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TO: ALL OWNERS, TRAINERS, JOCKEYS AND APPRENTICES

ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO MRA RULES OF RACING AND REGULATIONS

The following additions and amendments to MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations (highlighted in bold) are to be implemented as follows:

MRA RULES OF RACING

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

Rule 6(1)

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

“Apprentice Jockey” means a person who has satisfied the Local Committee that he or she is, between the age of sixteen (16) years and twenty-six (26) years, duly bound for a term of five (5) years and has been licensed by the Local Committee as an Apprentice Jockey, and is serving as apprentice:

- (a) with an **employing Trainer** (Home Based Trainer); and [*Amended rule to be effective from 1 August 2019.*]

- (b) has within three (3) months of the date of commencement of apprenticeship and/or the transfer of the apprentice to another trainer (or such further time as the Local Committee may allow) lodged a duplicate or certified copy of the Articles of Apprenticeship in accordance with the approved standard form of Agreement.

“Apprentice Agreement” means the written agreement between an Apprentice Jockey and an Employing Trainer as approved by the Committee or Local Committee. *[Added rule to be effective from 1 August 2019.]*

“Employing Trainer” means a Trainer issued with a Trainer’s license and who has entered into an Apprentice Agreement with an Apprentice Jockey. *[Added rule to be effective from 1 August 2019.]*

“Non-Approved Wagering Service” means a wagering service not approved by the Association or the Associated Clubs or otherwise an illegal betting. *[Added rule to be effective from 26 July 2019.]*

“Non-Approved Wagering Service Provider” means a wagering services provider not approved by the Association or the Associated Clubs and or who are otherwise illegal betting operators. *[Added rule to be effective from 26 July 2019.]*

“Overseas simulcast races” mean horse races being held at other tracks, in real time, being broadcast simultaneously at the Associated Club(s). *[Added rule to be effective from 26 July 2019.]*

PART VI : RIDERS

Race Riding and Further Responsibilities

Rule 44A *[Amended rule to be effective from 1 August 2019.]*

- (2) Every Jockey or Apprentice shall claim his full allowance unless otherwise permitted by the Stipendiary Stewards. The Jockey may be held liable for the infringement of this Rule. In the case of an **Apprentice**, both **employing Trainer and Apprentice** may be held liable for an infringement of this Rule.
- (6) Every Jockey and Apprentice (and his **employing Trainer**) shall file a written report to the Secretary if and when such Jockey or Apprentice has ridden ten (10), forty (40), eighty (80) or one hundred and fifty (150) winners as the case may be. In the event of default in such reporting by a Jockey, the Jockey may be fined, suspended or disqualified. In the case of the default in such reporting by an Apprentice, both the **employing Trainer** and Apprentice or either of them may be fined, suspended or disqualified.

Jockeys may not bet or have an interest in a bet on horses racing

Rule 47 *[Amended rule to be effective 26 July 2019.]*

- (1) It shall be a breach of the Rules of Racing for any Jockey to:
 - (a) his behalf to bet on horse racing;
 - (b) receive knowingly from any person the proceeds, or any part thereof, of any bet on horse racing;
 - (c) receive presents in connection with a race wherever run from any person provided that:
 - (i) a Jockey may receive a present which shall neither be a reward nor inducement for any act that is prohibited by or is contrary to the Rules of Racing from the Owner of the horse he rides in that race; and
 - (ii) every such present which exceeds \$1,000 shall be declared by the Owner and his Jockey within seven (7) days of giving the present in writing to the Secretary of the Association.
- (2) When any Jockey has committed any breach of this Rule, the Stipendiary Stewards may fine, suspend and/or disqualify the Jockey.

