



Stewards' Report – 19/02/2026

Going:	Good to Firm
Track:	OUTER
Rail Position:	Home bend out 1.5m
Stalls Position:	Middle: 1000m (Straight), 1400m, 1600m Outside: 1800m, 2200m
Chief Steward:	Paul Barton
Stewards:	Hani Marzooq Husain Ali Mahmood Mirza Moh'd Aldoy
Non-Runners:	Race 2 - AZZIIF Race 4 - WHAT A BUSINESS (IRE), BUFFER ZONE (GB), GRAND CITY HALL (IRE), REBEL AT DAWN (IRE) Race 8 - BATTLE OF TALAS
Withdrawn on Raceday:	None
Fixture Note:	None
Adjourned Cases:	None

Race 1 – 19/02/2026 08:15 pm

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

AL KRUSH 1854 and OBEYAN 1893 were given permission to wear hoods to the start. OBEYAN 1777, placed 3rd, ridden by Husain Makki, was slowly away from the stalls and hung right-handed in the home straight. Husain Makki, the rider of OBEYAN 1777, placed 3rd, was cautioned for using the whip with excessive frequency in the home straight.

Race 2 – 19/02/2026 08:45 pm

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

BUDVA, POINCIANA, SAKHR, and POSH PLACE were given permission to wear hoods to the start. IRIDESCENT, ridden by Ahmed Husain, and RASHASH, ridden by Ebrahim Nader, both unplaced, were slowly away from the stalls.

BUDVA, unplaced, ridden by Husain Makki, ran too free in the early stages of the race. Ali Isa, the rider of INJAZAT, unplaced, was cautioned for using the whip with excessive frequency in the home straight.



The Stewards noted interference shortly after the start between IRIDESCENT, ridden by Ahmed Hussain, AKLIL, ridden by Adnan Jaffar, and AL NADER, ridden by Stephane Ladjadj, all unplaced. Having reviewed the recordings, the Stewards were satisfied that no riding offence had been committed and took no further action.

Race 3 – 19/02/2026 09:15 pm

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

RIDER ON THE STORM, HERCULES, and CALIFORNIA were given permission to wear hoods to the start. SOCIAL DISTANCING and HERCULES were given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring. SOCIAL DISTANCING was given permission to have a staff member at the start to assist with loading into the stalls.

Race 4 – 19/02/2026 09:45 pm

AL SAKHIR CUP SPONSORED BY TEXEL AIR

ROMAN DRAGON (GB), GRAND GREY (IRE), BLUE DAY (GB), DREAM OUT LOUD (IRE), DUBAI BLING (IRE) and CHIEF MANKATO (GB) were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

The Stewards cautioned Hugo Palmer, the trainer of DUBAI BLING (IRE), for failing to declare a rider by the close of declarations. Permission was given for Jules Mobian to ride DUBAI BLING (IRE).

Abdulla Faisal, the rider of INVEIGLE (GB), unplaced, dropped his whip inside the final 400m.

The Stewards enquired into possible interference approaching the 200m between ROMAN DRAGON (GB), ridden by A.Rahim Jasim, GRAND GREY (IRE), ridden by Kieran Shoemark, and DESERT COP (GB), ridden by Lee Newman, all unplaced. Having reviewed the recordings and interviewed the riders, the Stewards cautioned A.Rahim Jasim for careless riding for allowing ROMAN DRAGON (GB) to shift right-handed away from the whip without correction, causing GRAND GREY (IRE) to have to be eased to avoid clipping heels.

Race 5 – 19/02/2026 10:20 pm

BAHRAIN VISION CUP SPONSORED BY BEYON

PHOENIX PASSION (IRE), REFRESHMENT (IRE), LORD MONTAGUE (GB), WESTRIDGE (FR), SOLDIER'S EMPIRE (IRE) and SIGNALMAN (IRE) were given permission to wear hoods to the start.

CLOUD SEEKER (GB), ridden by Callum Shepherd, was resaddled at the start.

Benoit De La Sayette, the rider of REFRESHMENT (IRE), unplaced, was denied a clear run approaching the 200m marker.

The Regulatory Veterinary Officer reported that SOLDIER'S EMPIRE (IRE), unplaced, trained by Osama Hashim, had bled from the nose.

Stephane Ladjadj, the rider of ROLLAJAM (IRE), unplaced, was cautioned for using the whip with excessive frequency in the home straight.

Ebrahim Nader, the rider of WESTRIDGE (FR), placed 2nd, was fined BD 50/- for using the whip with excessive frequency in the home straight, including twice down the shoulder in the forehand position on the run to the line.

The Stewards considered the disappointing run of CLOUD SEEKER (GB), unplaced, ridden by Callum Shepherd. The Regulatory Veterinary Officer reported no abnormalities during routine testing.



