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The Racing/Sports Editor

PRESS STATEMENT

Additions and Amendments to the MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations

Annex A sets out the additions and amendments (highlighted in bold) to the MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations for implementation:

Registrations of Professional Trainer Licences

2 Applications for Professional Trainer licences by Young Keah Yong, Saimee bin Jumaat and Tan Kah Soon were officially registered with MRA.

3 They have six months (till 21 September 2017) to secure stabling facilities at any of the four associated Clubs, failing which their registrations will lapse.

Application for Assistant Trainer Licence

4 Leong Yoon Fei was granted an Assistant Trainer licence for the remaining of the 2017 racing season. He is attached to Trainer Alwin Tan Hai Wang.

Amended Criteria for the Transfer of a Raced Horse from Singapore to Malaysia

5 The amended criteria for registration of an unraced or raced horse to race at race meetings in Malaysia are as follows:

Criteria for Registration of an Unraced or Raced Horse to race at Race Meetings in Malaysia

1 Before a horse is imported, it must satisfy all registration requirements under the Rules of Racing, including the following criteria:

.1 An unraced horse must:

- (a) not be more than three (3) years old at the time of arrival in Malaysia; and
- (b) have been broken in.

.2 A raced horse must:

- (a) not be more than six (6) years old **with the exception if the horse is from Singapore and is seven (7) years old** at the time of arrival in Malaysia;

- (b) have qualified in a race run on the flat; and

- (c) (i) Countries which have adopted the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings (WTRR)

be rated a minimum rating equivalent to fifty five (55) points on the rating system under the WTRR at the time of arrival in Malaysia; or

- (ii) Countries which have not adopted the World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings (WTRR)

have won or been placed second, third or fourth in a race of sufficient value, and of comparative quality and standard to satisfy the Panel of Handicappers of the Associated Clubs in Malaysia as to its suitability for importation; or

- (iii) Singapore

.1 be rated CRS 21 and above in Singapore with the exception of two (2) and three (3) year-olds **and must be rated CRS 44 and above for raced horses aged seven (7) years old**; and

- .2 must pass a 1000-metre gallop trial and veterinary examination in Singapore within thirty (30) days prior to importation attesting to its fitness and soundness to race. Horses that had raced in Singapore within thirty (30) days prior to importation and had passed the post-race veterinary examination are exempted from this requirement.
- 2 Subject to an appeal to the Associated Clubs in Malaysia under MRA Regulation 13.8 **with the exception for raced horses aged seven (7) years old and rated CRS 44 and above from Singapore**, any previously raced horse aged more than six (6) years old, at the time of arrival in Malaysia, is only eligible for registration into Class 2 and above. Such a horse must, within a period of six (6) months immediately preceding its arrival in Malaysia, have been placed in the top four (4) positions in a race of sufficient value and of comparative quality and standard to satisfy the Panel of Handicappers of Malaysia as to its suitability for registration. In addition, prior written approval must be sought from the Panel of Handicappers of Malaysia before importation of any horse to race in Malaysia. Such prior written approval must also be obtained from the Panel of Handicappers of Malaysia before any appeal under the MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations can be made. For the avoidance of doubt, satisfaction of the above criteria does not guarantee registration.

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

MRA RULES OF RACING

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

Rule 6(1) *[Amended rule to be effective from 17 March 2017.]*

“Equine Dentist” means a person who has been issued with a MRA Pass by the Association to provide equine dental care in the stables of a licensed Trainer under the supervision of the Associated Clubs’ respective Veterinary departments.

“Equine Massage Therapist” means a person who has been issued with a MRA Pass by the Association to provide equine massage in the stables of a licensed Trainer under the supervision of the Associated Clubs’ respective Veterinary departments.

MRA REGULATIONS

PERSONS: LICENCED OR REGISTERED

Regulation 30A *[Added regulation to be effective from 17 March 2017.]*

Equine Dentists

- .1 The criteria for licensing of an Equine Dentist are as follows:**
 - .1 Applicant must have a Certificate IV in Equine Dental Practice from Melbourne University and is recognized by SW TAFE Australia, and/or possess equivalent qualification in their country of origin;**
 - .2 Preferably registered with the local Equine Dentist Association in their country of origin;**
 - .3 Must provide references for their past work experience;**

- .4 Obtain recommendations by the Veterinary Surgeon and Stipendiary Stewards of the respective Associated Club;
- .5 Applicants must not have record of any criminal or bookmaking offences.

Regulation 30B *[Added regulation to be effective from 17 March 2017.]*

Equine Massage Therapists

- .1 The criteria for licensing of an Equine Massage Therapist are as follows:
 - .1 Applicant must possess certification/s from the Equine Massage Academy (EMA) in the UK and/or equivalent qualification in their country of origin;
 - .2 Obtain recommendations by the Veterinary Surgeon and Stipendiary Stewards of the respective Associated Club;
 - .3 Applicants must not have record of any criminal or bookmaking offences.

MISCELLANEOUS

Entry fees

Regulation 37 *[Amended regulation to be effective from 1 April 2017.]*

- (1) The **rate** of horse entry fees **for all races** shall be determined and notified by the **Associated Clubs** from time to time.
- (2) **The** Association will retain S\$/RM40 from each entry and the remaining sums will be credited to the Associated Club conducting the race meeting to defray its expenses.
- (3) A refund of entry fees less the charge of S\$/RM50 will be made only when the horse is withdrawn by order of the Racing Stewards or is a scratching on veterinary grounds.

Schedule of Fees

Regulation 47 [Amended regulation to be effective from 17 March 2017.]

	<u>FEES IN S\$</u>	<u>FEES IN RM</u>
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 Assumed Name	40.00	100.00
9 Registration / Renewal of Racing Colours	40.00	100.00
10 Sale of Horse (Transfer)	80.00	200.00
11 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Stable Supervisor/Stable Manager	40.00	100.00
12 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Syce	10.00	25.00
13 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Track Rider	10.00	25.00
14 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Senior Track Rider	20.00	50.00
15 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Farrier	10.00	25.00
16 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Stable Clerk	10.00	25.00
17 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Valet	10.00	25.00
18 Application for Licence (Syce, Senior Track Rider, Track Rider, Farrier, Stable Clerk, Valet)	50.00	125.00
19 Application for Licence (Stable Supervisor)	250.00	625.00
20 Application for Licence (Stable Manager)	500.00	1,250.00

	<u>FEES IN S\$</u>	<u>FEES IN RM</u>
21 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Trainer	160.00	400.00
22 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Assistant Trainer	80.00	200.00
23 Application for Licence (Professional Trainer and Assistant Trainer)	800.00	2,000.00
24 Application for Licence of Equine Dentist	500.00	1,250.00
25 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Equine Dentist	40.00	100.00
26 Application for Licence of Equine Massage Therapist	500.00	1,250.00
27 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Equine Massage Therapist	40.00	100.00
28 Registration / Renewal of Spelling Station	100.00	250.00
29 Registration / Renewal of Horse Float	100.00	250.00
30 Lodgement of Appeal to Racing Stewards (under Rule 9(4)(a))	1,000.00	2,500.00
31 Lodgement of Appeal to MRA Committee (under Rule 9(4)(a))	4,000.00	10,000.00
32 Lodgement of Appeal to Appeal Panel (under Rule 9(4)(b))	2,000.00	5,000.00
33 Retrieval of Racing Information for the past 1 year to current	300.00	750.00
34 Retrieval of Racing Information from the past 5 years to current	500.00	1,250.00
35 Retrieval of Racing Information for above past 5 years (maximum up to past 10 years)	1,000.00	2,500.00