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RULES OF RACING 2026**1. INTRODUCTION**

2. These are the Rules of Racing (interchangeably referred to as the Rules or ROR) approved by the Gambling Regulatory Authority (GRA). The Horse Racing Integrity Division (HRID) will apply a zero-tolerance approach to conduct that undermines the integrity of horseracing. It remains committed to ensuring that the sport is conducted fairly, transparently and in a manner that upholds public confidence. The Stipendiary Stewards shall apply the ROR in a fair, independent and impartial manner and adopt a consistent approach to its application whilst ensuring that each matter is judged on its own merits.
3. These Rules shall come into operation on the date they are Gazetted in the Mauritius Government Gazette and any other Rules of Racing repugnant to or inconsistent with these Rules shall be annulled as from that day, but such annulment shall not affect:
 - a) the previous operation of any Rule so annulled or anything duly done or suffered there under;
 - b) any right, privilege, obligation, or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred;
 - c) any Penalty or disqualification incurred in respect of any offence committed against any Rule so nullified, or
 - d) any investigation, proceeding, or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, or Penalty so nullified.
4. Unless determined otherwise by the GRA, any matter or matters, which shall include any decisions, obligations, liabilities, offences, inquiries, appeals, investigations, and penalties, arising during the currency of any previous Rules of Racing, which are superseded by the Rules, shall hold the same force and effect as under the Rules of Racing as they existed on the date on which any such matter/s arose, and all decisions made under any Previous Rules of Racing shall have validity under these Rules.
5. For the avoidance of doubt, any breach of any of the Rules of Racing, shall, upon conviction, render a person liable to any of the penalties provided for under these Rules.
6. In the Rules, unless inconsistent with the context:
 - a) words referring to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders;
 - b) words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
7. A penalty 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 next/following Racing Season.

8. DEFINITIONS

9. In these Rules the following words and phrases shall, unless the context otherwise require, shall mean:

"Amateur Jockey" means a Person who does not receive fee or reward and holds a licence from the GRA to ride in Races reserved for amateur jockeys or holds a licence from a Foreign Racing Authority or Federation;

"Appeal Committee" means the Appeal Committee constituted by virtue of Section 7 (1) (ga) of the Gambling Regulatory Act 2007 and regulated under the Gambling Regulatory Authority Appeal Committee Regulations 2022;

"Apprentice" means a Person who holds an Apprentice jockey's license granted by the GRA and, any reference in these Rules, to a "Jockey", shall be deemed to include a reference to an "Apprentice";

"Approved Laboratory" means an analytical laboratory that is accredited by an International Testing Authority and approved by the GRA for A Sample analysis;

"Arrears" means and includes all dues payable and also includes sums unpaid in respect of fines, compensation, fees, entrance money, stakes, subscriptions, Forfeits and loans, and/or financial assistance of any kind payable to a Trainer, Jockey, HRO or GRA, as the case may be;

"Assistant Trainer" means a Person licensed by the GRA to assist a licensed Trainer and who replaces the latter in his absence or during his incapacity to act;

"Authorised persons" means persons who are regulatory officials and/or registered persons and/or otherwise recognised in a capacity described under the Rules;

"Banned Substance" means any substance defined in Rule 299;

"Barrier Trial" means an Official Trial held both as an aid to training and as a means of testing a horse's tractability in the starting stalls and/or soundness and suitability to race or continue to race;

"Bleeder or Bleeding" references Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage (EIPH);

"Beneficial Interest" means a Person who by agreement or other legal arrangement has the right to some profit, distribution, or other like benefit from the ownership of a horse even though title to the horse may be in another's name, or any individual or group of individuals that either directly or indirectly has the power to vote or participate in business decisions in respect of the horse;

"Betting Analyst" means a person appointed by the GRA who shall act under the instructions of and report to the Head of the Horse Racing Integrity Division and the Stipendiary Stewards;

"Bookmaker" means a licensee of the GRA who receives or negotiates bets on the basis of fixed odds

betting on horse racing in Mauritius;

“Chairperson of the Board of Stipendiary Stewards” is the Person appointed by the GRA to such position and includes the Deputy Chief Stipendiary Steward when needed;

“Championship race” means a race designed to determine the best horse in a specific category;

“Chief Executive Officer” or any term used to describe the person who is designated or appointed by the Board of Directors to act in that capacity for the licenced Horse Racing Organiser, in line with the provisions of the Companies Act 2001, to act as such;

“Classic Race” is reference to The Duchess of York Cup, The Barbe Cup, The Maiden Cup, and the Duke of York Cup;

“Clerk of Scales” means the Person responsible for ensuring that each rider carries the correct weight when riding in a race under the Rules;

“Correct Weight” or “All Clear” means all Jockeys have weighed in, after the race at the declared weight, including any overweight or allowance, at which the Jockey weighed out by the Clerk of Scales before the race, and the Stipendiary Stewards declaring the result is official;

“Course” means a racecourse approved by the GRA and includes the property and Premises of the HRO and such places under the control of the HRO and areas where the powers of the Stipendiary Stewards extend. This includes a training ground or land over which the HRO has control or management;

"Company" means a company incorporated under the Companies Act 2001;

"Confirmatory laboratory" is a laboratory approved by the GRA for the purpose of analysing B Samples in terms of the Rules;

"Cruelty" includes any act or omission that results in a horse being mistreated;

“Cup” is a race to be run for a Cup, Salver, Trophy, or similar Prize and any such race is still a Cup though money or other Prize is added;

“Day” means a calendar day as defined under the Interpretations and General Clauses Act 1974;

“Dead Heat” means two or more horses declared equal in placing by the Judge;

“Defaulter” means an individual who has been determined to be in arrears and/or defaulted and who has been declared to be a Defaulter in terms of Rule 519;

“Defaulters' List” is the list referred to in Rule 518;

“Deputy Chief Stipendiary Steward” means the person appointed by the GRA to act as a deputy to the Chief Stipendiary Steward and shall carry out the same duties as the latter whenever required including to act as Chairperson of the Board of Stipendiary Steward;

"Disqualification" includes the adoption or confirmation in accordance with these Rules of any

disqualification; disqualify has the corresponding meaning;

"Disqualified Person" means a Person who is Warned Off or Disqualified by the GRA under these Rules or a recognised Horse Racing Authority;

"Disqualified" when referring to a horse, means that the horse is placed last in the field;

"Division" is one of two or more separate races formed when the number of horses entered for a single race exceeds the safety or field limit. Each division is treated as a distinct race with its own set of runners, results, stakes, and prize money;

