



Stewards Report – 02/01/2026

Going:	Good to Firm, Good in Places
Track:	OUTER
Rail Position:	True
Stalls Position:	Middle: 1000m (Straight), 1200m (Straight), 1400m, 1800m Outside: 2000m, 2200m
Chief Steward:	Paul Barton
Stewards:	Hani Marzooq Husain Ali Mahmood Mirza Moh'd Aldoy
Non-Runners:	R7 - DAN TUCKER R7 - GRAND CITY HALL R7 - DAIRERIN R7 - BUFFER ZONE R8 - LOVE IS THE LAW R8 - AZKA R8 - DAIN MA NUT IN R8 - MERLIN'S BEARD
Withdrawn on Raceday:	None
Fixture Note:	APRES DARK (IRE), trained by Khalid Al Khatri, passed his stalls test and can now be entered to race.
Adjourned Cases:	The Stewards held an enquiry into why THARB, unplaced, ridden by Ali Isa and trained by Yousif Alboainain, ran in an eye shield instead of the declared eye cover in Race 2 on 26/12/2025. The Trainer stated that this was a mistake as he was unaware of the difference between the two headgears, as in Arabic, the definition is the same. The Stewards disqualified THARB from the race and cautioned the Trainer for failing to run THARB in the declared headgear.



Race 1 - 01/02/2026 04:00 pm

AL JELLABY 1961 and OBEYAN 1923 were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

Race 2 - 02/01/2026 04:30 pm

ZOMAAN and KHAWAFY were given permission to be mounted before the parade ring. AUTHORITY was given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring. BUDVA was given permission to go to the start early. ZOMAAN, PERAST, BUDVA, AUTHORITY and BAYRAM were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

BAYRAM, unplaced, ridden by Mohammed Hassan, stumbled before the crossing shortly after the start of the race.

KHAWAFY, unplaced, ridden by Adnan Jaffar, ran too free in the early stages of the race.

The Stewards enquired into possible interference approaching the first bend between MUSTADEEM, unplaced, ridden by Zuhair Majeed, and KHAWAFY, unplaced, ridden by Adnan Jaffar. Having reviewed the recordings and interviewed the riders, the Stewards fined Zuhair Majeed BD 50/- for careless riding for steering MUSTADEEM right-handed towards the rail when not sufficiently clear, causing KHAWAFY to be short of room and have to be eased off heels.

Race 3 - 02/01/2026 05:00 pm BAHRAIN BOURSE CUP

TOMAHAWK, AL YATEEM, ISTANBUL and MUSTABSHER were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

PETRUS, unplaced, ridden by Benoit De La Sayette, and BAIRAQ, placed 2nd, ridden by Gavin Ryan, both ran too free in the early stages of the race.

The Veterinary Officer reported that MIND READER, unplaced, trained by Paul Smith, bled from the nose.

An enquiry was held to consider the placings in this race after possible interference approaching the winning line between the winner, ISTANBUL, ridden by Ebrahim Nader, and BAIRAQ, placed 2nd, ridden by Gavin Ryan. Having reviewed the recordings and interviewed the riders, the Stewards found Ebrahim Nader guilty of careless riding and fined him BD 50/- for allowing ISTANBUL to shift left-handed away from the whip, taking BAIRAQ off its intended line. The Stewards were satisfied that ISTANBUL had not improved his placing as BAIRAQ was beaten 3/4 length, and the interference occurred close to the winning line, and the gelding lost little momentum.

The Stewards enquired into possible interference inside the final 400m between MEAAD, unplaced, ridden by Neil Callan, and AZZIFF, unplaced, ridden by Lee Newman. Having reviewed the recordings and interviewed the riders, the Stewards found that MEAAD had hung sharply right-handed despite the rider's best efforts to correct him. They therefore considered the interference to be accidental and took no further action.



Race 4 - 02/01/2026 05:30 pm
CHARLES RUSSELL SPEECHLYS CUP

ROSA MYSTICA (IRE) was given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring and have a staff member assist with loading into the stalls. LABALABA (FR) and CASSANDER (IRE) were given permission to go to the start early. LABALABA (FR), DREAM OUT LOUD (IRE), MEARALL (IRE), CASSANDER (IRE) and VLAD (GB) were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

Race 5 - 02/01/2026 06:00 pm

RAHEEL, CALL TO COURT, SHGARDI and ESRAR were given permission to wear hoods to the start. MIBLISH was given permission to go to the start early.

