COMMUNIQUE – 21 Mars 2019

Hippisme : Directives de 2019

Après consultation avec les différents acteurs de l’industrie, notamment des représentants du Mauritius Turf Club, la Gambling Regulatory Authority a émis les nouvelles directives de 2019 hier après-midi.

Il serait bon de souligner que plusieurs rencontres ont été organisées avec le MTC pour aborder le sujet, la première datant de janvier 2019.

Merci de trouver ces nouvelles directives ci-jointes.

Pour la CEO

Le Département de Communication
Directions No 1 of 2019 To Mauritius Turf Club

Made under section 100 of the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act 2007.

1. The Mauritius Turf Club shall not alter its Racing Guidelines/Directions for Racing or Rules of Racing in the course of a Racing Season, except following consultations with all appropriate stakeholders and with the consent of the Gambling Regulatory Authority.

2. Where the Mauritius Turf Club conducts an investigation or a hearing relating to a breach of its Rules of Racing, it shall forthwith notify the Gambling Regulatory Authority and shall keep the Authority informed of the progress of the investigation or hearing, as the case may be, to enable the Authority to discharge its object of promoting public confidence in Horseracing.

3. (1) Where the Mauritius Turf Club has reason to believe that a person has breached its Rules of Racing, it shall:

(a) immediately notify the Gambling Regulatory Authority;
(b) conduct an investigation; and
(c) where an investigation under paragraph (b) confirms that a person may have committed a breach of the Rules of Racing of the Mauritius Turf Club, afford to that person a hearing not later than 15 days from the date of the completion of the investigation.

(2) Where following a hearing under paragraph (1)(c) above, the Mauritius Turf Club has imposed a sanction against any person it shall, forthwith, notify the Gambling Regulatory Authority.

(3) A sanction under paragraph (2) imposed in any given racing season shall be served to its full extent during that racing season and shall if necessary, be carried forward to the following racing season.

(4) An appeal under the Rules of Racing of the Mauritius Turf Club, other than an appeal by a jockey against a sanction imposed under Rule 161, shall, as far as possible, be determined within 3 months of the appeal being lodged.
4. (a) The Mauritius Turf Club shall, not later than one hour from the issue of a racecard, cause samples of blood or urine to be collected from horses entered on that racecard.

(b) Samples collected under paragraph (a) shall be tested by an analyst or laboratory approved by the Club.

5. Any scale used by the Mauritius Turf Club for the purpose of weighing the horse or jockey, or any other purpose related to racing, shall be calibrated by the Mauritius Standards Bureau before the start of a racing season or every time such scale is serviced or dismantled.

6. The MTC shall inform the Gambling Regulatory Authority whenever: -

   (i) a new horse is imported;

   (ii) a horse is retired or euthanised; and

   (iii) an application to be registered as a horse owner is received.

7. The Mauritius Turf Club shall ensure that trainers submit, at the time of importation of a horse:

   (a) a health certificate for the horse;

   (b) racing record of the horse from its racing jurisdiction.

   The information shall be made available to the Gambling Regulatory Authority whenever required in line with the regulatory powers of the Authority.

8. The Mauritius Turf Club shall ensure that Club and Stable veterinarians and other professionals who have interests in racing in Mauritius disclose such interests. Such disclosures shall be communicated to the Gambling Regulatory Authority.

9. Where a horse is entered for competition and is in the custody of the Mauritius Turf Club, no person other than approved officials, trainers and grooms of the Mauritius Turf Club, shall be allowed inside the horse’s box.

10. Except for a substance listed in the Schedule, no anti-bleeding substance shall be administered to a horse on a racing day.
11. (a) Where a horse bleeds after running a race, it shall be taken out for appropriate treatment and shall be subject to a stand down period of 30 days from that race.

(b) Where, after the stand down period of 30 days, the horse continues to bleed, it shall be subject to an additional stand down period of 45 days.

(c) Where the bleeding persists after the additional stand down period of 45 days, the Club Veterinarian shall give an opinion on whether the horse should be allowed to remain in competition or not.

12. (a) The Mauritius Turf Club shall ensure that a horse is subject to a 7 to 10 clear day stand down period after a horse is treated by way of intra-articular infiltrations.

(b) The Mauritius Turf Club shall, whenever required by the Gambling Regulatory Authority, furnish all relevant particulars in respect of a horse treated by way of intra-articular infiltrations.

13. The Mauritius Turf Club shall render any such assistance as may be required by the Authority in the conduct of:

(a) inspections at stables, private yards or training centers used for keeping horses;
(b) inspections of medication treatment books;
(c) random testing of medication tubes; and
(d) perform out of competition sampling in respect of horses listed to participate in horse races.

14. Directions No 1 of 2018 dated 29 March 2018 remain unchanged except for the following amendments:

(a) by revoking direction 1 and replacing it by the following direction:

“No foreign jockey shall ride at a race meeting organized by the Mauritius Turf Club, unless that jockey is either a national of a country with which Mauritius has binding extradition arrangements in so far as the extradition of its own nationals are concerned or the jockey, himself, or the Trainer, or the Owner who has retained his services, furnishes a security of Rs 5 Million to the Gambling Regulatory Authority.”

(b) by revoking direction 2 and replacing it by the following direction:

“Where, in a given racing season,
(i) a stable or trainer has terminated the contract of a foreign jockey; or

(ii) the stable or trainer and the foreign jockey have put an end to their contract by mutual agreement,

that jockey shall not ride for another stable or trainer for the same racing season.”

(c) by revoking direction 3 and replacing it by the following direction:

“For any given racing season, a jockey who has a contract with a stable or trainer shall not ride for any other stable or trainer except where that jockey –

(i) takes part in a Protected Race; or

(ii) rides in replacement of another jockey who, due to an unforeseen event is unable to ride in a given race.

Where a jockey rides in replacement of another jockey under paragraph (c)(ii), the Mauritius Turf Club shall inform the Gambling Regulatory Authority.

The stable or trainer with whom a foreign jockey has his initial contract shall remain responsible for that jockey. Nonetheless, where the jockey is riding for another stable under the above-mentioned circumstances, that second stable shall also be accountable and answerable for the said jockey.”

(d) by revoking direction 5 and replacing it by the following direction:

“Where the Mauritius Turf Club becomes aware of the proposed departure of –

(i) a jockey from Mauritius, it shall forthwith notify the Gambling Regulatory Authority, Passport and Immigration Office and the Mauritius Revenue Authority;

(ii) a foreign jockey from Mauritius, it shall forthwith notify the Gambling Regulatory Authority, Passport and Immigration Office, the Mauritius Revenue Authority and the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training.”

(e) by revoking direction 8 and replacing it by the following direction:
“(i) No jockey who has been suspended for more than 12 weeks either consecutively or cumulatively during the same season shall be authorised to ride for the remaining part of the season.

(ii) Where by the end of the season, a suspension has not been fully served, the remaining part of the suspension shall be served at the start of the following racing season.”

(f) by revoking direction 9 and replacing them by the following direction:

“Where a jockey appeals against a penalty imposed on him under Rule 161 of the Rules of Racing of the Mauritius Turf Club, that appeal shall be determined within 15 days of the date on which it is lodged.”

(g) by revoking direction 10 and replacing them by the following direction:

“(i) A foreign jockey shall not be allowed to ride in Mauritius for more than 3 consecutive years.

(ii) A foreign jockey who has been allowed to ride for 3 years in Mauritius shall not be authorised to ride in Mauritius within a period of 2 years from the date he last rode in Mauritius.”

15. Directions No 4 of 2018 issued on 30 November 2018 are hereby revoked.