

Ensuring Integrity

1. Horses entering a race

Horses must be stabled either at a training center or at the racecourse stables 10 to 15 days before a race to ensure integrity in horse racing and proper quarantine measures. Stabling horses for a certain period until the day of the race and managing them is necessary to gain the credibility of racing fans.

2. Jockeys

After their mounts have been declared on the day before the race, jockeys are obliged to remain in the jockeys' quarters or jockey's room until they mount their assigned horses. These facilities are at racecourses, or training centers and are equipped so that jockeys can prepare themselves mentally and physically to demonstrate their utmost abilities during races. Furthermore, having jockeys under supervised custody in these facilities from the time their mounts have been declared until after a race has finished also has the merit of preventing undesirable incidents that might affect race outcomes.

3. Restricted entry in operational areas

Racetracks strictly restrict anyone who might pose a risk of interfering with the safe running of races or the maintenance of good order inside the track. Additionally, from the perspective of ensuring horses' safety, training centers and other facilities affiliated with racing also strictly limit admittance to only those who have obtained prior permission from racing authorities.



Racing official in monitor towers



Steward surveillance of the race

4. Limitations on offering and purchasing bets

Only authorized racing authorities are permitted to offer bets under Japanese law, so when anyone other than a racing authority offers bets, not only the seller, but also any person who have purchased wagers from the illegal sellers will be severely punished. Moreover, anyone who offer bets via the Internet from an overseas location as well as anyone who purchases bets from such a concern is similarly subject to severe punishment.

5. Stewards' offices are provided at both training centers

Stewards' offices have been set up at both training centers and serve as bases for stable personnel and racehorses, and there are several stewards are on duty there around the clock. The stewards are in constant communication with stable personnel and patrol the training centers' premises as needed in an effort to ensure the safety of horses and personnel.

We are well aware that what is of the utmost importance in the development and in maintaining the support of the many fans of horse racing's is the need to maintain a track environment that is sound and impartial, i.e. one that ensures integrity!



Jockey's quarters