This race was late off, as the runners arrived late to the start.

The Stewards noted that SHGARDI, unplaced, ridden by Gavin Ryan, shifted sharply right-handed on leaving the stalls and briefly made contact with MIBLISH, unplaced, ridden by Salem Alajmi. The Stewards considered the interference to be accidental and took no further action.

CALL TO COURT, unplaced, ridden by Ebrahim Nader, and RAHEEL, placed 3rd, ridden by Edward Greatrex, both hung left-handed in the closing stages of the race.

Race 6 - 02/01/2026 06:30 pm
SOUTHERN GOVERNORATE CUP

MAXIMUM IMPACT (GB), PIZ NAIR (IRE), COVER POINT (GB) and NO RETREAT (IRE) were given permission to wear hoods to the start. IBN ARABI (IRE) was given permission to have a staff member assist with loading into the stalls.

JUANTORENA (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Alberto Sanna, hung right-handed in the home straight and was eased from the 200m marker.

The Veterinary Officer reported that BUSSENTO (IRE), placed 2nd, ridden by Neil Callan, lost his right-hind shoe during the race.

Race 7 - 02/01/2026 07:00 pm
AL RIFFA CUP

BURDETT (IRE) was given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring. BURDETT (IRE), DUBAI BLING (IRE), ROMAN DRAGON (GB), RAMAZAN (IRE), CHIEF MANKATO (GB) and QASEEM (IRE) were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

The Veterinary Officer reported that QASEEM (IRE), unplaced, trained by Jaber Ramadhan, bled from the nose.

The Stewards noted that approaching the 400m marker, ROMAN DRAGON (GB), unplaced, ridden by Lee Newman, hung right-handed, causing AUDITOR (GB), unplaced, ridden by Mark Lawson, to be short of room, making contact with DUBAI BLING (IRE), placed 3rd, ridden by Ebrahim Nader. The Stewards considered the interference to be accidental and took no further action.



The Veterinary officer reported that during routine sampling, COMMANCHE FALLS (GB) was observed to have blood in his right nostril. Given that there was evidence that the horse had banged its head, endoscopy revealed that the horse did not bleed internally, therefore no suspension was imposed."

Race 8 - 02/01/2026 07:40 pm
AL DANA CUP SPONSORED BY AL SALAM BANK

VESTIGIA (IRE), SOLDIER'S EMPIRE (IRE), SALAMANCA LAD (IRE), SIGNALMAN (IRE) and HI ROYAL (IRE) were given permission to wear hoods to the start. The Stewards enquired into possible interference approaching the 200m between the winner, HI ROYAL (IRE), ridden by Neil Callan, and PHEONIX PASSION (IRE), placed 3rd, ridden by Szczepan Mazur. Having reviewed the recordings and interviewed the riders, the Stewards fined Neil Callan BD 50/- for careless riding for allowing HI ROYAL (IRE) to shift right-handed away from the whip, taking PHEONIX PASSION (IRE) off his intended line.

Summary of Penalties Imposed

Race Number	Jockey/Trainer	Penalty	Offence	Article
2 (26/12/25) Adjourned Enquiry	Yousif Alboainain	Caution	Failure to apply the declared headgear	37.24.3
2	Zuhair Majeed	Fine BD 50/-	Careless riding	37.24.3
3	Ebrahim Nader	Fine BD 50/-	Careless riding	37.24.3
8	Neil Callan	Fine BD 50/-	Careless riding	37.24.3

Horses Suspended

Horse	Reason	Period of Suspension
MIND READER	6 weeks	Bled from the nose
QASEEM (IRE)	6 weeks	Bled from the nose

Post-race horses sampled:

1. AL SHAWAF 1956
2. SABRAJ, DAHIS
3. BAIRAQ, ISTANBUL
4. DREAM OUT LOUD (IRE)



5. SON OF ZOUS, CALL TO COURT
6. NO RETREAT (IRE)
7. CHANDIGAH (IRE), COMMANCHE FALLS (GB), DUBAI BLING (IRE), KAASIB (IRE), INVEIGLE (GB)
8. HI ROYAL (IRE), CLOUD SEEKER (GB), PHEONIX PASSION (IRE), SALAMANCA LAD (IRE), SLIEVE BINNIAN (IRE), SOLDIER'S EMPIRE