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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

### **Amendments to the MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations**

Annex A sets out the amendments (highlighted in bold) to MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations for implementation with effect from 6 April 2018.

### **Registrations of Professional Trainer Licences**

2 Applications for Professional Trainer licences by Shane Keith Ellis, Karthikeya Yudishtra Selvaratnam and Shane Allen Edwards were officially registered with MRA.

3 They have six months (till 9 October 2018) to secure stabling facilities at any of the four associated Clubs, failing which their registrations will lapse.

### **Application for Assistant Trainer Licence**

4 Soo Khoon Beng was granted an Assistant Trainer licence for the remaining of the 2018 racing season. He is attached to Trainer Daniel Francis Meagher.

**Applications for Stable Supervisor Licences**

5 The following persons were granted Stable Supervisor licences for the remaining of the 2018 racing season:

	<u>Stable Supervisor</u>	<u>Employer (Trainer)</u>
.1	Rio Arthur Burnett	Lim Shung You
.2	She Guo Hsien Joshua	Richard Victor Lines
.3	Rozaidi bin Mohamed	Simon Robert Dunderdale
.4	Irwan Shah bin Che Wan Nik	Mark William Walker

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**AMENDMENTS TO MRA RULES OF RACING AND REGULATIONS**

**MRA RULES OF RACING**

PART I: PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

**Rule 6(1)**

In these Rules and any Regulations made thereunder, unless the context otherwise requires:

**"Specified Substance(s)" shall refer to any substance(s) that shall be published by the Association from time to time.**

PART VI: RIDERS

Jockeys under Disqualification or Suspension

**Rule 48**

- (1) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing Rule 9(7), Jockey licences shall be liable to be suspended or cancelled by the Stewards or the Local Committee for any offence against **these Rules** or any misconduct which in their opinion renders the Jockey unfit to hold a licence. Such suspension or cancellation shall be immediately reported to the Secretary of the Association.
- (2) **A Jockey who is disqualified shall not ride in races or ride in track work or ride in trials under these Rules. A Jockey whose licence is withdrawn or refused or is revoked shall also be prohibited from riding in races or riding in track work or riding in trials. Subject to sub-rule below a Jockey who has been suspended for three (3) months or more under these Rules shall not ride in races or ride in track work or ride in trials under these Rules. Such Jockey shall not be permitted access to any weighing room, stand, enclosure, racecourse, or training ground except with the prior written permission of the Local Committee.**
- (3) **A Jockey who has been suspended for three (3) months or more under these Rules may apply for a senior track rider or track rider licence. The Stewards may at their absolute discretion grant a licence for the whole of the period of suspension or for a lesser period.**

- (4) **In the case of a Visiting Jockey or a Visiting Apprentice Jockey who has been suspended for three (3) months or more under these Rules, his licence to ride in the MRA circuit shall be deemed to be cancelled upon the pronouncement of such a sentence unless the suspension is stayed. In all cases where the suspension has been stayed, the licence of the Jockey shall be cancelled upon the sentence being confirmed. In the case of a Visiting Jockey or a Visiting Apprentice Jockey who has been disqualified or suspended by any recognized racing authority, Rule 152A shall apply.**
- (5) The suspension of the licence of a **Jockey** shall, unless the Stewards otherwise direct, take effect from the completion of that rider's engagements for the day on which the suspension is handed down, provided that the Stewards may defer for a period of no longer than nine (9) days the commencement of such suspension if such rider holds an engagement to ride a horse during this period.
- (6) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing Rule 9(7), if a **Jockey** becomes a disqualified person, his **licence** is there by immediately revoked upon such disqualification.
- (7) Any **Jockey** who wishes to apply for a licence after serving a period of disqualification shall be deemed to be making a fresh application for such licence. Such application can only be made after the expiry of the period of disqualification.

Provided that no Visiting Jockey or a Visiting Apprentice Jockey who has been disqualified for **three (3) months** or more under **these Rules** or any other recognised racing authority shall be eligible to apply for a Jockey licence until the expiration of three (3) years from the expiry of the period of disqualification.

- 8) Any **Jockey** whose licence has been suspended:
  - (a) for a period of less than one month shall have his licence automatically renewed, for the unexpired duration of his original licence; and
  - (b) **subject to sub-rule (4) above, for a period of one month or more shall have his licence renewed, for the unexpired duration of his original licence, by obtaining from an approval from the Stewards.**

Provided that no Visiting Jockey or a Visiting Apprentice Jockey who has been suspended for **three (3) months** or more under **these Rules** or any other recognised racing authority shall be eligible to apply for a Jockey licence until the expiration of three (3) years from the expiry of the period of suspension.

- (9) This Rule shall not apply:
- (a) Subject to Rule 152A, to a Visiting Jockey or a Visiting Apprentice Jockey taking part in a race which a Local Committee has declared to be open to international entries and the Jockey is licensed with a recognised turf club or racing authority of another country; or
  - (b) Where the cancellation was incurred under Rule 154(3) (which provides for a fourteen (14)-day period of grace for the disqualified person to have his name removed from the Forfeit List).