Apprentice Jockeys

Rule 50 *[Amended rule to be effective from 1 August 2019.]*

- (1) An Apprentice Jockey licensed by an Associated Club shall at all times be **apprentised** to a Home Based Trainer. The Home Based Trainer shall act as his **employing Trainer**. The Apprentice Jockey may ride in races at the Associated Club of the Home Based Trainer only, unless he obtains Apprentice Jockey licences as provided under sub-rule (1) and (2) of this Rule.
- (2) An Apprentice Jockey who wishes to ride in races at any of the other Associated Clubs must obtain Apprentice Jockey Licences at those Associated Clubs. An Apprentice Jockey must be **apprentised** to a Home Based Trainer before he can apply an Apprentice Jockey licence at the other Associated Clubs.
- (3) The period for which the other Associated Clubs may grant Apprentice Jockey licences shall not exceed the period of the Apprentice Jockey licence granted by the Associated Club of the Home Based Trainer.

- (4) An **Apprentice** Agreement shall be in the prescribed form and shall incorporate all the terms as may be stipulated from time to time by the Committee.
- (5) No apprentice shall be permitted to ride in any race until he has attained the age of sixteen (16) years.
- (6) Any Apprentice wishing to accept an outside ride in a race shall obtain the approval of both his **employing Trainer** and the Stipendiary Stewards before being declared to ride.
- (7) An Apprentice's **employing Trainer** must furnish to the Committee and/or to the Local Committee at the end of each racing year a report on the capabilities and conduct of the Apprentice **apprentised** to him.

Transfer of an Apprentice to Another Trainer

Rule 52 *[Amended rule to be effective from 1 August 2019.]*

- (2) An Apprentice may be transferred to another **employing Trainer** with the consent of all the parties to the **Apprentice** Agreement and with the written approval of the Association.

Termination of an Indenture Agreement

Rule 53 *[Amended rule to be effective from 1 August 2019.]*

- (1) An application to vary the terms or terminate an **Apprentice** Agreement shall be made to the Committee through the Secretary of the Association.
- (2) An **Apprentice** Agreement shall be terminated:
 - (a) upon the death of the **employing Trainer**, the Apprentice or by the **employing Trainer** ceasing to be a licensed Trainer under these Rules;
 - (b) by mutual agreement in writing and signed by the relevant parties.
 - (c) **in the event the Apprentice is disqualified or suspended for a period of one (1) year or more.**
 - (d) **should either the employing Trainer or the Apprentice Jockey be unable to carry out their duties under the Apprentice Agreement.**

- (3) Where an **Apprentice** Agreement is terminated the Apprentice may, with the written approval of the Committee, apply to be **apprentised** to another **employing** Trainer for a period and under such terms as may be determined by the Committee.

Visiting Apprentice

Rule 54 *[Amended rule to be effective from 1 August 2019.]*

Any licensed Visiting Apprentice or a Graduate from a recognized Apprentice training academy of any of the Associated Clubs wishing to ride in races under these Rules must apply in writing to the Local Committee, for permission to do so and must be **apprentised** to an **employing Trainer** licensed by the Association or Associated Club, on a temporary basis, for the period in which he wishes to ride.

PART IX: RACE MEETINGS

Declaration of Runners or Scratching of Entries

Rule 103(5) *[Amended rule to be effective from 26 July 2019.]*

Notwithstanding this Rule, any horse which has thus been declared to start does not run in that race the Stipendiary Stewards may exercise the powers specified in Rule 21(1) or **Rule 160(1)** of the Rules of Racing or refer the matter to the Racing Stewards. In that event, the Racing Stewards may exercise the powers specified in Rule 12(1) or **Rule 159(1)** of the Rules of Racing.

Change of Declared Jockey

Rule 105(3) *[Amended rule to be effective from 1 August 2019.]*

Should the jockey of a horse engaged and declared in terms of these Rules wish to be replaced he shall submit his written request, with reasons, to the Stipendiary Stewards who may authorise a change at their discretion. An **Apprentice Jockey** shall submit such a written request through his **employing Trainer**.

