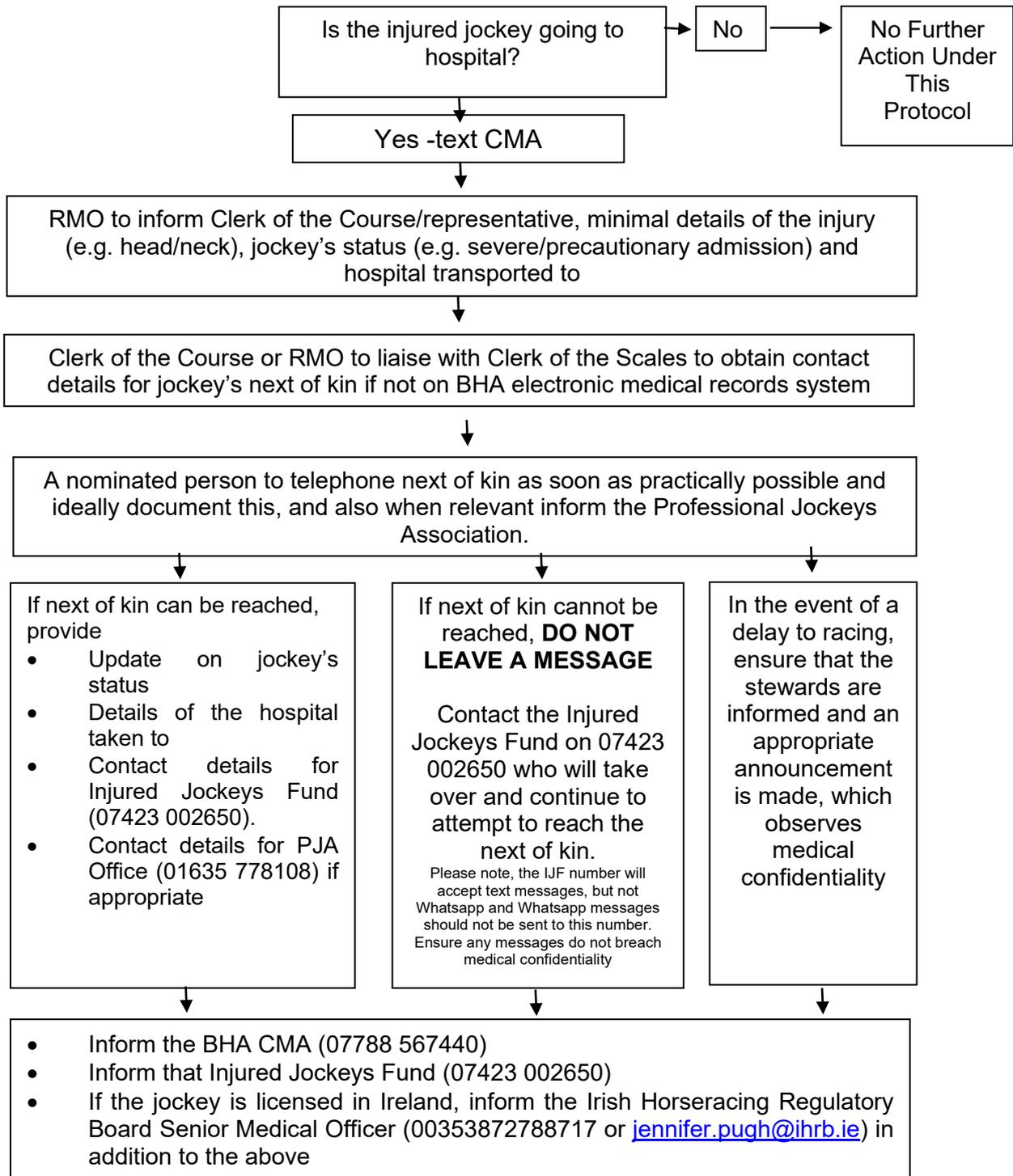


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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

This is a quick reference guide only, to assist in implementing the Jockey Injury Notification Arrangements Procedure and is not a substitute for reading the full document. *RMOs should attempt to obtain and document witnessed verbal consent to share information about the injury and with whom.*



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A. Introduction

Safety is a high priority for racecourses, and provisions are taken to ensure horse and jockey safety. However, incidents may occur which result in a jockey being injured and needing to be transported to hospital.