"Drug" or a Prohibited Substance means a substance originating externally whether it is endogenous to a horse that falls in any of the categories contained in the designated list in terms of the Rules and which from time to time may be amended. Substances include metabolites of that substance and the isomers of the substance and their metabolites. The finding of any scientific indicator of administration or other exposure to a Prohibited Substance is also equivalent to the finding of the substance;

"Equestrian Centre" is any training centre used for the purpose of educating, spelling horses, stabling and/or training horses;

"Equine Dentist" means a person who is duly registered or licensed under any applicable laws of Mauritius to practice equine dentistry, and who specializes in the oral health and care of horses;

"Excluded", when referring to a horse, means any horse, which for any reason, is not allowed to run;

"False Start" means when the Starter announces that a fair Start has not been effected and orders the Jockeys to return to the starting post;

"Final and conclusive" means any act done or decision made by the Stipendiary Stewards in the exercise of any right, power or authority conferred to them under the Rules shall, except where otherwise provided in the Rules, shall not be subject to an appeal under the Rules or challenged before any forum;

"Foreign Jockey" means a Jockey who is not a citizen of Mauritius under the provisions of the Constitution of Mauritius and/or the Immigration Act, who does not hold a Mauritian Passport and who requires a work permit to exercise as a professional Jockey in Mauritius;

"Foreign Mauritian based Jockey" means a Foreign Jockey who holds a valid residence permit and who does not require a work permit to exercise as a professional Jockey in Mauritius;

"Foreign Racing Authority" means a body, statutory or otherwise, that has the control or general supervision of racing within a country, state or territory or province other than Mauritius;

"Forfeits" means all overdue and unpaid nomination, acceptance or qualification fees, moneys,

stakes, fines, arrears, subscriptions, course, track and other fees and Prize money recoverable and unpaid which are:

- a) due from or imposed upon any Person;
- b) due in respect of or imposed upon any horse; or
- c) published by a Foreign Turf Authority as so due or imposed;

“Gallop Test” means a continuous gallop, not less than 1000m on turf, in no more than 70 seconds; or not less than 600m on sand, in no more than 40 seconds;

“Gambling Regulatory Authority” means the Gambling Regulatory Authority, a body corporate, established under Section 3 of the Gambling Authority Act 2007 and is referred to interchangeably as the “GRA” or “the Authority” in these Rules;

“Guardianship” means the appointment of a Person as the responsible caretaker of an abandoned horse;

“Gear Register” means the register of all gears or equipment approved by the Stipendiary Stewards together with conditions for the use of such gear or equipment;

“GRA Act” means the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act of 2007 and includes any amendments to the Act;

“Gambling Regulatory Inspector” has the same definition as set out in the GRA Act and may assist the Stipendiary Stewards in the exercise of their duties, if required under these Rules;

“Handicap Race” means a race in which the weight to be carried by the horses entered therein are adjusted by the Handicapper for the purpose of equalising their chances of winning;

“Handicapper” means the Person retained by the HRO, subject to the approval of the GRA, to perform the duties allotting weights for horses in any race and performing as incidental functions thereto;

“Head of Horse Racing Integrity Division” is the Person appointed by the GRA and who is in charge of the Horse Racing Integrity Division (hereinafter referred to as the “HRID”);

“Handler” means any licensed/registered Person who handles any horse at any Race Meeting, trial or in training;

“Horse” includes a stallion, rig, mare, gelding;

“Horse Racing Authority” means an affiliated member of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities or the Asian Racing Federation;

“Horse Racing Integrity Division” means the division set up in accordance with the GRA Act to deal with every aspect of horse racing in Mauritius. This division shall be referred to as “HRID” in the

Rules;

“Horse Racing Organiser” means a company licensed in accordance with the GRA Act to organise horse races in Mauritius and is referred to as the “HRO” in the Rules;

“HRMS” means the Horse Racing Management System database of the GRA;

“IABRW” means the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering;

“IFHA” means the International Federation of Horse Racing Authorities;

“Illicit Substance” means illegal or unapproved substances that have highest potential to affect the performance of horses and should not to be administered to a racehorse at any time in its career. See further Rule 261 and Schedule VII;

“Interest” in respect of a horse includes:

- a) the ownership by a natural Person of a horse;
- b) membership of a syndicate which owns a horse;
- c) where relevant, membership of a company, unincorporated organisation or syndicate which owns a horse, or has any direct or indirect Interest in a company, unincorporated organisation or syndicate which owns a horse;

“Inquiry” means an inquiry into or investigation of any matter under the Rules and the adjudication of any breach of the Rules of Racing by the Stipendiary Stewards;

“Jockey” means a Person licensed or registered by the GRA to ride in races and shall include an Apprentice Jockey;

“Judge” means the Person duly appointed by the HRO and includes any Assistant Judge similarly appointed in accordance with these Rules that determines the result of the race;

“Juristic person” means a firm, corporation, union, association, or other organization capable of suing and being sued in a court of law;

“Jump-out” means a trial, other than an Official Trial, which is organised by the HRO and supervised as such by the Stipendiary Stewards;

“Laboratory Analyst” means a person acting on behalf of a Laboratory approved by the GRA;

“Legal Person” means a Natural Person, Company, or Syndicate that owns a race horse or horses;

“Licence” means and includes any approval, consent, registration, permission, or permit granted by the GRA;

“Maiden” means a horse, which at the time of Starting, has never won a race other than a Match or Private Sweepstakes at any recognised Race Meeting in Mauritius or any other country;

“Medication” means any treatment with drugs or any other substances;

“Metabolite” means a substance made or used when the body breaks down food, drugs, or chemicals in the metabolism process;

"Microchip" means an electronic identifier transponder encoded with a unique unalterable number for implantation in horses;

“Month” means a Calendar Month;

“Named Horse” means a horse which has been registered with the GRA for racing under these Rules and includes all horses registered prior to the commencement of these Rules;

"Natural Person" refers to an individual;

“Objection” means an objection lodged with the Stipendiary Stewards in terms of the Rules;

“Official Trial” means a trial approved by the GRA and where official entries and results are recorded under the supervision of the Stipendiary Stewards;

"Owner" means a Person registered as such and under whose name a horse may be entered in a race and may include a duly registered Syndicate. An Owner shall hold a Personal Management Licence;

“Owner’s Racing Colours” are unique combinations of colours and patterns worn by jockeys, officially registered to a specific horse owner;

"Paddock" means the parade ring where horses are saddled and walked prior to a race;

"Partnership" in relation to the ownership of horses, means an association of co-Owners up to a maximum of ten (10) natural and/or legal Persons and registered as such with the GRA;

“Passport” means the document issued by a Stud Book Authority or a Horse Racing Authority in relation of the horse described therein;