Jockey Weighing Out for Race

Rule 107(10) *[Amended rule to be effective from 26 July 2019.]*

Notwithstanding these Rules, if a jockey is unable to weigh out at his correct carded weight, the Clerk of Scales shall report this matter to the Stipendiary Stewards who may **penalize such rider or any other person at fault and** order for a more suitable replacement jockey.

PART XII MISCELLANEOUS

Prejudicial Conduct

Rule 152(6) *[Added rule to be effective 26 July 2019.]*

- (a) A person bound by these Rules must not:
- (i) place a bet on any of the Associated Club's races with a Non-Approved Wagering Service Provider; or
 - (ii) place a bet on any overseas simulcast races operated at the Associated Clubs with a Non-Approved Wagering Service Provider; or
 - (iii) have a bet placed on his behalf, or otherwise have an interest in a bet placed, on any of the Associated Club's races or overseas simulcast races with a Non-Approved Wagering Service Provider.
- (b) Where the Stewards reasonably suspect that a person bound by these Rules has, or may have placed a bet on any of the Associated Club's races or overseas simulcast races with a Non-Approved Wagering Service Provider:
- (i) the Stewards may direct the person to produce forthwith, and the person must produce forthwith, all relevant information, documents, betting records and devices, including but not limited to, the person's computer, laptop, Ipad, tablet, smart phone, mobile telephone and all like mobile data storage devices, instruments or appliances; and
 - (ii) the Stewards may direct the person to provide forthwith, and the person must provide forthwith, the Stewards with access to the account (or accounts) with the Non-Approved Wagering Service Provider used by or on behalf of the person, including any username, password or other security information as well as any username, password or other security information in connection with the mobile data storage devices, instruments or appliances mentioned in paragraph b(i) above.
- (c) A failure to comply with the Stewards' direction under paragraph b(i) and/or (ii) above shall constitute an offence and shall be punishable under paragraph (d) below.
- (d) Any person licensed or registered by the Association may be disqualified, suspended, fined, reprimanded and/or warned if he commits an offence under this rule.

- (e) For the purpose of this Rule, the phrase “a person bound by these Rules” or “any person licensed by or registered by the Association” shall expressly exclude a Jockey who shall remain barred absolutely by Rule 47 from betting, or having an interest in a bet, on horses racing under these Rules.

MRA REGULATIONS

PERSONS: LICENCED OR REGISTERED

Apprentices

Regulation 25 *[Amended regulation to be effective from 1 August 2019.]*

- 25.1 An Apprentice Jockey must be **apprentised** to a Home Based Trainer who shall act as his **employing Trainer**.
- 25.2 An Apprentice Jockey must hold an Apprentice Jockey licence issued by the Club where his **employing Trainer** is based (Home Club) before he can apply for an Apprentice Jockey licence at the other Associated Clubs.
- 25.3 The licence period granted by the other Associated Clubs must not exceed the licence period granted by the Home Club.
- 25.4 An **Apprentice** Agreement must be signed between the Apprentice Jockey or his guardian and **employing Trainer** (Home Based Trainer).
- 25.5 The **Apprentice** Agreement must provide that the Apprentice's earnings from races shall be divided in the following proportions; two-thirds to the Apprentice Jockey and one-third to the **employing Trainer**.
- 25.6 The Association shall have the right to withhold the Apprentice Jockey's earnings until the completion of his career as an Apprentice Jockey.
- .1 An Apprentice Jockey shall be required to maintain a minimum sum of S\$20,000/RM20,000.
- .2 Any balance in excess of the minimum sum can be withdrawn by the Apprentice Jockey provided he is above twenty one (21) years of age.
- .3 Withdrawals under Regulation 25.4.2 can only be made in March, June, September and December of each year or at such other dates as may be from time to time notified by the Association, provided that the aggregate of these dates shall not exceed four (4) times in each calendar year.

