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PRESS STATEMENT

Amendments and additions to MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations

Annex A sets out the amendments and additions (highlighted in bold) to MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations for implementation effective from 22 March 2019.

Registration of Professional Trainer Licences

2 Applications for Professional Trainer licences by Teh Ming Wan, Joachim Ramsden, Lim Lee Chet and V.V Abdullah s/o Aboo Bakker were officially registered with MRA.

3 They have six months (till 21 September 2019) to secure stabling facilities at any of the four associated Clubs, failing which their registrations will lapse.

Application for Assistant Trainer Licence

4 Daniel Robert Beasley was granted an Assistant Trainer licence for the remaining 2019 racing season. He is attached to Trainer Daniel Francis Meagher.

Issued by Secretary, MRA (Singapore)

AMENDMENTS TO MRA REGULATION 47

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Schedule of Fees

Regulation 47

	FEES IN S\$	FEES IN RM
1 Registration of Owner Membership (From 1 January to 31 December)	456.00	1,140.00
2 Registration of Owner Membership (From 1 July to 31 December)	240.00	600.00
3 Renewal of Owner Membership	456.00	1,140.00
4 Registration of Horse	40.00	100.00
5 Registration of Assumed Name	40.00	100.00
6 Change of Constitution of Assumed Name	40.00	100.00
7 Change of Name of Horse	800.00	2,000.00
8 Change of Name of Horse (due to change of ownership under Rule 74(3))	400.00	1,000.00
9 Change of Assumed Name	40.00	100.00
10 Registration / Renewal of Racing Colours	40.00	100.00
11 Sale of Horse (Transfer)	80.00	200.00
12 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Stable Supervisor / Stable Manager	40.00	100.00
13 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Syce	10.00	25.00
14 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Track Rider	10.00	25.00
15 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Senior Track Rider	20.00	50.00
16 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Farrier	10.00	25.00
17 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Stable Clerk	10.00	25.00
18 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Valet	10.00	25.00
19 Application for Licence (Syce, Senior Track Rider, Track Rider, Farrier, Stable Clerk, Valet)	50.00	125.00
20 Application for Licence (Stable Supervisor)	250.00	625.00
21 Application for Licence (Stable Manager)	500.00	1,250.00
22 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Trainer	160.00	400.00

	FEES IN S\$	FEES IN RM
23 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Assistant Trainer	80.00	200.00
24 Application for Licence (Professional Trainer and Assistant Trainer)	800.00	2,000.00
25 Application for Licence of Equine Dentist	500.00	1250.00
26 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Equine Dentist	40.00	100.00
27 Application for Licence of Equine Massage Therapist	500.00	1250.00
28 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Equine Massage Therapist	40.00	100.00
29 Registration / Renewal of Spelling Station	100.00	250.00
30 Registration / Renewal of Horse Float	100.00	250.00
31 Lodgement of Appeal to Racing Stewards (Under Rule 9(4)(a))	1,000.00	2,500.00
32 Lodgement of Appeal to MRA Committee (Under Rule 9(4)(a))	4,000.00	10,000.00
33 Lodgement of Appeal to Appeal Panel (Under Rule 9(4)(b))	2,000.00	5,000.00
34 Retrieval of Racing Information for the past 1 year to current	300.00	750.00
35 Retrieval of Racing Information for the past 5 years to current	500.00	1,250.00
36 Retrieval of Racing Information for above 5 years (maximum up to past 10 years)	1,000.00	2,500.00

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HORSES

Test and Test Cards

Regulation 16

- (1) When a horse is required to do a test, the Stipendiary Stewards **may** issue to the Trainer a Test Card endorsed with the tests to be carried out.
- (2) It shall be the responsibility of the Trainer to arrange for the test/tests to be carried out.
- (3) Following the test/tests, the Test Card will be appropriately indorsed by the testing Official.
- (4) The completed Test Card will be produced by the Trainer at the declaration time when entered for a race.
- (5) Any horse issued with a Test Card shall be barred from taking a test for a minimum period of five (5) days.
- (6) A horse will not be eligible to be declared for a race until it has passed the required test conducted by a testing Official whose decision on the outcome of the test shall be final.
- (7) Any horse which has not raced for a period of twelve (12) months or more, within 30 days prior to the date of the race for which the horse intends to enter, must pass a 1000-metre gallop trial and an examination by the Club Veterinary Surgeon before being declared to race.