“Perimeter Control” means the perimeter surveillance that will apply to an area or premises under the responsibility of the Trainer where horses eligible to race in a race meeting are stabled;

“Person” includes any natural person or juristic person licensed or registered in terms of the Rules;

“Personal Management Licence” has the same definition as set out under Section 93B of the GRA Act;

"Photograph " means the Photograph taken by the camera provided when horses pass the winning post and installed by the HRO with the approval of the GRA;

“Possession” shall have a meaning which includes;

- a) an article, substance or thing that is in the custody or control of a Person;
- b) the Person has and exercises access to the article, substance, or thing; and
- c) the article, substance or thing that is found at any time on the Premises used in any manner, in relation to the training or racing of horses, and the Person occupies or has the care, control

or management of those Premises or owns, trains or is in charge of horses at those Premises;

“Premises” includes without limitation, for the purposes of these Rules, any land, building, enclosure, Stable, race track that is owned or rented or controlled by the HRO or any fixed or movable structure, (including a vehicle) and all such places/areas where any Rules of Racing or regulations are applicable;

“Prize” includes any monies, cups or trophies or any material gain or benefit capable of being valued in money, earned by a horse for winning or being placed, from whatever source being awarded to the Owner, Trainer, Jockey, or any other Person associated with a horse in accordance with the conditions of a race;

“Prohibited Substance” means a substance specified by these Rules to be a Prohibited Substance and shall include an illicit substance, or one which falls within any group or categories of substances specified in these Rules to be a Prohibited Substance unless it is specifically exempted;

“Race” means any horse race organised by the duly licensed HRO with the approval of the GRA whether or not such race is referred to as a Plate, Cup or “Prix,” Stakes or Trophy. It shall include each division of a split race;

“Race Card” means the official Race Card prepared and published by the HRO which sets out all the relevant information pertaining to every race run during a race meeting organised by the duly licensed HRO; it shall contain at least the following information; name of the horse, Jockey, Trainer, the weights, draw and equipment;

“Race Meeting” means a meeting at which horses participate and is organised by the duly licensed HRO. It includes Official Trials, at a designated racetrack duly approved by the GRA;

“Racing Analyst” means a person appointed by the GRA and who shall act under the instructions of the Head of the Horse Racing Integrity Division and/or the Stipendiary Stewards to carry out duties as directed by them;

“Racing Season” means the period for horseracing to be organised by the duly licensed HRO with the approval of the GRA;

“Racing Specialist” means a person appointed by the GRA and shall act under the instructions of the Head of the Horse Racing Integrity Division and/or the Stipendiary Stewards to carry out duties as directed by them;

“Reference Sample” means a reserved portion of a sample, commonly known as ‘B Sample’ that is referred to a Laboratory approved by the GRA for confirmatory testing of the original sample;

“Registered” means any registration, as required by the GRA Act, and/or pursuant to any relevant

legislation for the organisation, conduct and good governance of horseracing;

“Registrar of Race Horses” means the person appointed to act in that position by the GRA, whose role includes recording information regarding horses, ownership, and identity of thoroughbred horses racing in Mauritius;

“Regulatory Officials” means persons appointed by the GRA in terms of Rule 26;

“Regulatory Veterinarian” means a Veterinary Surgeon registered with the Veterinary Council under the Veterinary Council Act 2020 and appointed by the GRA to inter alia oversee the health, safety, and welfare of racehorses;

“Rider” means a jockey and includes a track rider duly licenced by the GRA;

“Riding Master” means a person appointed by the GRA that assesses riding and teaches persons to ride horses;

“Rules” means these Rules of Racing or any Rule thereof;

“Rules of Betting” means the duly authorised and approved Rules of betting for horseracing made from time to time by the GRA that are in force within Mauritius;

“Sample” means a small part or quantity of a whole, taken from saliva, urine, sweat, breath, blood, hair, tissue, skin, body fluids, or any excretion from any part or in contact with the body of a human or equine as the case may be;

“Schedule” refers to the Schedules annexed to these Rules and form part of the Rules. They may be amended from time to time;

“Scratching” means the withdrawal of a horse from a Race, Official Trial, or Jump-out, upon the advice of the Regulatory Veterinarian and/or by order of the Stipendiary Stewards and includes all communications which convey such withdrawal;

“Screening Limit” means any limit for a particular substance as determined by the GRA in line with the IFHA guidelines;

“Skull Cap” means a protective riding helmet the standard of which is approved by the Stipendiary Stewards;

“Stable” means the premises under the control of a Trainer and includes the horses under his care and control as well as the boxes where they are kept;

“Stable Employee” means an Assistant Trainer or a Stable Supervisor or a groom, duly licensed and/or registered with the GRA, and who acts under the instructions of a duly licensed Trainer;

“Stable Log Book” means a log book to register details of any person entering a premises where racehorses are stabled; it includes stables at the Champ de Mars racetrack and any equestrian

centres, for the purpose of establishing who had access to the said premises and/or equestrian centre;

“Stakeholder” includes:

- a) a Trainer;
- b) an Assistant Trainer;
- c) a Stable Supervisor;
- d) an Owner;
- e) a Jockey;
- f) a Groom;

"Start" means the location from where the start of a race is designed to commence;

“Starter” means a person appointed by the HRO to perform that role under the Rules;

"Stipendiary Steward" means a person appointed by the GRA with powers and jurisdiction to enforce the Rules;

“Stipendiary Stewards Board” shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 Stipendiary Stewards appointed by the GRA with powers and jurisdiction to enforce the Rules;

“Stud” means a Person, company or unincorporated organisation which breeds horses;

"Suspension" means the temporary withdrawal in whole or in part of any licence, registration, permit, permission, right or privilege granted under these Rules; Suspend has a corresponding meaning;

“Sweepstakes” has the definition as set out in the GRA Act;

“Thoroughbred” is a horse which is recorded in the Thoroughbred Stud Book of the country of foaling, that Stud Book having been granted Approved status by the International Stud Book Committee at the time of its official recording;

“Thoroughbred Identification Card” means the card that has been issued by a Foreign Turf Authority in relation to the identity of the horse described on it;

“Time of Entry” means the time fixed for closing of entry for any race;

“Trackwork” means any training activity excluding a Barrier Trial or Jump-out undertaken by a horse in the care of a Trainer on a Course, recognised training track, private training establishment or elsewhere;

"Trackwork Rider" may be any Jockey or any person who holds a Trackwork Rider licence from the GRA;

“Trackwork Record” means the daily record of any exercise given to a horse under the Trainers’ control;

"Trainer" means a training partnership or Person licensed to train horses, and who is responsible and accountable under the Rules for the training, management, administration, supervision, security, and control of the horses under his care;

