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**PRESS STATEMENT**

**Additions and Amendments to MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations**

Annex A sets out the additions and amendments (highlighted in bold) to MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations for implementation to be effective from 16 June 2014.

**Cancellation of Penang Race Dates for 2014**

2 The following race dates in 2014 have been cancelled by Penang Turf Club:

- .1 Saturday, 12 July 2014
- .2 Sunday, 10 August 2014
- .3 Saturday, 4 October 2014
- .4 Sunday, 5 October 2014
- .5 Saturday, 25 October 2014

**MRA Championship Awards**

3 The MRA Championship Awards will be discontinued with effect from the 2015 racing season onwards.

### **Registration of Professional Trainer Licence**

4 Application for Professional Trainer licence by Asogan a/l Thangaraju was officially registered with MRA.

5 He has six months (till 9 December 2014) to secure stabling facilities at any of the four associated Clubs, failing which his registration will lapse.

### **Applications for Professional Jockey Licences**

6 Alex Chew Kok How and Jasmin bin Rosli were granted Professional Jockey licences for the remaining 2014 racing season.

### **Applications for "B" Grade Apprentice Jockey Licences**

7 Muhammad Faizal bin Wahidon, Ng Choon Kiat, Lee Chun Tik and Wong Chin Chuen were granted "B" Grade Apprentice Jockey licences for the remainder of the 2014 racing season. They would be indentured to Trainers Tan Soo Beng (Muhammad Faizal bin Wahidon), Lim Hoon Seng (Ng Choon Kiat and Lee Chun Tik) and Dr Tan Swee Hock (Wong Chin Chuen) respectively.

### **Applications for "C" Grade Apprentice Jockey Licences**

8 Muhammad Syed bin Zainal and Anis Ruwaidy bin Rosmizi were granted "C" Grade Apprentice Jockey licences for the remainder of the 2014 racing season. They would be indentured to Trainers Mark William Walker and Cecil William Robert respectively.

**Applications for Stable Supervisor Licences**

9 The following persons were granted Stable Supervisor licences for the remaining 2014 racing season:

	<u>Stable Supervisor</u>	<u>Employer (Trainer)</u>
.1	Paramalingam a/l Veeran	Kamaruddin M Noordin
.2	Cheok Wei Wen	David Kok Teik Wai
.3	Paul Gillespie	Thomas Patrick Gillespie
.4	Teh Ming Wan	Daniel James Murphy

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

**MRA RULES OF RACING**

PART I : PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

Rule 6(1) [Amend rule]

**“Stable Manager” is an employee of a Trainer who is in charge of the daily operations in a thoroughbred racing office with duties such as liaising with existing and/or prospective owners.**

PART V

TRAINERS

General responsibilities and liabilities of Trainers

Rule 35(8) [Add rule]

**When by or on behalf of a Trainer, any instruction given to, or arrangement made with the Jockey of a horse engaged in a race that the horse be ridden in the race in a manner different from the manner in which the horse was ridden at its most recent start or starts, it shall be the responsibility of the Trainer or his duly authorised representative to notify the Stewards of any such instruction or arrangement as early as practicable but no later than 5 minutes prior to the start of the race. Upon receipt of that notification, the Stewards may make any public release in respect thereof as they deem to be appropriate.**

Trainer's absence from his stables or a race meeting

Rule 36(3) [Amend rule]

A Trainer, or his authorised representative, shall be present **on-course** at least one hour prior to the advertised time of his first carded runner.

PART VI

RIDERS

General responsibilities and liabilities of all Riders

Rule 41(6) [Amend rule]

- (a) All **whips carried** or used in races, trials or trackwork shall be of a design approved by the Stewards,
- (b) No person in a race or trial, or in trackwork, or elsewhere shall use a **whip in** an excessive, unnecessary or improper manner. The Stipendiary Stewards may determine, at their discretion, what constitutes misuse or abuse of any gear used on any horse at any time.

Race riding and further responsibilities of jockeys

Rule 44(2) [Amend rule]

Every jockey shall be **on-course** at least one hour prior to the advertised time of his first carded engagement and shall remain in the Jockey's room for thirty (30) minutes after his last engagement unless otherwise directed by the Stipendiary Stewards.

## **MRA REGULATIONS**

### PERSONS: LICENSED OR REGISTERED

#### Stable Supervisors/**Stable Managers**

#### **Regulation 30** *[Amend regulation]*

- .1 As a guide, a Trainer may employ a Stable Supervisor for every ten (10) horses under his charge or such other numbers as shall be determined and notified from time to time by the Association. **Each Trainer may also employ a Stable Manager in his stable.**
- .2 Generally, a Stable Supervisor is a promotional grade for syces, track riders and stable hands. The criteria for licensing of supervisors are as follows:
  - .1 Must have served at least three years with an MRA-licensed Trainer or a stable of a recognised racing authority;
  - .2 Pass a practical and theoretical examination set by the Stipendiary Stewards;
  - .3 Obtain a recommendation by the Stipendiary Stewards;
  - .4 Produce reference from previous employers;
  - .5 Pass a medical examination by an MRA-approved doctor; and
  - .6 An applicant must not have record of any criminal or bookmaking offences.
- .3 **The criteria for licensing of a Stable Manager are as follows:**
  - .1 **Pass a theoretical examination on MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations set by the Stipendiary Stewards;**
  - .2 **Able to demonstrate prior experience, or ability to, in promoting and maintaining business arrangements with racehorse owners;**
  - .3 **Obtain a recommendation by the Stipendiary Stewards;**
  - .4 **An applicant must not have record of any criminal or bookmaking offences.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Schedule of Fees

**Regulation 47** [*Amend regulation*]

	<u>FEES IN S\$</u>	<u>FEES IN RM</u>
1 Registration of Owner Membership (From 1 January to 31 December)	570.00	1,140.00
2 Registration of Owner Membership (From 1 July to 31 December)	300.00	600.00
3 Renewal of Owner Membership	570.00	1,140.00
4 Registration of Horse	50.00	100.00
5 Registration of Assumed Name	50.00	100.00
6 Change of Constitution of Assumed Name	50.00	100.00
7 Change of Name of Horse	1,000.00	2,000.00
8 Change of Assumed Name	50.00	100.00
9 Registration / Renewal of Racing Colours	50.00	100.00
10 Sale of Horse (Transfer)	100.00	200.00
11 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Stable Supervisor / <b>Stable Manager</b>	50.00	100.00
12 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Syce	10.00	20.00
13 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Track Rider	10.00	20.00
14 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Senior Track Rider	20.00	40.00
15 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Farrier	10.00	20.00
16 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Stable Clerk	10.00	20.00

17	Registration / Renewal of Licence of Valet	10.00	20.00
18	Registration / Renewal of Licence of Trainer	200.00	400.00
19	Registration / Renewal of Licence of Assistant Trainer	100.00	200.00
20	Registration / Renewal of Licence of Professional Jockey	100.00	200.00
21	Registration / Renewal of Licence of Apprentice Jockey (Grades A, B & C)	50.00	100.00
22	Licence of Club Licensed Jockey	100.00	200.00
23	Application for Licence (Professional Trainer, Assistant Trainer, Professional Jockey, A and B Grade Apprentice Jockeys)	1,000.00	2,000.00
24	Registration / Renewal of Spelling Station	100.00	200.00
25	Registration / Renewal of Horse Float	100.00	200.00
26	Lodgement of Appeal to Racing Stewards	1,000.00	2,000.00
27	Lodgement of Appeal to MRA Committee	4,000.00	8,000.00