

THE BRITISH HORSERACING AUTHORITY
IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY DARREN MARK WILLIAMS
FOR A FLAT RACE JOCKEY'S LICENCE FOR 2010/11
BEFORE THE LICENSING COMMITTEE ON 3 AUGUST 2010

STEPHEN ALLDAY ESQ Chairman

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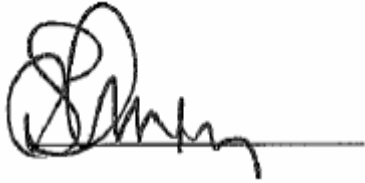
REASONS

1. On 3 August 2010 the Licensing Committee (“the Committee”) decided to grant the application of Darren Mark Williams (“Mr Williams”) for a Flat Jockey’s Licence for the period expiring 17 March 2011.
2. On 4 November 2010 the Committee refused Mr Williams’ application for such a licence for the period expiring 17 March 2010 on the grounds that he was not at the time a ‘fit and proper person’.
3. Following refusal of his last application, Mr Williams has been riding in Bahrain. He returned in May of this year and applied for a licence by application dated 1 June 2010.
4. He appeared before the Committee in person and without lawyers. The Committee set out its concerns with regard to Mr Williams’ past conduct, which had resulted in the refusal of his last application.
5. Mr Williams apologised unreservedly to the Committee for his past conduct, said that he was embarrassed by his behaviour and accepted that he should not have misled the Committee into granting him a licence in January 2008. He said that he was committed to observing the Rules of Racing, particularly those related to Inside Information and had spoken to senior jockeys about the practical side of

observing those rules. He gave assurances to the Committee about his future conduct, were a licence to be granted to him.

6. Mr Williams was questioned about his contrition and apparent reform. It is all too easy for a licence applicant with a history of past misdeeds to make a false show of contrition and commitment to the Rules of Racing.
7. The Committee is required to make a judgment about the fitness and propriety of licence applicants and must make that judgment based on all the evidence, including an assessment of the demeanour and attitude of the applicant, in addition to the statements made by him or on his behalf.
8. The Committee considered Mr Williams to be deserving of a fresh licence, demonstrating sufficient insight into his earlier misconduct and sufficient commitment to the Rules of Racing, coupled with a genuine contrition.
9. The Committee decided to attach a condition to the licence, requiring Mr Williams to attend as soon as practicable a briefing on Inside Information organised by the Authority. Mr Williams had given an undertaking to the Disciplinary Panel to attend a course on Inside Information. Courses of the description referred to in that undertaking are no longer provided by the Authority and in the circumstances, and in order to ensure Mr Williams' full acquaintance with the rules on Inside Information as they now are, his participation in a briefing was considered to be an appropriate condition to attach to the grant of the licence.
10. Were Mr Williams to breach the assurances he gave to the Committee as to his future conduct, particularly with respect to the Rules of Racing concerning Inside Information and integrity in general, it would become considerably more difficult for him to argue for his re-admission to the sport following any disqualification or like penalty imposed for any breach of those rules.

16 August 2010

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Stephen Allday

For and on behalf of the Licensing Committee