



08th October, 2020

Our Ref: ARC/KR/J33

Irish Jockeys Association Committee
Via email

Re: Face Masks

Dear IJA Member,

I wish to bring to your attention this letter received from Denis Egan, CEO of the IHRB with regard to the wearing of face masks together with my reply to him in this regard.

I would be very concerned that officials would move towards fining or suspending riders for non-wearing of face masks, however all riders need to be very aware of the situation.

Very best regards,

Andrew Coonan
Executive Secretary

**Sent via email and accordingly bears no signature*

Kate Ray

From: Andrew Coonan <acoonan@coonancawley.ie> on behalf of Andrew Coonan
Sent: 08 October 2020 08:06
To: Denis Egan
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Hi Denis , I acknowledge with thanks your email and of course I will pass this to our members. However , I would be most surprised if the level of non compliance is anything but very minor and I would be very concerned if officials were to take a heavy hand in this situation such as fining or suspending riders given the fact that the vast majority of riders have dealt with the very stringent measures in place without complaint in an attempt to ensure that racing can continue. There is presently a strong feeling of cooperation among all riders and those attending meetings and I would hate to see this relationship of cooperation in anyway damaged by over zealous marshalling.

I trust you understand our position.

Best regards

Andrew.

On Tue 6 Oct 2020 at 12:53, Denis Egan <Denis.Egan@ihrb.ie> wrote:

Dear All,

I am writing to you regarding the wearing of face masks by riders in the Jockeys Changing Room.

It has been brought to our attention that there is a lack of compliance and as I am sure you will agree this isn't in anyone's interest as we strive to keep racing going.

Could I ask you to stress to the riders the importance of wearing face masks at all times on the racecourse. We have asked the HRI Compliance Officers to monitor the situation so we would appreciate your full cooperation with them.

In the meantime, please contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards