer as well as owners, Authorised Agents and riders of any horses, which have taken part in the competition.

75.3 To ensure fair practice, no person who is an official, owner, rider, family member, trainer, coach, Veterinarian or any person having a financial interest or close personal interest in a competitor or their horse, may serve at a hearing of the HAK Discipline Committee, an FEI Tribunal or as an arbitrator of the CAS at a hearing involving any person who might be seen to cause a conflict of interest.

(Rules 76 – 99 in abeyance)

NOTES: