



Stewards Report – 19/12/2025

Going:	Good
Track:	INNER
Rail Position:	True
Stalls Position:	Middle: 1000m (Straight), 1400m,1600m Outside: 2000m, 2200m
Chief Steward:	Paul Barton
Stewards:	Hani Marzooq Husain Ali Mahmood Mirza Moh'd Aldoy
Non-Runners:	R2 – TAUFAN R7 - BLUE DAY
Withdrawn on Raceday:	R2 – TAREEKH – withdrawn by the Starter at 4:35 pm R7 – LABALABA – withdrawn by the Vet at 1:44 pm R7 - REBEL AT DAWN (IRE) - withdrawn by the Vet at 6:39 pm R8 – SIGNALMAN – withdrawn by the Vet at 3:00 pm R8 – KINGHT – withdrawn by the Vet at 5:04 pm
Fixture Note:	None
Adjourned Cases:	None



Race 1 - 04:00 pm

H.H.SH.HAMAD BIN KHALID BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA CUP

KUHEILAN AL ADIYAT 1894 was given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring.

Race 2 - 04:30 pm

H.H.SH.SALMAN BIN KHALID BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA CUP

HERCULES was given permission to be mounted before the parade ring and wear a hood to the start. SOCIAL DISTANCING and HERCULES were given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring.

TAREEKH, ridden by Ahmed Maki and trained by Ahmed Al Sadah, was unruly in the stalls and was withdrawn by the Starter at 4.35pm. The Trainer was informed that TAREEKH may not be entered to race until the gelding has passed a stalls test, and that he may only take a stalls test when the Starting Team is satisfied that the gelding is ready to do so.

Race 3 - 05:00 pm

H.H.SH. ABDULLA BIN KHALID BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA CUP

WAQIAAH, AL NUWAYEF, and BUDVA were given permission to wear hoods to the start. AL NUWAYEF was given permission to go early to the start.

The Stewards enquired into why Marco Ghiani, rider of WAQIAAH, placed 2nd, was slow to remove the blindfold on leaving the stalls. Having reviewed recordings and interviewed the rider, the Stewards accepted his explanation that, when he tried to remove the blindfold, it became caught on the right cup of the horse's blinkers, and they took no further action.

Race 4 - 05:30 pm

H.H.SH. FAISAL BIN KHALID BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA CUP

MIDHAAL and CALIFORNIA were given permission to wear hoods to the start. MEDITERRANEAN MOON, placed 4th, ridden by Lee Newman, ran too free in the early stages of the race and then hung right-handed in the home straight.

The Stewards enquired into possible interference shortly after the start between MIDHAAL, placed 2nd, ridden by Callum Shepherd, and HADDAR, unplaced,



ridden by Tom Eaves. Having reviewed the recordings and interviewed the riders, the Stewards found Callum Shepherd guilty of careless riding and fined him BD 50/- for shifting MIDHAAL sharply right-handed after leaving the stalls, causing HADDAR to be short of room and have to be eased off heels.

Race 5 - 06:00 pm

H.H.SH. NASSER BIN KHALID BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA CUP

NEPAL (IRE) and THE PARENT (GB) were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

THE PARENT (GB), placed 4th, ridden by Ebrahim Nader, ran too free in the early stages of the race.

Race 6 - 06:30 pm

H.H.SH.KHALID BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA CUP

NO RETREAT (IRE), BYLINE (GB) and CALIF (GER) were given permission to wear hoods to the start. CHANDIGAH (IRE) was given permission to wear a hood in the parade ring.

The Stewards held an enquiry into two incidents of possible interference. The first incident, inside the 400m, involved CHANDIGAH (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Mark Lawson, the winner BYLINE (GB), ridden by Ebrahim Nader, and ROYAL SCIMITAR (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Jason Hart. Having viewed the recordings and interviewed the riders, the Stewards found Mark Lawson guilty of careless riding for allowing CHANDIGAH (IRE) to shift left, causing ROYAL SCIMITAR (IRE) to be short of room and eased off heels, and imposed a fine of BD 50/-.