INCORPORATION OF MRA RULES OF RACING 76(11) AND 114(7)

PART VIII: HORSES

Requirements and Conditions for registration of horses

Rule 76 (11)

The Association, the Committee, the Associated Clubs, the Veterinary Surgeon or an Official acting on the instruction and or authority of the Association, the Committee, the Associated Clubs or the Veterinary Surgeon shall be permitted by this rule to disclose or publish or cause to be disclosed or published, in any manner, the Veterinary or Analyst Report of a registered horse if deemed, in its or his sole discretion, appropriate and or necessary and neither its Owner nor Trainer shall have any claim, demand or recourse whatsoever against the Association, the Committee, the Associated Clubs, the Veterinary Surgeon or the Official by reason of or in connection with the disclosure or publication.

PART IX: RACE MEETINGS

Calling a False Start

Rule 114 (7)

Unless a false start is declared by the Starter or the Official appointed for the purpose, all riders shall ride their mounts to fulfil their riding obligations under Rules of Racing 44(6), 44(8) and 44(10).

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**AMENDMENTS TO MRA RULES OF RACING 134(14), 135(13) AND
MRA REGULATION 45.1**

INCORPORATION OF MRA RULES 134(14) AND 135(13)

**PART X: CORRUPT PRACTICES, PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES AND
DISQUALIFICATIONS**

Testing for the presence of Prohibited Substances in horses presented to race

Rule 134(14)

- (a) A person shall not administer an alkalinising agent, in any manner, to a horse which is declared to run in any race for a period of one Clear Day prior to the day of the race meeting.
- (b) Any person who:
- (i) administers an alkalinising agent;
 - (ii) attempts to administer an alkalinising agent;
 - (iii) causes an alkalinising agent to be administered; and/or
 - (iv) is a party to the administration of, or an attempt to administer alkalinising agent,
- contrary to 134(14)(a) commits an offence and may be penalised.
- (c) Where the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has, or is likely to have been, administered any alkalinising agent contrary to 134(14)(a), the Stewards may prevent the horse from starting in the relevant race.
- (d) Where a horse has been administered any alkalinising agent contrary to 134(14)(a), the horse may be disqualified from any relevant race in which the horse competed.

The detection of Prohibited Substances in horses other than when presented to race

Rule 135(13)

- (a) A person shall not administer an alkalinising agent, in any manner, to a horse which is declared to run in any official trial or test for a period of one Clear Day prior to the day of the official trial or test.

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- (b) Any person who:
- (i) administers an alkalinising agent;
 - (ii) attempts to administer an alkalinising agent;
 - (iii) causes an alkalinising agent to be administered; and/or
 - (iv) is a party to the administration of, or an attempt to administer alkalinising agent,
- contrary to 135(13)(a) commits an offence and may be penalised.
- (c) Where the Stewards are satisfied that a horse has, or is likely to have been, administered any alkalinising agent contrary to 135(13)(a), the Stewards may prevent the horse from starting in the relevant official trial or test.
- (d) Where a horse has been administered any alkalinising agent contrary to 135(13)(a), the horse may be disqualified from any relevant official trial or test in which the horse participated.

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Prohibited Substances and Threshold Levels

Regulation 45

.1 Prohibited Substances and Threshold Levels (in horses)

For the purposes of Rules 134 and 135, “alkalinising agent”:

- (a) means any substance that may elevate the plasma total carbon dioxide (TCO₂) of a horse when administered by any route;
- (b) includes but not limited to substances that are bicarbonates, citrates, succinates, acetates, propionates, maleates, lactates and trometamol (THAM, Tris Buffer or Trometamine) and also include products marketed as urinary alkalinisers and hind gut buffers;
- (c) does not include substances:

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- (i) that are alkalinizing agents which are contained in commercial feeds and/or balanced commercial electrolyte supplements which when fed and consumed according to the manufacturers' recommendations for normal daily use, which Stewards are satisfied have a negligible effect on plasma TCO₂; and
- (ii) provided that any exemption from the definition of alkalinising agent granted under this Regulation does not constitute a defence to a charge laid against a person following the detection by an Official Racing Laboratory of a TCO₂ concentration in a horse in excess of the threshold prescribed under this Regulation.

