



PRESS COMMUNIQUE

Decision of the Handicapping Review Panel

1. On Monday 06 October 2025, Trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur applied for a review of the ratings assigned to his horse Allez Moris, horses Fencing Captain, Wolf Mountain and Superior Force of Paul Foo Kune Stable.
2. Pursuant to Rule 19 (b) of the Racing Calendar, the relevant fees were settled by Trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur.
3. Representations were received from Mr Graeme Hawkins, the Handicapper of the Horse Racing Organiser.
4. A Handicapping Review Panel was constituted pursuant to Rule 19 of the Racing Calendar.
5. The Handicapping Review Panel consisted of the following members:
 - A. Mark Blackman (Chairperson)**
Raceday Integrity Team Leader at the British Horseracing Authority
 - B. Seemadree Ramiah (Member)**
Racing Analyst at the Gambling Regulatory Authority with past experience in handicapping
 - C. Santosh Ramdin (Member)**
Racing Specialist at the Gambling Regulatory Authority and former Trainer
 - D. Hughes Maigrot (Member)**
Member of the Appeal Committee of the Gambling Regulatory Authority, former Stipendiary Steward and former Trainer
6. On Monday 13 October 2025, the Panel held a meeting where the representations submitted by Trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur and the Handicapper, Graeme Hawkins, were reviewed and discussed.
7. On the same day, the Panel gave its decision, which is herewith enclosed.

The Gambling Regulatory Authority

This Tuesday 14 October 2025

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Handicapping appeal in relation to ALLEZ MORIS

Meeting was held on Monday 13th October 2025 at 10 00 hrs following the complaint by Trainer Ramapatee Gujadhur regarding the rating of his horse Allez Moris

On 6th October 2025, Trainer Gujadhur submitted an application on the appropriate form with the Authority to review the handicapping of horse Allez Moris and paid the relevant fee of Rs 10,000/-.

- Handicapper Mr HAWKINS' 10MR rise awarded to ALLEZ MORIS is reduced on appeal to a rise of 4MR.*
- No criticism was levelled by this panel at the handicapping judgement of Mr HAWKINS. He is clearly a skilled Handicapper; his assessment of ALLEZ MORIS's performance in the Barbe Cup was a fair one, wholly justified on handicapping grounds alone.*
- Where this case became more nuanced was around grey areas in the Handicapping Guidelines about MR increases for beaten horses, and precedents/ historic norms for horses beaten in similar circumstances when racing under sufferance in Mauritius. In the latter matter, I am grateful for my fellow panellists' lengthy experience of Mauritian racing.*
- It was explained to me that a 10MR rise for a beaten horses was, in the experience of my fellow panellists, unprecedented. ALLEZ MORIS was being raised by the equivalent of a wide-margin winner.*
- Crucially, in Mauritius, no distinction is made in the Handicapping Guidelines between handicap and weight-for-age races in the matter of rating adjustments. This would appear to constrain the Handicapper's ability to properly reassess a horse performing well when racing under sufferance in a high-class WFA race.*

- *The unanimous view of my fellow panelists was that a 10MR rise for being beaten under sufferance in a WFA race was extremely harsh against Mauritian norms, indeed unprecedented. It was also their unanimous view that clearer guidance could be given in the Handicapper Guidelines as to a ceiling MR rise for beaten horses.*
- *It was also the unanimous view of my fellow panellists that a rise in ALLEZ MORIS's MR was justified on the back of his improved performance in the Barbe Cup. We did not feel beholden to choose between the 10MR rise awarded by Mr HAWKINS, and trainer Mr GUJADHUR's assertion that ALLEZ MORIS should remain on an unchanged MR of 69. We explored the sizeable middle ground between these two positions.*
- *The Guidelines do not offer a number for the maximum MR rise awarded to beaten horses (we assert that they should, and this is something that can be explored in future). But neither in our view do they specifically preclude one when a horse runs well in defeat when racing under sufferance.*
- *The view of the panel was that, within a complex and nuanced mixture of the Handicapping Guidelines, the circumstances of this race, historic norms, the current business ecosystem around Mauritian racing, and the Handicapper's valid assessment of ALLEZ MORIS's performance in the Barbe Cup, the fairest determination was the reduction in MR rise to from 10pts to 4pts.*
- *In looking at Mr GUJADHUR's appeals against the MRs awarded to other horses not in his care, we found Mr HAWKINS' explanations to be valid, and we dismiss those aspects of the appeal.*

Mark Blackman
Chairperson

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