BRITISH HORSERACING AUTHORITY

JUDICIAL PANEL

# Notice of a Referral (N. Richards) to be heard by the Disciplinary Panel on Tuesday 24 November

**9:30 am - Nicky Richards**

An independent Disciplinary Panel will convene on Tuesday 24 November to consider a charge against Mr Richards for breaching Rule (K)2.2 (The Responsible Person must ensure that prior to leaving the Racecourse, no Category B Prohibited Substance is present in their horse's body on a day on which it is engaged to run in a Race) after JEHOL DE THAIX (FR) tested positive for 5-hydroxydantrolene following the 'Malcom 'Scarra' Scott Memorial Handicap Hurdle' ran at Kelso Racecourse on 20 April 2026. Mr Richards has admitted the breach of Rule (K)2.2 so the appointed Panel will consider the penalty to be imposed.

## Notes to Editors:

1. The Panel for the hearing will be: Tim Grey (Chair), Alison O'Dowd & Manuela Ridgeway.

2. The Judicial Panel currently operates with hearings being heard via zoom. Details can be viewed here.

3. As referenced in the above, media wishing to attend remote hearings must read and agree in writing to the media protocol, which is also available here. To express interest in attending a remote hearing, please contact Tommy Churchyard via tchurchyard@britishhorseracing.com.

*Please note, the BHA Judicial Panel is an independent body which encompasses the Disciplinary Panel, Appeal Board and Licensing Committee. It receives administrative support from the BHA via the Judicial Panel Executive.*