This document outlines a clear procedure for contacting the Next of Kin which should be followed on all occasions where a jockey is injured and subsequently transported to hospital. If a jockey is not transported to hospital it is assumed that they will be able to contact their Next of Kin, or to arrange for them to be contacted and reassured that the jockey is not seriously injured. In these circumstances the racecourses need take no further action.

In the event of a delay to racing, ensure that the stewards are informed and an appropriate announcement is made, which observes medical confidentiality.

If there is a serious or major incident, the racecourse's plans for these incidents should be implemented and take priority over this procedure – see RCA Racecourse Guidance Document 1.20.

As well as ensuring that the Next of Kin are informed of any accidents, it is also necessary to ensure that provisions are made to return the property of any injured jockey who has been taken to hospital.

This policy is issued with the agreement and support of the RCA Technical Group and the Professional Jockeys Association and applies for any jockey licensed in Great Britain or Ireland. For jockeys licensed in other racing jurisdictions, racecourses may wish to make arrangements on a local basis to ensure they provide the contact details for their Next of Kin before riding.

It is recommended that this document be included in the racecourse Medical Standing Orders, and that a copy of the Quick Reference Guide be put up in the Jockeys' Medical Room.

B. Jockey Injury Notification Procedure

Given below is a step-by-step outline of the procedure, which should be followed when a jockey is injured.

1. Clerks of the Course will be able to access the contact details for the Next of Kin for all jockeys (including amateurs) licensed in Great Britain via the Clerk of the Scales who can access these on their system. They may also be on the BHA electronic medical records system.
2. Irish jockeys are no longer issued with a medical book, and details of their Next of Kin will be included on the BHA electronic medical records system, but are not available via the Clerks Of the Scales System.

3. Jockeys should inform the BHA or the PJA of any changes to the information so that their information can be updated.
4. In the event that a jockey is injured a nominated representative should call the jockey's Next of Kin. During the call they should give an update on the jockey's status, inform which hospital the jockey has been/will be transported to, and give the number of the Injured Jockeys Fund (07423 002650). For professional jockeys licensed in Great Britain only, give them the number of the PJA Office (01635 778108) or the PJA Racing Director (07970 149415) – this action should be documented and shared with the SRMO/Clerk of the Course.
5. The nominated representative should contact the PJA Office regarding professional jockeys licensed in Great Britain only. If they are unable to contact the PJA office, please contact the PJA Racing Director, Dale Gibson (07970 149415). There are a small number of professionally licensed jockeys who are not members of the PJA, and it must be established with the PJA at the start of the phone call whether the jockey in question is a PJA member. If they are not a PJA member, no further information should be provided.
6. The PJA should only be contacted where the jockey in question is a professional jockey licensed in Great Britain. As amateur jockeys and those licensed outside Great Britain are not members of the PJA and it would not be appropriate to contact the PJA regarding their condition.
7. For jockeys licensed in Ireland contact the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board Senior Medical Officer, Jennifer Pugh, on 00353872788717 or Jennifer.pugh@ihrb.ie.
8. If the Clerk of the Course is not able to make these telephone calls, they should request another member of the racecourse staff does so. **These calls should be made as soon as practically possible after the incident.**
9. No medical information should be released except by the RMOs with the Jockey's consent unless the RMO feels in their professional opinion it is in the Jockey's best interest and they have confirmed this with a medical colleague.
10. If there is no answer when the Next of Kin is telephoned or if the call is answered by someone other than the Next of Kin, the caller **should not** leave a message. (see below for action to be taken if the Next of Kin cannot be reached).
11. Information regarding the condition of an injured jockey should not be given to anyone other than the Next of Kin and IJF unless consent has been obtained from the Jockey. If calls are received from concerned friends, relatives, members of the public or media, they must be informed that no information can be given out.
12. The racecourse may receive enquires from the media regarding the condition of an injured jockey. If available on-course the PJA can be asked to provide assistance with responding to these enquiries.
13. The Next of Kin may have accompanied the jockey to the racecourse. In this event they should be located immediately and a member of staff appointed to tend to them as appropriate.

