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OSAF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE WHIP

Given the general concern about the correct use of the whip throughout the World - as a corrective tool used for jockeys during racing - OSAF reaffirms the advice noted to its member racecourses, to see that IFHA's Principles of Good Practice are followed, while it gives a series of specific recommendations.



IFHA sets a series of guidelines and recommendations in Art. 32A of its International Agreement of Breeding, Racing and Wagering, ("Minimum Standard Guidelines On the Whip and Its Use"), which begins by describing the type of whip accepted for use in competition, bearing in mind that it causes no harm to the horse: "Only padded/shock absorbing whips/crops which have not been modified in any way may be carried by a rider at any time." OSAF has recommended this type of whip, which has become the *regulatory whip* in use in Latin American racetracks since 2012.

OSAF advises its member racecourses:

1. To prohibit the use of the whip before competition.
2. To limit the use of the whip to a maximum of 12 times in the straight.
3. To limit the use of the whip during competition so that it's used only in the final straight, with the exception of any particular situation where the safety of the jockey and/or horse are at stake (in order to get back on the right track).
4. To prohibit the use of the whip past the finish line, with the exception of any particular situation where the safety of the jockey and/or horse are at stake (to correct its path).

This also implies that:

- IFHA's recommendations should be complied with, and cases of abuse or inappropriate use of the whip should be penalized in all types of competition (Black-types and non grade races, in every category)
- These recommendations should be communicated to licenced and apprentice jockeys riding at the racecourse, and in apprentice jockeys training centers.
- Racecourse Stewards or Racing Commission - as relevant - may watch out for possible cases of abuse or inappropriate use of the whip, and that they are clear and thorough on applying penalizations.
- That the racecourse may suspend an infringer jockey, as an essential part of the adequate justice and rule enforcement systems.

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