"Veterinary Surgeon" means a Veterinary Surgeon duly registered with the GRA and licensed with the Veterinary Council under the Veterinary Council Act 2020 to render veterinary services to racehorses of duly licensed Trainers at any time in accordance with the Rules;

"Veterinary Treatment Register" means the recording of the administration of any substance by the oral or naso-gastric route, by injection, by application, by inhalation or by any other means, and includes without limitation Prohibited Substances and anything therapeutic, whether or not administered with the approval and/or the recommendation and/or under the supervision of the Regulatory Veterinarian, or any form; of physical therapy, acupuncture or other processes using application of physical therapy devices;

"Void Race" means a race that is declared void in accordance with the provisions of these Rules or is abandoned either before or after the horses have been declared to start or is never run or a fair result of which, in the opinion of the Stipendiary Stewards, is impossible to achieve;

"Walk Over" occurs where a Jockey is weighed out, mounted his horse and ridden past the Judge's box, and that horse is the only runner in the race;

"Warned Off" means a decision or penalty prohibiting a Person from entering any racecourse or place under the control of the HRO and a Person "Warned Off" shall be subject to the same prohibitions as a Disqualified Person;

"Weight for Age Race" means a race in which the weight to be carried by any horse is determined according to its age as provided in Rule 195;

"Well established race tactics" means the racing pattern of a horse that has raced at least 3 times;

"Winning" includes dead-heat for first place, walking over and receiving forfeit, but not running second or a lower place.

"Yard" means the area where horses are kept and/or stabled.

10. HORSE RACING INTEGRITY DIVISION

11. The Horse Racing Integrity Division (HRID) of the GRA will be administered and managed by appointed persons and will report to the Chief Executive Officer of the GRA. The HRID will have the following powers:

a) regulate, control, and monitor the organisation of horse racing activities;

- b) promote public confidence in the integrity of the horse racing industry by ensuring proper standards of conduct and competence;
- c) ensure that horse racing is fair, clean, and free from corruption or malpractice;
- d) ensure that there is a clear and transparent framework for access to participation in horse racing; and
- e) promote the welfare and leisure of the race going public.

12. APPLICATION OF THE RULES

13. These Rules shall apply to:

- a) All persons who are licensed and/or registered;
- b) All Race Meetings, Barrier Trials, Trackwork and Races organised by and/or held under the aegis of the HRO; racing control and supervision of matters arising from these events shall be under the authority of the Stipendiary Stewards;
- c) Any premises of the duly licensed HRO where races are conducted, and to all persons directly or indirectly involved in matters covered by the Rules;
- d) Any person granted access to premises under the HRO's control and including members of the public who voluntarily attend; and
- e) Any act done or decision made by the GRA, in the exercise or intended exercise of any power conferred on it by or under any Rule, except where otherwise specified.

14. The Rules are entirely subject to the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act 2007 and any directions, regulations and notices issued by the GRA, from time to time.

15. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

16. The GRA may, at any time, rescind, vary, or amend any Rule, including any Schedule annexed to the Rules.

17. Notwithstanding Rule 16, the GRA may, at any time, rescind, vary, or amend any list of prohibited substances (or exceptions or thresholds) set out in Rule 267.

18. DUTIES OF THE HORSE RACING ORGANISER

19. The HRO shall, in respect of a race meeting held at the racecourse it manages:

- a) implement the Rules, guidelines and directions approved by the GRA;
- b) report to the Chairperson of Stipendiary Stewards for that Race Meeting, not less than 2 days

- before that Race Meeting, the absence of a horse listed on the Race Card;
- c) authorise no person, other than the officers of the GRA or Trainers and their approved representatives, to have access to quarantined horses;
 - d) under the supervision of the GRA, collect, from the horses listed on the official racecard, blood, urine, or other sample for immediate conveyance to the equine laboratory for sampling;
 - e) monitor and record in an official log book, in the presence of an officer of the GRA and a security officer of the HRO, particulars of all care and treatment given to a horse on the official racecard;
 - f) ensure the availability and maintenance of equipment required for the race meeting, including starting gates, photo finish, public address system, closed circuit television, wagering machines, and other electrical equipment;
 - g) ensure the Course is in proper condition by providing for:
 - i. a smooth and safe racing surface;
 - ii. safe and secure running and outside rails;
 - iii. properly-trained starter and handlers;
 - iv. sanitisation of and, bedding in the sample collection and saddling areas; and
 - v. an appropriate animal welfare environment;
 - h) ensure compliance with applicable health and safety requirements;
 - i) ensure that prompt and rapid medical attention is dispensed to injured jockeys, grooms, and general staff;
 - j) ensure that at least one fully equipped ambulance is available at all times during the race meeting;
 - k) maintain an alarm system to notify the presence of any unattended horse on the ground;
 - l) provide, at the racecourse, 2 days before and 2 days after the race meeting, the services of an equine veterinarian approved by the Authority;
 - m) provide proper infrastructure, including interview rooms, facilities for viewing of race videos from different angles and any other ancillary infrastructure to assist the Stipendiary Stewards in their duties;
 - n) ensure the prompt dissemination of the official results of races to the Authority, the media, and the public;
 - o) give fair treatment to all stakeholders, including Owners, Trainers, riders, patrons, betting operators, dart games operators, food, and beverage sellers;
 - p) authorise, free of charge or against the payment of a broadcasting fee approved by the Board,

a broadcasting licensee to cover a live horse race during a race meeting, provided that where it exempts a broadcasting licensee from the payment of a broadcasting fee, it shall afford the same treatment to any other broadcasting licensee.

20. A Horse Racing Organiser shall, in respect of its activities –
- a) provide to the Authority, a monthly report of race meetings that shall include any proposed developments and any completed improvement to its premises;
 - b) submit to the Authority an annual report on such date as it may determine; and
 - c) comply with the Code of Corporate Governance, guidelines issued under the Financial Reporting Act, as well as fit and proper person guidelines issued by the Authority.
 - d) organise Race Meetings including addressing such matters as staffing, security, CCTV coverage, wagering facilities and any other matter or thing necessary to stage a Race Meeting;
 - e) facilitate the training of horses as required; this shall include providing safe training facilities;
 - f) apply to the GRA for race dates including the conditions subject to which Races are to be run and Prizes to be allotted thereto;
 - g) when postponing or cancelling the holding of a Race or Race Meeting it shall seek prior approval from the Stipendiary Stewards; and
 - h) any other facilities reasonably required by the Stipendiary Stewards and the GRA to ensure the proper administration of horse racing at the racetrack.

