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## **PRESS STATEMENT**

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

Annex A sets out the deletion and amendments (highlighted in bold) to MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations for implementation with effect from 17 March 2014.

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

2 Applications for Professional Trainer licences by Ooi Chin Chin and Lawson Moy were officially registered with MRA.

3 They have six months (till 10 September 2014) to secure stabling facilities at any of the four associated Clubs, failing which their registrations will lapse.

### **Applications for Assistant Trainer Licences**

4 Troy Kenneth Jackman, Timothy Luke Fitzsimmons, Ma Victoria Guerra @ Maria binti Abdullah and Adrien Chin Chee Wai were granted Assistant Trainer licences for the remainder of the 2014 racing season. They are attached to Trainers Peter Edward Fell, Clifford Ian Brown, Frank William Maynard and David Kok Teik Wai respectively.

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

5 Rio Arthur Burnett, Tan Chee Kit, Razali bin Musa and Charlard Koh Teck Huat were granted Professional Jockey licences for the remainder of the 2014 racing season.

6 Mark Ewe Jun Haa was granted a six-month interim Professional Jockey licence for the period 10 March 2014 to 9 September 2014, both dates inclusive.

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

7 Muhamad Syafiq bin Hazman, Muhammad Ruzaili bin Mohamad Yatim, Kif Toh Hong Zai, Lee Wai Keat and Wong Kam Chong were granted "B" Grade Apprentice Jockey licences for the remainder of the 2014 racing season. They would be indentured to Trainers Leslie Khoo Peng Ann, Stephen Gray, Michael John Clements, Malcolm Peter Thwaites and Chong Keng Leong respectively.

8 Thavarajan Barnabas a/l Doraragee was granted a six-month interim "B" Grade Apprentice Jockey licence for the period 10 March 2014 to 9 September 2014, both dates inclusive. He would be indentured to Trainer Steven Lam Wai Yuen.

### **Application for "C" Grade Apprentice Jockey Licence**

9 Sathiaa Selan a/l Muthalagan was granted a "C" Grade Apprentice Jockey licence for the remainder of the 2014 racing season. He would be indentured to Trainer Frank William Maynard.

### **Applications for Stable Supervisor Licences**

10 The following persons were granted Stable Supervisor licences for the remainder of the 2014 racing season:

	<u>Stable Supervisor</u>	<u>Employer (Trainer)</u>
.1	Jafrize bin Amat	Hideyuki Takaoka
.2	Philip Houghton	Shane Allen Edwards
.3	Mark Anthony Gallagher	Brian William Dean

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

**MRA RULE OF RACING**

PART IX – RACE MEETINGS

Programme of race meeting and Conditions of races

**Rule 95** [*Delete rule 95(3)(c)*]

- (1) The conditions of every race and the full programme of every meeting, other than a home-based meeting advertised as provided for in sub-Rule (3) below, must be lodged with the Secretary of the Association not later than one month preceding the first day of the meeting.
- (2) The Committee may at their discretion, refuse to sanction any meeting and may prohibit the advertisement of any race or race meeting in the Racing Calendar. They may also call upon the Local Committee to alter or expunge any conditions even after advertisement.
- (3) The Local Committee of any Club constituting or forming part of the Association shall:
  - (a) advertise a home-based race meeting at any time after ascertaining from the Secretary of the Association that no other race meeting has been scheduled on the same day by the Association or the Local Committee of any other Associated Club;
  - (b) notify the Secretary of the Association of the conditions for every race and the full programme of every home-based race meeting not less than twenty- four hours before the first day of the home-based race meeting.
  - (c) ***Deleted. [Only horses that are eligible at time of declaration (not pending any test or embargo) shall be permitted to be declared in home-based races.]***

