Changing the Philosophy of Demotion and Disqualification in Japan

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JRA’s philosophy of Demotion and Disqualification until 2012

Category 2

How did the interference affect the sufferer’s race result?

Demotion: The interferer was demoted behind the sufferer.

Disqualification: In case the sufferer could not finish the race by whatever reason, the interferer was disqualified.
Demotion philosophy since 2013

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- Respect the finishing order = the performance of each horses showing in the race.
- Jockey should be responsible for the interference, but the horse.

But for the interference, the stewards would be satisfied the sufferer would have finished ahead of the interferer, the interferer shall be demoted behind the sufferer.
Disqualification philosophy since 2013

1) the interference is considered extremely vicious as dangerous action.
2) this action has caused very serious effect to the race.

only when the interference corresponds to the above two criteria, the interferer shall be disqualified.
## Stats in JRA 2011-2016

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The number of suspensions / demotion & disqualification last 10 years

- 2007: 35 (demotion & disqualification), 49 (suspensions)
- 2008: 43 (demotion & disqualification), 49 (suspensions)
- 2009: 31 (demotion & disqualification), 35 (suspensions)
- 2010: 39 (demotion & disqualification), 42 (suspensions)
- 2011: 20 (demotion & disqualification), 29 (suspensions)
- 2012: 21 (demotion & disqualification), 29 (suspensions)
- 2013: 1 (demotion & disqualification), 36 (suspensions)
- 2014: 2 (demotion & disqualification), 31 (suspensions)
- 2015: 1 (demotion & disqualification), 46 (suspensions)
- 2016: 2 (demotion & disqualification), 24 (suspensions)

Arrow pointing to 2013: Introduction of Category 1 philosophy
2013年1月から降着・失格のルールが変わりました

降着：矢倉のルールを変更しました

2012年までのルール
○ 矢倉が、矢倉馬の制御ができない場合に着馬が失格の判定をした場合、加害馬が厳重処分の対象となります。
○ 矢倉が、最終判定において馬が、矢倉馬に着馬が失格の対象となります。

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