21. **GENERAL POWERS OF THE STIPENDIARY STEWARDS**

22. A Board of Stipendiary Stewards will consist of a minimum of three and a maximum of five members, appointed by the GRA.
23. In the event of a tie in votes among the Stipendiary Stewards, the Chairperson will have a casting vote on any matter requiring a board decision;
24. The Stipendiary Stewards shall have the powers to do all things necessary to enable them to fulfil their functions and duties. Without derogating from the generality of this provision, the exercise of such powers shall include, and is not limited to:
- a) make any orders or take any decisions which are necessary in the best interest of racing;
 - b) officiate at Race Meetings and make any determination on any matter for the proper administration and control of racing;
 - c) select and detain any horse located on a Course, for the purpose of:
 - i. a veterinary examination; and/or

- ii. the taking of a sample;
- d) satisfy themselves to the fitness of a horse to participate in a race and order the horse to run over a distance of not less than 1000m on turf in not more than 70 seconds, or not less than 600m on sand, in no more than 40 seconds;
- e) have unfettered access to inspect and search any place where horses are located;
- f) examine and/or seize and/or confiscate any items found at any place or on any person, where the Stipendiary Stewards are carrying out a search or an inspection;
- g) interview any person during the course of any search or inspection conducted in terms of the Rules;
- h) authorise any person to assist them in the exercise of their powers, functions, and duties;
- i) utilise, whilst performing their functions, any audio, photographic and/or video recording device;
- j) determine the tractability of a horse to start in a Race;
- k) publish and/or authorise the publication of any decision, including the penalty imposed, or any action taken by the Stipendiary Stewards;
- l) scratch and/or suspend any horse for any reason it determines appropriate;
- m) cause the All Clear to be announced if they are satisfied that no Objection has been lodged and the Jockeys have weighed in correctly;
- n) scratch a horse at any time before a Race, if any sample taken from that horse is reported as containing a Prohibited or Illicit Substance;
- o) postpone or abandon any Race if, in their opinion, the conditions for racing are unsafe, after consultation with the licenced HRO, if necessary;
- p) alter the distance and/or any condition of a race when they deem it necessary, with due regard to the best interest of racing;
- q) exclude and/or request the removal from all places under their control or the HRO's control all Warned-Off and Disqualified Persons;
- r) declare any horse which has not had a fair start to be a non-runner, provided that no horse that finishes first, second, third or fourth shall be declared a non-runner in such circumstances;
- s) disqualify or declare to be a non-runner, any horse which has had an unfair advantage at the Start;
- t) have access and control over all places and structures used for the purposes of regulating and/or conducting Race Meetings and/or situated on the race course;

- u) determine Objections;
- v) declare void any Race, cancel betting on any Race, and/or order a Race to be restarted if in their opinion the circumstances justify such action;
- w) adjudicate upon and determine any dispute between Persons arising out of racing-related matters, provided that such matters can be substantiated;
- x) select any Jockey at any time to provide a sample for analysis;
- y) enquire into any matter regarding the Rules and all other horse racing related matters;
- z) issue a warning, without the need for an inquiry, to any person licensed or registered under the Rules where, in their opinion, it is necessary to do so, to preserve the integrity of horseracing;
- aa) issue an order or a directive or an instruction to any licensed or registered person who is on the premises of the HRO or at any time under their control as provided for under the Rules when they deem necessary in the best interest of racing and includes any Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) to facilitate the smooth administration of horseracing; and
- bb) take Possession of and examine through any means, any mobile phone, computer, tablet, or any other electronic devices they may determine could be relevant to any investigation, inquiry, and/or investigation.

Any person who fails to comply with any order or decision issued by the Stipendiary Stewards under this Rule, shall commit a breach and upon conviction be liable to any of the penalties provided for under Rule 467.

25. No Stipendiary Steward or any person co-opted by the Board of Stipendiary Stewards, to adjudicate at an inquiry, shall be held liable for any decision taken under the Rules. Section 159 of the GRA Act shall apply Mutatis Mutandis.

26. **REGULATORY OFFICIALS**

27. The GRA may appoint the following Persons:

- a) Head of the Horse Racing Integrity Division;
- b) Stipendiary Stewards;
- c) Laboratory Analyst;
- d) Gambling Regulatory Inspectors (GRI);
- e) Racing Specialists;
- f) Racing Analysts;
- g) Regulatory Veterinarians;

- h) Sample Collectors;
 - i) Betting Analysts;
 - j) Riding masters; and
 - k) Where appropriate, assistants or deputies to the persons contemplated under Rule 27.
28. The HRO shall provide to the GRA a list of the following persons who shall be registered with the GRA before the start of every racing season or upon any change occurring to the following list:
- a) Medical Officers;
 - b) Course Farriers;
 - c) Sample Collectors;
 - d) Security Officers;
 - e) Clerk of the Course;
 - f) Clerk of Scales;
 - g) Judge;
 - h) Handicapper;
 - i) Paddock Officials;
 - j) Jockey Room Valets;
 - k) Chief Horse Handler and Handlers; and
 - l) Starter.
29. The list of persons contemplated in Rule 28 shall be accompanied by supporting documentation as to the qualification of those persons to hold such position, together with their Certificate of Character.
30. No person shall act as a regulatory Official if:
- a) He has been Warned Off under the Rules or by a Foreign Racing Authority; and/or
 - b) He and/or his spouse is a Bookmaker and/or is employed or contracted by a licensed bookmaker operating betting on horseracing in Mauritius.
 - c) He or his spouse has any form of interest, whether direct or indirect, in a horse, a stable and/or in a race.
31. **HANDICAPPER**
32. The Handicapper shall be appointed by the HRO and be responsible for the allotment of weights in Races in accordance with the handicapping guidelines as published by the HRO after approval by the GRA.