Substances acting on the nervous system
Substances acting on the cardiovascular system
Substances acting on the respiratory system
Substances acting on the digestive system
Substances acting on the urinary system
Substances acting on the reproductive system
Substances acting on the musculoskeletal system
Substances acting on the blood system
Substances acting on the immune system other than those in licensed vaccines
Substances acting on the endocrine system, endocrine secretions and their synthetic counterparts
Any other substances that may from time to time be deemed to be a Prohibited Substance by the Committee and which has been notified by the Association.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES INCLUDE:

Anti-pyretics, analgesics and anti-inflammatory Substances
Cytotoxic Substances
Antihistamines
Diuretics
Local anaesthetics
Muscle relaxants
Respiratory stimulants
Sex hormones, anabolic agents and corticosteroids
Substances affecting blood coagulation

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PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES: THRESHOLD LEVELS

Arsenic	0.3 microgram per millilitre in urine
Boldenone	0.015 microgram free and conjugated boldenone per millilitre in urine from male horses (other than geldings)
Carbon Dioxide	36 millimoles available carbon dioxide per litre in plasma
Cobalt	0.025 microgram per millilitre in plasma or 0.100 microgram per millilitre in urine
Dimethyl Sulfoxide	15 micrograms per millilitre in urine or 1 microgram per millilitre in plasma
Estranediol in male horses (other than geldings)	0.045 microgram free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol per millilitre in urine
Hydrocortisone	1 microgram per millilitre in urine
Methoxytyramine	4 micrograms free and conjugated 3-methoxytyramine per millilitre in urine
Salicylic Acid	750 micrograms per millilitre in urine or 6.5 micrograms per millilitre in plasma
Testosterone	0.02 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from geldings, or 100 picograms free testosterone per millilitre in plasma from geldings, or 0.055 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from fillies and mares (unless in foal)
Theobromine	2 micrograms per millilitre in urine or 0.3 microgram theobromine per millilitre in plasma

N.B. The conjugated substance is the substance that can be liberated from conjugates.

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**AMENDMENTS TO MRA RULE OF RACING 154
AND MRA REGULATION 49 AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND
ADDITIONS TO MRA RULES OF RACING 6, 8(6), 9(1), 12(2), 21(1), 48(9)(b),
58(5), 60(8), 138(5) AND 160(1)**

PART XII: MISCELLANEOUS

The Forfeit List

Rule 154

- (1) All arrears due from any person licensed or registered by the Association or the Associated Club, to the Association or Associated Club shall be paid within two (2) weeks from the date such arrears become due and payable or as provided for under sub-rules 3 or 4 of this Rule.
- (2) Where such arrears are not paid within two (2) weeks or within the time ordered under sub-rule (3) or extended under sub-rule (4), the Secretary may by notice of demand, demand payment of the arrears within two (2) weeks from the date of notification failing which the name or names and also the assumed name or names (if any) or Companies from whom such arrears are due may at the absolute discretion of the Association be placed on the Forfeit List.
- (3) Where the decision of the Association, the Associated Club or Stewards does not specify a time within which payment is to be made, the Association, the Associated Club or the Stewards shall have power subsequently to make an order requiring the payment to be made within such time.
- (4) The Association, the Associated Club or Stewards may on such terms as they think fit, upon the application of the person in arrears extend the period within which to pay the arrears.
- (5) Without prejudice to sub-rules (1) and (2) above, the Association or the Associated Club as the case may be, shall have the right of set-off.
- (6) The Secretary shall keep a record of all arrears (the Forfeit List) due to the Association and the Associated Clubs and authorise the publication of the Forfeit List in the MRA Classification List.
- (7) The Forfeit List shall include all arrears due from any person licensed or registered by the Association or an Associated Club, to the Association or the Associated Club as provided under the Rules.
- (8) Where a Person's name appears on the Forfeit List, that person shall be treated as a Disqualified Person. So long as any person is in the Forfeit List, he shall be subject to the same disabilities and penalties as are declared by Rule 6 to apply to persons under disqualification.

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- (9) **Sub-rule 8 shall take effect after a grace period of fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of the Forfeit List in the MRA Classification List if the disqualified person does not pay his arrears and have his name removed from the Forfeit List within the grace period of fourteen (14) days.**
- (10) **Where the disqualification was incurred under this Rule, a licensee or registered person whose licence or registration is revoked shall have to make a fresh application for a licence or registration. Such application may only be made after thirty (30) days have elapsed from the date the arrears are paid.**
- (11) **Arrears must be paid directly to the Secretary of the Association and until so paid the names of such persons and horses shall not be removed from the Forfeit List.**
- (12) **For purposes of these Rules, notice shall be deemed to have been "duly served" on a person if he is informed by written notice delivered personally to him or by written notice sent to his address registered with the Association or Associated Club by registered post or by electronic transmission, mechanical or other means permitted by the Stewards.**