C. **Action to be taken if the Clerk of the Course or Racecourse Representative Is Unable to Reach the Next of Kin**

1. If the Clerk of the Course or Nominated Representative is unable to reach the Next of Kin they should contact the IJF, inform them of the jockeys name and telephone number, name and location of the hospital that the jockey is travelling to and confirm the Next of Kin's details. The IJF will then continue to try and contact the Next of Kin.
2. If the Next of Kin has not received a call from a member of the racecourse medical team or Racecourse Representative they should contact the PJA who will liaise with the course and IJF. There are a small number of professionally licensed jockeys who are not members of the PJA, and it must be established with the PJA at the start of the phone call whether the jockey in question is a PJA member. If they are not a PJA member, no further information should be provided.
3. The RCA will provide the IJF/ PJA with the contact numbers for all Clerks of the Course, and upon receiving a call from the Next of Kin the PJA should call the Clerk of the Course to reconfirm the emergency contact details and remind them to follow this procedure. The PJA should not give out telephone numbers for Clerks of the Course to concerned callers.
4. If the concerned caller is not the Next of Kin listed by the jockey, there is no requirement for the Clerk of the Course to contact them, and no information should be given out.

D **Jockeys' Belongings**

In addition to informing the Next of Kin regarding the condition of any injured jockey, it will be necessary to ensure that their belongings are returned to them or their home. Below are some actions which could be taken to facilitate this.

1. The Clerk of the Course or Racecourse Representative should establish what property had been left at the racecourse (e.g. clothing, riding equipment, vehicle etc).
2. It should be established with the Next of Kin where these belongings should be returned to.
3. It should be determined whether any jockeys, trainers or valets will be able to return the belongings.
4. If necessary, a member of racecourse personnel should be assigned to return these possessions to the jockey's home or to the yard of the relevant trainer.

E **Medical Liaison**

The medical arrangements for any jockey injured at a racecourse will be managed by the racecourse medical personnel, until such time as they are transported to hospital, if necessary. However, there are a number of steps which can also be taken by the Clerk of the Course/racecourse representative.

1. Racecourse medical personnel will undertake an initial assessment of a jockey's condition and determine what treatment is necessary. Ideally they should obtain and document witnessed verbal consent to share information and with whom.

2. In the event that a jockey needs to be sent to hospital the BHA CMA should be informed by the (S)RMO of the nature of the injuries sustained and the receiving hospital. The nominated representative should contact the IJF and Next of Kin to offer information and assistance.
3. If possible, the racecourse medical personnel or other racecourse representative should maintain contact with the relevant hospital to determine the status of the jockey and should ensure that the Next of Kin is kept informed.

F. **IJF Procedure for Jockeys transferred to hospital**

1. Clerk of Course, RMO or nominated representative will call IJF and Jockey's Next of Kin to inform of transfer to hospital and where. Clerk of Course to notify PJA.
2. IJF to contact Jockey or person accompanying Jockey ASAP and give appropriate support.
3. IJF to report incident to PJA Chief Executive and BHA CMA.
4. All Jockeys likely to be in hospital for more than one night should be offered a visit by IJF.

In all instances, the Jockey's Next of Kin can contact the PJA or IJF and, in the case of serious injury, the IJF /PJA should contact the Next of Kin and offer any help/assistance.