



## **MEDIA STATEMENT – FRIDAY 20 JANUARY**

Kevin Darley, Chief Executive of the Professional Jockeys Association, said: "The PJA has had a very constructive meeting with the British Horseracing Authority today about aspects of the rules on the use of the whip by jockeys.

"A major issue for us is that stewards should be allowed to use their discretion when judging the ride of a jockey. The stewards must be able to interpret the rules and use discretion when they deem it appropriate.

"We are concerned that the penalties imposed on jockeys should be more proportionate. Jockeys also remain unhappy about the deduction of prize-money.

"Our meeting with the BHA was both positive and constructive and we look forward to reconvening in the weeks ahead when we would earnestly hope that a resolution to these outstanding matters can be found."

Kevin Darley was joined at the meeting in London by Jump Jockey Andrew Thornton, Flat Jockey George Baker and the PJA's solicitor Andrew Chalk.

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