## Weighing In

### **Rule 121** *[Amend rule]*

- (1) The jockeys of the first four placed horses in each race and every jockey in any race if so required by the Stewards must, immediately after pulling up, ride his horse to the place of weighing, and there dismount when ordered by the Secretary or a member of the Local Committee or Clerk of the Scales, and be weighed by the last named. Provided, that if a jockey or Rider be prevented from riding to the place of weighing by reason of accident or illness, by which he or his horse is disabled, he may walk or be carried to the scales or may be exempted from the weigh in by the Stipendiary Stewards.
- (2) If a jockey or Rider cannot draw the weight at which he weighed out the Clerk of the Scales shall allow him half a kilogramme and if he cannot then draw the weight his horse shall be disqualified, **and the rider or any other person at fault may be punished.**
- (3) If a jockey or Rider does not weigh in, the Clerk of Scales shall inform the Stipendiary Stewards and lodge an objection against the horse concerned.
- (4) If a jockey or Rider dismounts before being ordered or touches (except accidentally), any person or thing other than his own equipment before weighing in, his horse may be disqualified for the race and the jockey or Rider, Trainer or Owner may be fined, suspended or disqualified.
- (5) If a jockey or Rider is injured or is too ill to weigh in, his horse shall not be disqualified provided that the jockey or Rider weighed out at not less than his proper weight.
- (6) If a horse is led away before the jockey or Rider has weighed in no article shall be taken off such horse for the purpose of being weighed with the jockey.
- (7) If a horse carries one kilogramme or more in a flat race over the weight imposed or declared when weighing in, the Rider and any other person at fault may be punished.

## Objections

### **Rule 122** *[Amend rule]*

- (1) If an objection to a horse engaged in a race be made not later than half past ten on the morning of the day of the race the Stipendiary Stewards may require his qualification to be proved before the race and in default of such proof being given to their satisfaction, they may declare him disqualified for the race.
- (2) **Every objection shall be in writing, and must be signed by the Owner of a horse engaged in the race or by his authorised agent, Trainer, jockey, or Rider**
- (3) **In the event of an objection being deemed by the Stewards to be frivolous, the person making such objection may be fined at a sum not less than \$2,000.**

### **Rule 124** *[Amend rule]*

- (1) An objection against a winning or placed horse on the grounds of crossing, jostling, striking, interfering with or hindering any other horse or rider, or any other matter occurring in the race, must be made (as provided for in Rule 122(2)) before the "ALL CLEAR" is declared.
- (2) In any other case, an objection shall be made in writing as aforesaid, before the conclusion of the meeting.
- (3) **An objection may also be made by a Steward in his official capacity.**

## **MRA REGULATION**

### HORSES

#### Transportation of Horses

##### **Regulation 18.1** *[Amend regulation]*

Owners and Trainers may use the floats provided by the Associated Clubs **at a fee as may be, from time to time, determined by the Associated Clubs** for the transportation of race horses between the racing centres to enable the race horses to participate in race meetings. Neither the Trainer nor the Owner shall have any claim against the Association and/or any of the Associated Clubs and/or their respective servants and/or agents and/or independent contractors for any damage or loss whatsoever and howsoever caused in respect of or arising from the transportation of the race horses including without limitation any damage or loss arising from any wilful or negligent act or omission of any of the Associated Clubs and/or their respective servants and/or agents and/or independent contractors. The expression "damage or loss" includes without limitation injury or death to the race horses, delay in the race horses arriving at race meetings and injury to person or damage to property caused by and/or to the race horses or the vehicles transporting such race horses.

### PERSONS: LICENSED OR REGISTERED

#### Track Riders

##### **Regulation 32** *[Amend regulation]*

- .1 There shall be two grades of Track Riders, namely,
  - (a) Senior Track Riders who will be permitted to participate in barrier trials and tests but not ride in races, and
  - (b) Track Riders who **will be permitted to participate in barrier trials and tests subject to approval from Stewards but not ride in races.**

MISCELLANEOUS

Schedule of Fees

**Regulation 47** [Amend regulation]

	<u>FEEES IN S\$</u>	<u>FEEES 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	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

		<u>FEEES IN S\$</u>	<u>FEEES IN RM</u>
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