Race 6 – 19/02/2026 10:50 pm

H.H. SH. NASSER BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA CUP (SPONSORED BY BAPCO ENERGIES)

PANNING FOR GOLD (IRE), NEPAL (IRE), GORDON GREY (IRE), CRACKSKING (GB), CALIF (GER), DAIN MA NUT IN (IRE) and VESTIGIA (IRE) were given permission to wear hoods to the start. DAIN MA NUT IN (IRE) was also given permission to wear a hood in the parade ring. CALIF (GER) was given permission to go to the start early.

Callum Shepherd, the rider of GORDON GREY (IRE), unplaced, dropped his whip approaching the 200m marker.

Race 7 – 19/02/2026 11:20 pm

H.H. SH. SHEEMA BINT NASSER BIN HAMAD AL KHALIFA CUP

COVER POINT (GB), PIZ NAIR (IRE), CRACKING GOLD (GB), MAXIMUM IMPACT (GB), JEHANGEER (IRE), COMPETIZIONE (FR), PURE DREAMER (GB) and RAMAZAN (IRE) were given permission to wear hoods to the start. ECOSYSTEM (IRE) was given permission to go to the start early and to have a staff member at the start to assist with loading into the stalls. JEHANGEER (IRE) was given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring.

The Stewards cautioned Sayed Jaafar Isa, the trainer of MAXIMUM IMPACT (GB), for failing to declare a rider by the close of declarations. Permission was given for Connor Beasley to ride MAXIMUM IMPACT (GB).

The Stewards enquired into possible interference shortly before exiting the home turn off the home bend between COVER POINT (GB), unplaced, ridden by A.Rahim Jasim, and CRACKING GOLD (GB), placed 3rd, ridden by Tom Marquand. Having reviewed the recordings and interviewed the riders, the Stewards considered the interference to be accidental as COVER POINT (GB) was hanging badly right-handed into the rail and, despite the rider's best efforts, bumping CRACKING GOLD (GB) against the rail.

The Regulatory Veterinary Officer reported that ATHAN (ARG), placed 2nd, trained by Fawzi Nass, had bled from the nose.

Race 8 – 19/02/2026 11:50 pm

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

TAARIS, AL YATEEM, SHARID, JERUSALEMA, and AAJAY were given permission to wear hoods to the start. TAARIS was given permission to go to the start early. AAJAY was given permission to be mounted from the pre-parade ring.

The Winner, BARAAK, ridden by Neil Callan, ran free during the early stages of the race.

TAARIS, unplaced, ridden by Husain Makki, ran too free in the early stages of the race.

The Stewards enquired into possible interference approaching the 200m between HADDAR, ridden by Hussain Asghar, and TAARIS, ridden by Husain Makki, both unplaced. Having reviewed the recordings and interviewed the riders, the Stewards cautioned Hussain Asghar for careless riding, for allowing HADDAR to shift right-handed away from the whip without correction, taking TAARIS off his intended line.

The Stewards enquired into why Husain Asghar, the rider of HADDAR, placed 8th, appeared to stop riding inside the final 200m and was beaten 2 1/4 lengths for 7th place. Having interviewed the rider and viewed the recordings, the Stewards cautioned him for failing to ride his horse to achieve the best possible placing.



Summary of Penalties Imposed

Race Number	Jockey/Trainer	Penalty	Offence	Article
1	Husain Makki	Caution	Whip – excessive frequency	20.19
2	Ali Isa	Caution	Whip – excessive frequency	20.19
4	Hugo Palmer	Caution	Failure to declare a rider by the deadline	36.26
4	A.Rahim Jasim	Caution	Careless riding	37.24.3
5	Stephane Ladjadj	Caution	Whip – excessive frequency	20.19
5	Ebrahim Nader	Fine BD 50/-	Whip – excessive frequency	20.19
7	Sayed Jaafar Isa	Caution	Failure to declare a rider by the deadline	36.26
8	Hussain Asghar	Caution	Careless riding	37.24.3
8	Hussain Asghar	Caution	Failure to ride a horse to achieve the best possible placing	37.13

Horses Suspended

Horse	Reason	Period of Suspension
SOLDIER'S EMPIRE (IRE)	Bled from the nose	6 weeks
ATHAN (ARG)	Bled from the nose	6 weeks

Post-race horses sampled:

1. TUWAISAN 1844
2. SAKHR
3. PHEONIX, HERCULES
4. DAN TUCKER (GB), PARTISAN HERO (IRE), KAASIB (IRE), CHIEF MANKATO (GB), REDEMPTION TIME (GB), BLUE DAY (GB)
5. SIGNALMAN (IRE), WESTRIDGE (FR), LORD MONTAGUE (GB), ROLLAJAM (IRE), NORTHERN EXPRESS (IRE), CLOUD SEEKER (GB)
6. CALIF (GER), BEDOUIN PRINCE (IRE), PANNING FOR GOLD (IRE), CRACKSKING (GB), VESTIGA (IRE)
7. BUSSENTO (GB)
8. BARAAK