



نادي سباقات الخيل
JOCKEY CLUB OF SAUDI ARABIA

NOTICE TO TRAINERS AND OWNERS

Permanent Prohibition of Pin-Firing and Blistering Procedures

Effective: Start of Taif Season 2026

The JCSA The Jockey Club of Saudi Arabia (JCSA) wishes to notify all Trainers and Owners that, following recent amendments to the JCSA Rules of Racing, the practice of pin-firing, blistering, and any similar therapeutic procedures is now permanently prohibited effective immediately.

This prohibition reflects the JCSA's ongoing commitment to equine welfare and the maintenance of the highest standards of integrity and welfare within Saudi Arabian racing.

As part of the implementation of this prohibition, all Trainers and Owners are required to declare any horse that has already undergone a pin-firing, blistering, or similar procedure at any stage of its life. A declaration form has been developed and must be completed for any horse that has previously undergone such a procedure.

The declaration form can be accessed at the following link:

[JCSA PIN-FIRING DECLARATION FORM \(إقرار الكي بالنار والتثثير الدهان\) – Fill in form](#)

Declarations are only required for horses that have previously undergone a pin-firing or blistering procedure. If a horse has never undergone such a procedure, no declaration is required.

Declarations will be accepted until 31 July 2026. Any horse for which a declaration has not been submitted, and which is subsequently found to have undergone a pin-firing or blistering procedure, will be presumed to have undergone that procedure after the commencement of the prohibition unless satisfactory evidence is provided to establish otherwise.

Horses for which a declaration is submitted by **31 July 2026** in respect of a previous pin-firing, blistering, or similar therapeutic procedure may remain eligible to race, subject to all other applicable Rules of Racing. However, any horse that undergoes a pin-firing, blistering, or similar therapeutic procedure after today's date, **13 July 2026**, may not be permitted to race.

Failure to make a declaration may result in disciplinary action against the Trainer and/or Owner, including the imposition of fines, suspension of licences, and/or the horse being declared ineligible to race either temporarily or permanently.

All Trainers and Owners are encouraged to ensure that any required declarations are submitted before the closing date.

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