- 25.7 An Apprentice Jockey taking a mount outside his **employing Trainer's** stable must obtain the prior permission of his **employing Trainer** and approval of the Stipendiary Steward.
- 25.8 All new Apprentices shall be required to ride at such lengths as to be able to kick a horse out, ie. to ride 'hands and heels'.
- 25.9 Permission to use a whip in a race will only be considered after an Apprentice has ridden at least twelve (12) races.
- 25.10 An Apprentice Jockey shall be given, **by his employing Trainer**, at least **four (4) rides per quarter of each year or part thereof provided the Apprentice has not been suspended.**
- .1 **Where an Apprentice Jockey is suspended for a period of one (1) month or less in a year, his employing Trainer shall ensure that the Apprentice Jockey receives a minimum of at least sixteen (16) rides for that year.**
 - .2 **Where an Apprentice Jockey is suspended for a period exceeding one (1) month in a year, his employing Trainer shall ensure that the Apprentice Jockey still receives a minimum of twelve (12) rides for that year or part thereof.**
 - .3 **An employing Trainer who fails to comply with these regulations may be fined up to \$5,000 for the first violation and fined up to \$10,000 for subsequent violations, by the Stipendiary Stewards.**

Jockeys

Visiting Jockey and Visiting Apprentice Jockey Licensing Criteria

Regulation 26.3 *[Amended regulation to be effective from 26 July 2019.]*

- .1 Applications for a Visiting Jockey licence or a Visiting Apprentice Jockey licence will be in accordance with the individual Club's rules and conditions.
- .2 The Visiting Jockey licence or Visiting Apprentice Jockey licence will be immediately revoked if the Visiting Jockey or Visiting Apprentice Jockey is disqualified or suspended for **three (3)** or more months under these Rules.

Licences, Permits, Registrations and MRA Passes

Regulation 27.5 *[Amended regulation to be effective from 26 July 2019.]*

The MRA criteria for the issue of a MRA Pass are set out below in that the applicant:

- .1 **Conversant in basic English/Bahasa Melayu.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Accident, Injuries and Medical Attention

Regulation 36.8 *[Amended regulation to be effective from 1 August 2019.]*

When an Apprentice Jockey is below the age of 21, the Apprentice Jockey's guardian, namely the person who has signed the **Apprentice** Agreement on behalf of the Apprentice Jockey, shall also be bound by the MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations.

Malayan Racing Association Benevolent Fund (ex Sugden Benevolent Fund)

Regulation 39.1 *[Amended regulation to be effective from 1 August 2019.]*

The attention of Trainers, Jockeys/ Amateur Riders and **Apprentice Jockey** is drawn to the matter of incapacitation allowances payable under the Rules of the Malayan Racing Association Benevolent Fund.

Schedule of Fees

Regulation 47 *[Amended regulation to be effective from 26 July 2019.]*

		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

		FEES IN S\$	FEES IN RM
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

		FEES IN S\$	FEES IN RM
21	Application for Licence (Stable Manager)	500.00	1,250.00
22	Registration / Renewal of Licence of Trainer	160.00	400.00
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	1,250.00
26	Registration / Renewal of Licence of Equine Dentist	40.00	100.00
27	Application for Licence of Equine Massage Therapist	500.00	1,250.00
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	Lodgment of Appeal to MRA Committee (Licensing & Registration matters)	1,000.00	2,000.00
34	Lodgement of Appeal to Appeal Panel (under Rule 9(4)(b))	2,000.00	5,000.00
35	Retrieval of Racing Information for the past 1 year to current	300.00	750.00

		FEES IN S\$	FEES IN RM
36	Retrieval of Racing Information from the past 5 years to current	500.00	1,250.00
37	Retrieval of Racing Information for above past 5 years (maximum up to past 10 years)	1,000.00	2,500.00

2 Please note that the full set of the MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations can be downloaded from the MRA website at www.malayan-racing.com.

Best Regards.



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