## **MRA REGULATIONS**

### HORSES

#### Maiden/Restricted Maiden Races

#### **Regulation 7.2**

- (i) **Restricted Maiden races in Singapore will be confined to two (2) and three (3) year old horses under conditions which shall from time to time, be determined by Singapore Turf Club. The Restricted Maiden races will be run under Weight-For-Age conditions.**
- (ii) **Restricted Maiden races in Malaysia will be confined to two (2) and three (3) year old horses under conditions which shall from time to time, be jointly determined by the Associated Clubs in Malaysia. The Restricted Maiden races will be run under Weight-For-Age conditions.**

### PERSONS: LICENCED OR REGISTERED

#### Licences, Permits, Registrations and MRA Passes

#### **Regulation 27**

- .5 The MRA criteria for the issue of a MRA Pass are set out below in that the applicant:
- .1 Must have completed primary education;
  - .2 Must be above sixteen (16) years of age;

- .3 Must be certified by a MRA-approved doctor to be medically fit;
  - .4 Must have no record of bookmaking offences; and
  - .5 with a previous record of a criminal offence who may otherwise satisfy the criteria set out in these Regulations may be issued with an MRA Pass provided that a period **as determined by the Committee or Local Committee** has lapsed since he completed serving any sentence imposed by a court of law on a charge of a criminal offence. **In determining the period that must lapse the Committee or the Local Committee will take into consideration a written confirmation by a Government institution or Government approved institution that he had successfully undergone rehabilitation.**
- .6 An applicant with a previous conviction for drug-abuse who may otherwise satisfy the criteria set out in these Regulations may be issued with an MRA Pass provided that:
- .1 a period **as determined by the Committee or Local Committee** has lapsed since he completed serving any sentence imposed by a court of law on a charge of drug abuse;
  - .2 **in determining the period that must lapse the Committee or the Local Committee will take into consideration a written confirmation by a Government institution or Government approved institution that he had successfully undergone treatment and/or rehabilitation; and**
  - .3 the MRA Laboratory certifies that no controlled drugs and/or prohibited substances were detected in the urine sample submitted by him for testing at his own cost.
- .7 Notwithstanding that the criteria and requirements for the grant of licences or permits, registration or the issuance of MRA Passes set out in this Regulation are intended to be complied with by the applicant, the Committee or the Local Committee where applicable may at its sole **discretion:**
- .1 **refuse to grant or to renew a licence, permit, registration or MRA Pass, depending on the facts of each application; or**
  - .2 **grant or renew a restricted licence, permit, registration or MRA Pass that is valid only in the Club that grants the same, depending on the facts of each application including compliance with rehabilitation standards set by Government or Government approved institutions in Singapore and Malaysia.**

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Prohibited Substance and Threshold Levels

#### **Regulation 45** *[Added regulations]*

**.5 The following prohibited substances, including other substances with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effect(s), are not to be administered to racehorses at any time in their career:**

**.1 Non-approved substances**

Any substance not addressed by any of the subsequent classes of substances, and which has no current approval for veterinary use issued by the government regulatory authority in either Singapore or Malaysia.

**.2 Anabolic agents**

- (a) anabolic androgenic steroids,
- (b) other anabolic agents, including but not limited to selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMs),
- (c) beta-2 agonists, unless the substance is prescribed by an Official MRA veterinarian and administered at or below the appropriate dose recommended by the manufacturer to act as a bronchodilator,

**.3 Peptide hormones, growth factors and related substances**

- (a) erythropoiesis-stimulating agents, including but not limited to erythropoietin (EPO), epoetin alfa, epoetin beta, darbepoetin alfa, and methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta, peginesatide, hypoxia inducible factor (HIF) stabilisers and HIF activators.
- (b) growth hormones and growth hormone releasing factors, insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1), and other growth factors,
- (c) synthetic proteins and peptides and synthetic analogues of endogenous proteins and peptides not registered for medical or veterinary use,

- .4 Hormones and metabolic modulators**
- (a) aromatase inhibitors,**
  - (b) selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMS) and other anti-estrogenic substances,**
  - (c) agents modifying myostatin function, including but not limited to myostatin inhibitors,**
  - (d) insulins**
  - (e) peroxisome proliferator activated receptor  $\delta$  (PPAR $\delta$ ) agonists, including but not limited to GW 1516,**
  - (f) AMPK activators, including but not limited to AICAR (5-aminoimidazole-4-carboxamide-1- $\beta$ -D-ribofuranoside).**
- .6 A horse shall be ineligible to race until a minimum of six (6) months has elapsed after the administration of any of the substances specified in 45.5 above, and the Racing Authority must test to ensure that a horse treated therapeutically with any of these substances is free from the presence of such substances before racing.**