



Stewards Report – 16/01/2026

Going:	Good to Firm
Track:	INNER
Rail Position:	True
Stalls Position:	Middle: 1000m (Straight), 1200m (Straight), 1400m, 1600m, 2000m Outside: 2200m
Chief Steward:	Paul Barton
Stewards:	Hani Marzooq Husain Ali Mahmood Mirza Moh'd Aldoy
Non-Runners:	R3 - TAJ MAHAL R5 - BAIRAQ R6 - MEMBERS ONLY R6 - BELLO R7 – DAIRERIN
Withdrawn on Raceday:	R2 - DARK JADE withdrawn by the Stewards at 16.20 R5 – FATAL OBSESSION withdrawn by RVO at 14.02 R8 – KING OF THE THRONE withdrawn by RVO at 10.22
Fixture Note:	None
Adjourned Cases:	None

Race 1 - 16/01/2026 04:00 pm



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

OBEYAN 1893 was given permission to wear a hood to the start.

Race 2 - 16/01/2026 04:30 pm

THE HUNTSMAN CUP

DARK JADE (GB) was given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring, to go to the start early, and to have a staff member assist with loading into the stalls.

PURE DREAMER (GB), CRACKING GOLD (GB), COMPETIZIONE (FR) and MAXIMUM IMPACT (GB) were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

Jaber Ramadhan, the trainer of BENNETOT (IRE), requested that the gelding run in a hood instead of cheekpieces. The Stewards fined him BD 50/- for failing to declare the correct headgear, this being his second offence of this nature this season.

The Stewards held an enquiry into why DARK JADE (GB) went to the start wearing an eye shield instead of the declared blinkers. The Trainer stated that this was a mistake as he was unaware of the difference between the two types of headgear, as in Arabic, the definition is the same. The Stewards withdrew DARK JADE (GB) and cautioned the Trainer for declaring the wrong headgear.

URBAN SPRAWL (GB), unplaced, ridden by Hasan Al Saffar, and ARCTIC GREY (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Lee Newman, both ran too free in the early stages of the race.

The Regulatory Veterinary Officer reported that AUDITOR (GB) had bled from the nose.

Race 3 - 16/01/2026 05:00 pm

H.H. SH. SALMAN BIN ISA BIN SALMAN AL KHALIFA CUP

JERUSALEMA and BATTLE OF TALAS were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

BATTLE OF TALAS, unplaced, ridden by Mohammed Jamil, was slowly away from the stalls.

Abdulla Faisal, the rider of ELVOGUE, unplaced, trained by Abdulla Kuwaiti, reported that the gelding had a breathing problem. The Regulatory Veterinary Officer reported that no abnormalities were detected during routine testing.



The Clerk of the Scales reported that Benoit De La Sayette, the rider of JERUSALEMA, placed 4th, had failed to weigh in. The Stewards interviewed the rider, who admitted that he had gone into the Jockeys' Changing Room without weighing in. The Stewards disqualified JERUSALEMA, amended the placings and placed DECEMBER in 4th. Benoit De La Sayette was fined BD 100/- for failing to weigh in.

Race 4 - 16/01/2026 05:30 pm

H.H. SH. ABDULLA BIN ISA BIN SALMAN AL KHALIFA CUP

NEPAL (IRE), WHATHAPPENSINVEGAS (IRE), DOUBLE JUMP (GB), REFRESHMENT (IRE), CHANNAGIDE (USA) and LASER GUIDED (IRE) were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

The Stewards enquired into possible interference around the 400 metre marker between REFRESHMENT (IRE), placed 2nd, ridden by Abdulla Faisal, and NEPAL (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Callum Shepherd. Having reviewed the recordings and interviewed the riders, the Stewards found Abdulla Faisal guilty of improper riding and suspended him for 4 meetings (23, 29, 30 January and 6 February) for steering REFRESHMENT (IRE) sharply left-handed in an attempt to get a run and, in doing so, intentionally barging NEPAL (IRE), which was directly to his left, and putting that horse out of the race.

Race 5 - 16/01/2026 06:00 pm

AL ADIYAT BAHRAIN BRED CUP

AL QAMAIRAH and PISCES were given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring. SOUTH CHINA SEA, MASARAH, GANADEEL, CALL ME MAYBE, and PISCES were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

WARDA, ridden by Szczepan Mazur, was slowly away from the stalls.

Qasim Jameel, the rider of AL QAMAIRAH, reported that the buckle on his left stirrup leather became detached, causing him to lose his irons.



Race 6 - 16/01/2026 06:30 pm

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

TAREEKH and AUTHORITY were given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring. RIYAHEEN, DEHAM, JADWA, RAHEEL, AUTHORITY and ESRAR were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

The Regulatory Veterinary Officer reported that RASHASH, trained by Ahmed Al Sadah, was a gelding and not a colt as shown in the racecard. The Stewards interviewed the Trainer and adjourned the enquiry to check the Stud Book records.

This race was late off as the runners arrived late at the start.

RIYAHEEN, ridden by Adnan Jaffar, reared leaving the stalls and then stumbled, causing the rider to lose his irons.

The Regulatory Veterinary Officer reported that ESRAR had bled from the nose.

Race 7 - 16/01/2026 07:00 pm

AL WASMIYA CUP SPONSORED BY NATIONAL BANK OF BAHRAIN

BUFFER ZONE (GB) and BURDETT (IRE) were given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring and to wear hoods to the start. ALZAHIR (FR) was given permission to go to the start early, wear a hood to the start and have a staff member assist with loading into the stalls.

KENDALL ROY (GB) threw his head up shortly after leaving the stalls, catching the rider, Husain Makki, on the side of the head. Makki was examined by a racecourse doctor and passed fit to ride.

Race 8 - 16/01/2026 07:40 pm

AL ADIYAT CUP SPONSORED BY BAREEQ

SIGNALMAN (IRE) was given permission to go to the start early. SIGNALMAN (IRE), PANNING FOR GOLD (IRE), PHANTOM FLIGHT (GB), HI ROYAL (IRE), CALIF (GER) and VESTIGIA (IRE) were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

Soufiane Saadi, the rider of PANNING FOR GOLD (IRE), placed 3rd, trained by Mohamed Hasan, reported that the gelding was outpaced in the early stages of the race over a trip short of his optimum distance and was then denied a clear run in the home straight.



Summary of Penalties Imposed

Race Number	Jockey/Trainer	Penalty	Offence	Article
2	Jaber Ramadhan	Fine BD 50/-	Change of headgear	20.23
2	Jaffar Radhi	Caution	Declared wrong headgear	20.24 47.3
3	Benoit De Le Sayette	Fine BD 100/-	Failure to weigh in	37.34 37.26 37.33
4	Abdulla Faisal	Suspension 4 meetings	Improper riding	37.24.2

Horses Suspended

Horse	Reason	Period of Suspension
AUDITOR (GB)	Bled from the nose	6 weeks
ESRA	Bled from the nose	6 weeks

Post-race horses sampled:

1. OBEYAN 1893
2. BUSSENTO (GB), URBAN SPRAWL (GB)
3. REALM, ELVOGUE
4. BATTYEFORD BOY (IRE), FLAMOUTH LAD (GB)
5. SOUTH CHINA SEA
6. LUNA
7. ANOTHER BAAR (GB), CHANDIGAH (IRE), PARTISAN HERO (IRE), ROCKING ENDS (GB), GRAND CITY HALL (IRE)
8. PHANTOM FLIGHT (GB), HI ROYAL (IRE), PANNING FOR GOLD (IRE), VESTIGIA (IRE), CALIF (GER)