33. REGISTRATION OF HORSES

34. Every horse arriving in Mauritius, for the purpose of running in races, shall be registered with the HRID within 14 days of its arrival;
- a) Every transfer of ownership in a racehorse shall be accompanied by a proof of purchase duly signed by the buyer and seller;
 - b) Transfer of ownership in a racehorse made other than through a sale, shall be accompanied by a written agreement stating the reason and the conditions of the transfer. The agreement must be duly signed by the transferor and transferee.
35. Without derogating from the provisions of Rule 34, the failure to register a horse within 14 days of arrival in Mauritius shall result in that horse being ineligible to access the track operated by HRO until such time it has been registered.
36. All information relating to horses participating in racing in Mauritius will be updated by the Registrar in the HRMS.
37. The following Information must be provided for a horse to be registered:
- a) date of foaling;
 - b) sex;
 - c) colour;
 - d) pedigree;
 - e) any brands and markings;
 - f) Microchip number;
 - g) Foal Identification Card; (if applicable)
 - h) any disqualifications incurred;
 - i) the name, date of birth, address, and signature of each Owner or if the horse is owned by a juristic person, the name of the juristic person and the name and address of the nominee of the juristic person and if the juristic person is a company, the name of the company and its registered address;
 - j) a certificate of identification by which the horse may be identified, as certified by a Veterinary Surgeon approved by the Stipendiary Stewards; and
 - k) any other information that the GRA considers necessary.
38. It shall be an offence for a person to provide incorrect information in an application to register a horse

39. The GRA may, in its discretion, accept or reject any application for the transfer of ownership of a horse.
40. A transfer test, as per schedule III to these Rules, must be completed before a horse is transferred between Trainers. Any expenses incurred shall be borne by the person making the request for the transfer.
41. If an Ownership transfer application is granted, the GRA shall amend the HRMS accordingly.
42. A proof of purchase of any horse being registered or transferred must be provided to the GRA.
43. All transfers of ownership will be processed if the majority of the ownership completes and signs the designated forms.
44. The Trainer of a horse shall inform the Registrar within 48 hours of any:
 - a) horse that enters or leaves their care; and
 - b) change in ownership of a horse in their care.
45. The GRA shall process applications for the registration of a new owner of a transferred horse as follows:
 - a) Prior to the transfer, an owner must produce a duly filled and signed "Horse Transfer" form and produce a receipt for the payment of a transfer test to the HRID;
 - b) If a registered horse is transferred to a new owner, that new owner must apply for registration of the transfer using the designated form.
46. An application for the registration of a horse purchased by or transferred to a syndicate must be signed by the nominee or an authorised representative of the syndicate. The GRA may conduct inquiries into the circumstances of the transfer of a horse. An Owner who wishes to remove his horse from the care of a Trainer without transferring the said horse to another Trainer shall inform the HRID of his intention to do so at least 48 hours before the movement of the horse. The removal of a horse from the care of a Trainer, in breach of this Rule, shall, upon conviction, be liable to any penalties provided under the Rules.
47. A trainer who has received a written notice from an Owner to remove a horse under his care and return the horse to the Owner, shall immediately inform the HRID and request that the horse be de-registered as part of his stable.
48. Once a racehorse has been de-registered, it shall not be eligible to be nominated unless the owner(s) complies with the following conditions:
 - a) Submit a fresh application for registration in the designated form and obtain written confirmation from the HRID that the racehorse has been registered;

- b) Pay any relevant processing fee;
- c) Pay the relevant fee for a blood and hair test;
- d) Obtain the written approval of the Regulatory Veterinarian;
- e) Obtain the written approval of the Stipendiary Stewards; and
- f) That the horse passes a barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Stewards.

Any person who fails to comply with this Rule, shall commit an offence and upon conviction, be liable to any of the penalties provided under the Rules.

49. RACE HORSE NAMES

- 50. No horse shall have a similar name to a previous one that was crowned horse of the year and/or won a classic race in Mauritius. The GRA, with the consent of the Stud Book of the country where the horse was foaled, will change or vary the name.
- 51. The GRA may change or cancel any horse's registration where it deems necessary.
- 52. Unless approved by the GRA, a horse cannot be registered with the same name as any other horse previously registered in Mauritius until the later of:
 - a) 15 years after the birth of the horse with the same name; or
 - b) 20 years after the birth of the youngest progeny of the horse with the same name.
- 53. Where a horse has been imported, it shall only be permitted to be trained and/or participate in a barrier trial and/or Races in Mauritius if:
 - a) it is registered in the Stud Book of its country of origin or in such other register kept for race horses in its country of origin;
 - b) it has been microchipped or identified by a method approved by the GRA;
 - c) its ownership has been registered with the GRA upon arrival;
 - d) it has been registered with the GRA within 14 days of arrival;
 - e) it is older than two years and complies with the Rules;
 - f) it has been named; and
 - g) it has been imported with the approval of the GRA.
- 54. A horse born in Mauritius may take part in racing after obtaining the permission of the GRA and/or the Stipendiary Stewards after its owner has provided proof of the horse's pedigree, parentage, birth, covering and identification.
- 55. Until a transfer of a horse or ownership interest in a horse is registered, the horse shall not participate in a race or in a barrier trial.

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56. In special circumstances, the name of an imported horse may be changed:
- a) with the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards and subject to such conditions as they may impose; and
 - b) subject to the approval of the Stud Book of the country where the horse was foaled.
57. Horses' names are unacceptable, if:
- a) They are similar to that of a public person, without that person's or their family's written consent or names of commercial significance without the appropriate written permission;
 - b) They are suggestive or have a vulgar, obscene, or insulting meaning; names considered in poor taste or names that may be offensive to the religious, political, or ethnic group;
 - c) They are followed by numbers;
 - d) They are made up entirely of initials or include figures, hyphens, full stops, commas, signs, exclamation marks, inverted commas, forward or back slash, colon, and semi-colon;
 - e) In pronunciation, they are identical or similar to a protected name or a name registered for a horse whose year of foaling is within ten years of the horse in question;
 - f) They have more than eighteen characters, including signs or spaces; and
 - g) They start with any other sign other than a letter.
58. The GRA may, upon payment of a fee, issue an owner with a replacement copy of a document of registration or other official registration or identification document as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.
59. **USE BY OWNERS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ASSOCIATED WITH A HORSE**
60. As a condition of, and in consideration for, the registration of a horse or an Interest in a horse, each Owner (including future Owners):
- a) authorises the GRA and the HRO to use the names, images, owner's racing colours, and other indicia of horses for the purposes of administrating, promoting, and reporting on horse racing;
 - b) accepts that the GRA owns all rights, title, or Interest (including but not limited to copyright, goodwill, and reputation) in the name, image, owner's racing colours, and any other indicia associated with a horse, whether existing before or after the horse is registered;
 - c) assigns to the GRA – to the extent the Owner owns, by operation of law, any right, title, or Interest (including but not limited to copyright, goodwill, and reputation) in the name, image, owner's racing colours, and any other indicia associated with the horse, whether existing before or after the horse is registered – any and all such intellectual property rights;

- d) undertakes not to apply, or authorise any other person to apply, to register the name, image owner's racing colours or any other indicia associated with a horse as a trademark; and
- e) undertakes not to assert or bring or to authorise any other person to assert or bring, any claim of ownership of any intellectual property rights in the name, image, owner's racing colours, or any other indicia associated with the horse.

61. In consideration for the assignment and undertakings as provided for under Rule 60, the GRA will grant to all Owners of the horse a non-exclusive, royalty-free, and non-transferable license to use the name, image, owner's racing colours and other indicia associated with the horse for any purpose related to racing, training, promoting, merchandising, and otherwise in connection with the horse.