Rule 154A(1)

A horse may only be eligible to start a race, if before weighing out:

- (a) **The following have been duly paid:-**
 - (i) **any stake or fee payable in respect of such race;**
 - (ii) **all arrears for such horse due from any person;**
 - (iii) **all arrears, for such horse or any other horse, due from any person who wholly or partly owns such horse, or in whose name or under whose nomination or subscription such horse is entered or whose interest in such horse may be disclosed by the entry; or**
 - (iv) **the above-mentioned sums have been, or shall be, satisfied by such other manner of payment as may be prescribed by the Association or Associated Club.**
- (b) **The Association or the Associated Clubs may, at its sole discretion, impose interest, at a reasonable rate to be determined by the Association or the Associated Club, as the case may be, from time to time, on the arrears as from the date they shall become due until they are paid.**

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- (c) If any disqualified horse is entered for any race the person entering such horse may be penalised.
- (d) If any horse whose owner's name is on the Forfeit List is entered for any race, the person entering such horse may be penalised.
- (e) If a horse whose owner's name is on the Forfeit List is allowed to start for any race such horse may be disqualified and the person entering such horse may be penalised.
- (f) Rule 154A (1) (iii), (iv) and (v) do not apply before the expiry of the grace period of fourteen 14 days provided under Rule 154(9) for the disqualified person to have his name removed from the Forfeit List.

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Standard Procedure for the Collection of Fines

Regulation 49.1

The Standard Procedures for collection of fines are as follows:

Notice to Offenders

- (a) The **Stewards** will issue a Notification of Fine imposed on the offending person which will be acknowledged by the offending person.
- (b) Offenders must settle their fines at **the Association** or any of the four Associated Clubs within fourteen (14) days of the date of the notification of fines **unless they have appealed and obtained a stay of operation of any penalty imposed pending the hearing of the appeal.**
- (c) The **Association** or the four Associated Clubs will issue Acknowledgement of Payment of Fines on receipt of cash/cheque from offenders.
- (d) Offending persons may apply to the Association, **the Associated Club** or Stewards to extend the period for payment of fines provided that such application is made before the expiration of the above-mentioned fourteen (14) days period.

Further Notice to Offenders

- (e) **Offenders who have not paid their fines within fourteen (14) days of the date of notification of fines or such extended period as approved by the Association, the Associated Club or Stewards, will receive a further Notice from the Association that their names shall be placed on the Forfeit List if the fines are not paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of notification.**

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- (f) **Defaulters who have not paid their fines within fourteen (14) days of the date of notification provided under (e) above shall have their names placed on the Forfeit List.**
- (g) **Defaulters who are on the Forfeit List shall have a grace period of fourteen (14) days from the date their names are placed on the Forfeit List to pay the arrears and have their names removed from the Forfeit List failing which they shall be deemed to be disqualified persons.**
- (h) **The Association will publish the names of defaulters placed on the Forfeit List in the MRA Classification List.**

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CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO MRA RULES OF RACING 6, 8(6), 9(1), 12(2)(x)(iii), 21(1)(e)(iv), 21(1)(e)(v), 48(9)(b), 58(5), 60(8), 138(5) AND 160(1)(e)(v)

PART I: PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

Rule 6

"Arrears" means any sum due to be paid (and interest imposed by the Association or **Associated Club** on such Arrears at a reasonable rate to be determined by the Association or **Associated Club** from time to time) **under the Rules of Racing**, regardless of whether this term appears in a Rule or Regulation. "Arrears" when used in a Rule shall include sums due under the Regulations and *vice versa*.

"Arrears" shall include the following:

- (a) any sum payable for fines, fees, stakes, subscriptions, or forfeits in respect of any race under these Rules;
- (b) any sum in respect of which a person is a defaulter or **placed on the Forfeit List**;
- (c) any sum which, in the opinion of the Stewards, has been improperly or mistakenly paid to any person for stake or otherwise;
- (d) any costs awarded by the Court to the Association or to the **Associated Club**; and
- (e) any costs awarded under the Rules of Racing.

"Defaulter" means any person whose name is on the Forfeit List of the Association or Defaulters List of a recognised racing authority of any country or declared a defaulter by a recognised racing authority of any country.