The second incident, approaching the 200m, involved CALIF (GER), placed 3rd, ridden by Alberto Sanna, and MEHMENTO (IRE), placed 4th, ridden by Marco Ghiani. The Stewards found that CALIF (GER) had been denied a clear run, but that there had been no riding offence and therefore took no further action.

Race 7 - 07:00 pm

AL MANAMA CUP SPONSORED BY BBK

DAIRERIN (GB), ROMAN DRAGON (GB), ARABIAN SUN (IRE), QASEEM (IRE), THUNDER OF NIAGARA (IRE), and DUBAI BLING (IRE) were given permission to wear hoods to the start.



The Regulatory Veterinary Officer (RVO) reported that REBEL AT DAWN (IRE), trained by Adel Abdulla recorded a pre-race TCO2 reading above the accepted level and was withdrawn at 6:39 pm. After hearing evidence from the RVO and the Trainer, the Stewards adjourned the enquiry to a later date.

The Stewards held an enquiry into possible interference after the winning line involving the winner KENDALL ROY (GB), ridden by Hussain Makki, and DUBAI BLING (IRE), placed 3rd, ridden by Ebrahim Nader. Having viewed the recordings and interviewed the riders, the Stewards cautioned Hussain Makki for careless riding in that he took his hand off the rein to celebrate after the winning line, allowing KENDALL ROY (GB) to drift right when not sufficiently clear, causing DUBAI BLING (IRE) to be checked.

Alberto Sanna, the rider of THUNDER OF NIAGARA (IRE), reported that he pulled-up the gelding as he felt lame.

DUBAI BLING (IRE), placed 3rd, ridden by Ebrahim Nader, was denied a clear run inside the final 400m.

The Veterinary Officer reported that ARABIAN SUN (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Jason Hart and trained by Clive Cox, bled from the nose.

Race 8 - 07:40 pm

AL MUHARRAQ CUP SPONSORED BY ALBA

SALAMANCA LAD (IRE), HI ROYAL (IRE), BLEAK (IRE), and DAIN MA NUT IN (IRE) were given permission to wear hoods to the start. BLEAK (IRE) was given permission to go early to the start.

Marco Ghiani, the rider of SALAMANCA LAD (IRE), unplaced, reported that his saddle slipped in the back straight, causing him to lose his irons.

CLOUD SEEKER (GB), placed 4th ridden by Oisin McSweeney, was denied a clear run inside the final 400m.

The Stewards noted that KNIGHT OF HONOUR (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Hasan Al Saffar, was carried wide entering the home straight by DAIN MA NUT IN (IRE), ridden by Callum Shepherd, unplaced, who reported that he had been unable to steer the gelding turning into the home straight and he was unable to ride him out.



Summary of Penalties Imposed

Race Number	Jockey/Trainer	Penalty	Offence	Article
4	Callum Shepherd	Fine BD 50/-	Careless riding	37.24.3
6	Mark Lawson	Fine BD 50/-	Careless riding	37.24.3
7	Husain Makki	Caution	Careless riding	37.24.3

Horses Suspended

Horse	Reason	Period of Suspension
TAREEKH	Unruly in the stalls	Until passed a stalls test
ARABIAN SUN (IRE)	Bled from the nose	6 weeks

Post-race horses sampled:

1. KUHEILAN AL ADIYAT 1894
2. HIZAAM
3. LUNA, WAQIAAH
4. GALATIA
5. MONTY BAY (GB)
6. BYLINE (GB), NO RETREAT (IRE), CALIF (GER), MEHMENTO (IRE)
7. KENDALL ROY (GB), ROMAN DRAGON (GB), DUBAI BLING (IRE), DESERT COP (GB), NATIONWIDE (IRE)
8. NESTHORN (GB), HI ROYAL (IRE), PHOENIX PASSION (IRE), CLOUD SEEKER (GB), ROLLAJAM (IRE)