62. AGE OF HORSES

63. The age of a horse shall be determined as follows:

- a) If the foal is born between 1 July and 31 December such horse shall take its age from 1 August in the year in which it is foaled (Southern Hemisphere);
- b) If the foal is born between 1 January and 30 June, it shall take its age from 1 January in the year in which it is foaled (Northern Hemisphere).

64. Any doubt or dispute in relation to a horse's age shall be determined by the Stipendiary Stewards, at an inquiry, if necessary.

65. ABANDONMENT OF HORSES

66. Without derogating from any of the powers of the Stipendiary Stewards, a Trainer who abandons a horse which is under his care, shall, under no circumstances, be eligible for a Trainer's license under these Rules. The Stipendiary Stewards, after inquiry, may upon conviction, impose any penalties provided for under these Rules and may further take any disciplinary action against the owner of the abandoned horse.

67. A person's estate which is sequestrated, wound up or liquidated or where a person is an unrehabilitated insolvent or any company which is wound up or in liquidation and unable to cater for horses under its responsibility, may have the said horses put under guardianship by the Stipendiary Stewards, who may appoint a suitable guardian for that purpose.

68. The Stipendiary Stewards may also appoint a guardian in cases where an individual or person who is warned off, disqualified, suspended or whose name is on the defaulters' list or has a criminal record, is unable to cater for horses that are under his responsibility.

69. **RETIREMENT OF HORSES**

70. Upon the retirement of a registered horse from racing, the Trainer or Owner of such horse shall seek prior approval from the Regulatory Veterinarian, and fill in the required Retired Horse Form indicating the name of the new Owner, and the place where the horse is being retired to.

71. The following persons may notify the HRID, on the designated form, the permanent retirement of a horse from racing:

- a) the Registered Owner; or
- b) the Trainer, acting on behalf of the registered owner, under a valid authority to act.

72. Once retired, a horse shall not be eligible to race again, under any circumstances.

73. **DEATH OF HORSES**

74. Upon the death of a horse which has not been retired from racing, either the Trainer or Owner shall, within 48 hours, notify the GRA of such death, through the designated death notification form.

75. In the event that a horse dies of a cause which is not immediately identifiable, the Trainer of that horse must immediately inform the Regulatory Veterinarian. The Regulatory Veterinarian of the GRA shall determine, in consultation with the Stipendiary Stewards, whether an autopsy is necessary and shall carry out such autopsy as soon as is practicable.

76. Under no circumstances, shall a dead horse be buried or cremated unless the Regulatory Veterinarian, in consultation with the Stipendiary Stewards, approves such disposal.

77. **HORSES TRANSFERRED WITH AND WITHOUT ENGAGEMENTS**

78. In the absence of any agreement to the contrary, when a horse is sold, its existing engagements are transferred with the horse, unless such agreement expressly provides that the sale is without engagements.

79. No Person shall:

- a) Fail to declare any share or interest in a horse;
- b) Fail to provide information in relation to interests in a horse;
- c) Misrepresent or provide any misleading or inaccurate information about the ownership of a

horse; or

- d) be a party to or assist in a breach of this Rule.

80. REGISTRATION OF OWNERSHIP

81. A person must apply to the GRA in order to be registered as an Owner.

82. The GRA shall only register the following ownership types:

- a) a sole Owner, in the name of a natural person;
- b) a Company, in the name of a Company;
- c) a Partnership, in the name of the partnership or in the names of the individuals, syndicates and or juristic persons comprising the partnership of no more than 10 partners;
- d) a Syndicate, comprising of no more than 20 individuals or juristic persons.

83. CANCELLATION OF PRIVILEGES

84. The GRA may cancel an owner's registration if he does not have a horse registered for a period of two consecutive years.

85. The GRA may cancel an owner's registration if any of the following are or become a Disqualified Person or subject to any form of insolvency proceedings:

- a) the Owner;
- b) a director of a Company;
- c) any person with a legal, beneficial, or equitable interest in any horses owned by the Owner; or any representative of the Owner;
- d) information is not provided on request, or is false, inaccurate, or incomplete;
- e) the criteria for the ownership type are not met;
- f) appropriate financial arrangements are not in place between the owner and Trainer;

86. Subject to the Rules, every Owner shall:

- a) be registered with the GRA;
- b) sign an Authority to Act form with the Trainer who is responsible for his horses;
- c) have a written agreement with a Trainer which shall be made available promptly to the HRID upon request
- d) own no less than a 5% share of a horse; and
- e) hold owners racing colours as registered with the HRO.

87. No Trainer shall nominate or declare a horse to race unless the owner is licenced as a PML holder with the GRA and such registration accurately reflects the ownership of the horse.

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88. Where a horse has more than one owner, the Trainer shall state in writing at the time of declarations under which owner's racing colours the horse will run.
89. Nothing shall prevent a licensee from nominating a relative as an Owner of a horse for the purpose of a specific race. A "relative" means:
- a) a spouse or conjugal partner of the licensee;
 - i. a brother or sister of the licensee;
 - ii. a brother or sister of the spouse or conjugal partner of the licensee;
 - iii. any lineal ascendant or descendant of the licensee or the spouse or conjugal partner of the licensee; or
 - iv. son or daughter of either the brother or sister of the licensee or the spouse or conjugal partner of the licensee.
90. Any owner who enters into an agreement with a Trainer and who completes the designated GRA registration form, confers an authority to act on his behalf to that Trainer in respect of the training, maintenance of the horse, security, treatment, and participation in a race of such horse.
91. Every owner shall pay a monthly fee to the Trainer, as agreed in writing with the Trainer.
92. No owner shall use the services of more than two (2) Trainers.
93. An owner may have a maximum of two (2) racing colours, one individual and one partnership colours.
94. **OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVES**
- a) At least one person, who shall also be an Owner, shall be appointed to act on behalf of the following Owners:
 - i. a Syndicate, such person(s) being called a Nominee;
 - ii. a Partnership, such person(s) being called a Partner;
 - iii. a Company, such person(s) being called a Representative Agent.
 - b) The GRA may refuse an application to register an individual as an Owner's representative, or cancel an individual's registration as an Owner's representative, if that individual is or becomes a Disqualified Person or is subject to any form of insolvency or criminal proceedings.
95. **OBLIGATIONS OF OWNERS**
96. The Owner or the Owner's representative must inform the GRA, within 14 days before a relevant horse is next nominated in a race, of any changes to:

- a) the Ownership interest in a horse;
- b) the directors of a Company;
- c) the agent or representative of a Company;
- d) the composition of a Syndicate; and
- e) the Partners or Partnership.