"Disqualification" means the measures taken against a person or horse, in accordance with the Rules, in the following manner:

- (a) As regards any person, that he shall not be qualified to subscribe or enter or run or train or ride any horse either in his own name or in the name of any other person for any race under these rules.
- (b) As regards any horse, that it shall not be eligible to run in any race under these rules. In addition, any horse which shall be proved to the satisfaction of the

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Committee, Local Committee or Racing Stewards to be under the ownership, care, training, management, superintendence or control, direct or otherwise, of any disqualified person shall itself be disqualified.

- (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) above do not apply **before the expiry of the grace period of fourteen 14 days provided under Rule 154(9)** for the disqualified person to have his name removed from the Forfeit List.
- (d) When a person is warned off the course he shall be disqualified and the licence of any disqualified person shall be cancelled with immediate effect.

PART III: THE COMMITTEE, LOCAL COMMITTEE AND RACING STEWARDS

General Powers of the Committee

Rule 8(6)

The Committee shall have the power to enforce all penalties, fines, forfeits, arrears and all monies otherwise due to the Association including the right of set-off.

Rule 9(1)

The Local Committee shall have the power to determine any matter relating to its own Club's affairs in respect of race meetings held in the Club's premises and shall have the power to enforce all penalties, fines, forfeits, **arrears and all monies otherwise due to the Club including the right of set-off.**

Powers and duties of the Racing Stewards

Rule 12(2)

- (x) to call on any person entering a horse for a race, or in whose name a horse is so entered, to show proof:
 - i. that the horse is not the property either wholly or in part of any person whose name is on the Forfeit List or who is disqualified or otherwise not qualified; or
 - ii. of the extent of his or any other person's interest in the horse.
 - iii. Rule 12(2)(x)(i) does not apply **before the expiry of the grace period of fourteen 14 days provided under Rule 154(9)** for the disqualified person to have his name removed from the Forfeit List.

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PART IV: OFFICIALS

Powers of the Stipendiary Stewards

Rule 21(1)(e)

To exclude or expel, cause or order to be excluded or expelled from all places under the control of any Associated Club:

- i. Every disqualified person.
- ii. Every person warned off the course.
- iii. Every person whose name has been published in the Forfeit List until the defaults are cleared.
- iv. Every person who has been declared by the Association or by the recognised racing authority of any country to which these rules do not extend, to be a defaulter, or to be disqualified, or to have been **found** guilty of any corrupt or fraudulent practice or other misconduct in relation to racing in general.
- v. Rules 21(1)(e)(i), (iii) and (iv) do not apply **before the expiry of the grace period of fourteen 14 days provided under Rule 154(9)** for the disqualified person to have his name removed from the Forfeit List.

PART VI: RIDERS

Jockeys under Disqualification or Suspension

Rule 48

- (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 any 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 not be eligible to apply for a Jockey licence until the expiration of one (1) year from the expiry of the period of suspension.

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(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) **Rule 48 (6) does not apply before the expiry of the grace period of fourteen 14 days provided under Rule 154(9) for the disqualified person to have his name removed from the Forfeit List.**

PART VII: OWNERSHIP OF HORSES

Disqualification or lapse of Registration of Ownership

Rule 58(5)

Rule 58(2)(a) does not apply **before the expiry of the grace period of fourteen 14 days provided under Rule 154(9)** for the disqualified person to have his name removed from the Forfeit List.

Partnerships

Rule 60(8)

Rule 60 (7) does not apply **before the expiry of the grace period of fourteen 14 days provided under Rule 154(9)** for the disqualified person to have his name removed from the Forfeit List.

PART X: CORRUPT PRACTICES, PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

Disqualifications

Rule 138(5)

Rule 138 (2) does not apply before the expiry of the grace period of fourteen14 days provided under Rule 154(9) for the disqualified person to have his name removed from the Forfeit List.

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PART XIII: PANEL OF STEWARDS

Powers of the Stipendiary Stewards

Rule 160(1)(e)

To exclude or expel and cause or order to be excluded or expelled from all places under the control of any Associated Club:

- i. Every disqualified person.
- ii. Every person warned off the course.
- iii. Every person whose name has been published in the Forfeit List until the defaults are cleared.
- iv. Every person who has been declared by the Association or by the recognised racing authority of any country, where rules other than these Rules are applicable, to be a defaulter, disqualified, guilty of any corrupt or fraudulent practice or other misconduct in relation to racing generally.
- v. Rules 160(1)(e)(i), (iii) and (iv) do not **apply before the expiry of the grace period of fourteen 14 days provided under Rule 154(9)** for the disqualified person to have his name removed from the Forfeit List.