97. REGISTRATION OF OWNER'S RACING COLOURS

98. Subject to the provisions of the Rules, only the following categories of racing colours may be registered with the HRO:

- a) Individual - in the name of a natural Person;
 - b) Estate – upon the death of an owner, his registered colours shall transfer to the heirs of his estate;
 - c) Partnership - in the name of the Partnership or in the names of the individuals, syndicates, and/or Juristic Persons comprising the Partnership which shall be restricted to a maximum of 10 persons;
 - d) Juristic Persons which shall include:
 - i. Syndicate – in the name of the syndicate which shall comprise of not fewer than 5 and not more than 20 natural persons and/or Juristic Persons;
 - ii. Company - in the name of the Company.
99. Any dispute in a horse or decision regarding a horse owned by more than 3 owners shall be determined by a simple majority amongst the owners.

100. RESTRICTIONS ON OWNER'S RACING COLOURS

101. The GRA shall have the sole discretion to refuse to grant owner's racing colours. Additionally, Individual or Partnership racing colours shall not be granted to or held by any person unless he has attained the age of 21 years and owner's racing colours shall not be granted to or held by any of the following persons or their spouses:

- a) a jockey;
- b) a regulatory Official;
- c) any employee or any person appointed to act for the GRA;
- d) any person whose estate is sequestrated, wound up or liquidated or who is bankrupt or any Company which is wound up or in liquidation; and

- e) an individual or person who has a criminal record, is Warned Off, Disqualified, suspended or whose name is on the Defaulters' List.
- 102. In the event that an Owner falls into one of the categories contemplated in Rule 101 such owner's racing colours shall automatically lapse.
- 103. In the event that an Owner or his estate is provisionally sequestrated or under liquidation, such owner's racing colours shall be suspended automatically.
- 104. The provisions of Rule 103 shall equally apply to stakeholders in a Partnership and a Juristic Person.
- 105. Where the ownership of a horse is transferred from one Owner to another, its engagements may be transferred provided that:
 - a) the new Owner is duly registered in Mauritius; and
 - b) both the transferor and the transferee confirm the transfer with engagements to the Registrar.
- 106. The HRO may register racing colours to be known as Stable Colours where, with the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards, such colours may be used by owners who have no colours registered under their name.

107. DESCRIPTION AND DESIGN OF RACING COLOURS

- 108. A horse shall run in the registered owner's racing colours of its Owner and the Owner and/or Trainer shall ensure that such colours are available. Where the owner's racing colours are not available for any reason, the Stipendiary Stewards may allow such horse to race in the Stable Colours; however, the Trainer and/or Owner may be liable, upon conviction, to any penalties provided for under the Rules.
- 109. Owner's racing colours shall be designed and described so as to be easily distinguishable.
- 110. If any owner's racing colours in a race are, in the opinion of the Stipendiary Stewards, indistinguishable, then they shall order that one or more sets be changed prior to the running of the race.

111. DEATH OF A PERSON HOLDING INDIVIDUAL RACING COLOURS

- 112. Horses owned by a Person who has died, shall remain registered with the GRA for a period not exceeding 180 days from the date of his death.
- 113. The heir to an estate may be entitled to register the deceased's owner's racing colours in his name provided he satisfies the GRA that he has been granted permission from the other heirs,

as the case may be, or in the event that the executor of the estate seeks to continue racing the horses after 180 Days, he shall apply to the GRA for the estate to be granted the owner's racing colours.

114. PARTNERSHIP RACING COLOURS

115. A horse which is owned in a Partnership shall race in the owner's racing colours of the Partnership.

116. All the partners of a Partnership shall be jointly and severally liable for any offence in relation to any horse owned in the Partnership.

117. Should any Partner retire, or be Warned Off or Disqualified, or his name be placed on the Defaulters' List or the Partnership be dissolved for any reason, including but not limited to a partner withdrawing from the Partnership, the owner's racing colours of the Partnership shall automatically lapse.

118. Each partner shall be jointly and severally liable for all actions of the Nominee of the Partnership and/or any of the partners of the Partnership.

119. TRAINERS, ASSISTANT TRAINERS, AND STABLE SUPERVISORS

120. Only the following Persons may train horses:

- a) a Trainer;
- b) where the Trainer is absent, the Assistant Trainer, with prior permission of the Stipendiary Stewards, for the period of absence of the Trainer;
- c) where a Trainer and his Assistant Trainer are absent, a Stable Supervisor who has obtained the written permission of the Stipendiary Stewards, to act during a period of absence of the Trainer; and
- d) where a Trainer does not have an Assistant Trainer or a Stable Supervisor and is absent at a race meeting, he may apply to the Stipendiary Stewards for one of the Owners to act on his behalf, provided that such an Owner does not have a runner with another Trainer in the same race.

121. An application for a licence or permit to train shall not be granted unless the GRA, upon the recommendation of the Stipendiary Stewards, has approved the applicant's premises, which are to be used as his training yard.

122. A Trainer shall be responsible and strictly liable for the care, treatment, and training of all horses under his control. This responsibility shall not be derogated from, even where a Trainer has

another person acting on his behalf in terms of the Rules.

123. A Trainer shall be solely responsible for the control of his horses, wherever they are stabled.

124. The Trainer shall be at the racecourse at least 60 minutes prior to his first engagement and shall not leave the race course without the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards.

125. TRAINER'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

126. A trainer shall:

- a) notify the Stipendiary Stewards within 48 hours of any horses which have:
 - i. left or arrived at his stables;
 - ii. died; and/or
 - iii. been gelded;
- b) ensure the horse carries the correct equipment;
- c) ensure a horse which has been diagnosed with an infectious or contagious disease is immediately and properly quarantined;
- d) notify the Stipendiary Stewards of any circumstances which could lead to the scratching of a horse as soon as reasonably practicable and/or where necessary, timeously, request the scratching of such horse which is carded to run in a race;
- e) possess, maintain, and accurately record in the Veterinary Treatment Register any preparations or treatments conducted on horses and make such records available upon request by the Regulatory Veterinarian or the Stipendiary Stewards;
- f) ensure that all necessary treatment and/or medication administered to a horse in their care and control:
 - i. is given in the best interests of the horse's welfare;
 - ii. is justified by the horse's medical condition;
 - iii. is dispensed upon advice of a Veterinary Surgeon, as to the appropriate treatment and level of training for a horse affected by injury or disease.
- g) ensure that the sensory hairs around the horse's mouth, nose and eyes have not been clipped, shaven or in any other way removed, except for:
 - i. hairs removed by a Veterinary Surgeon on welfare grounds; or
 - ii. hairs removed by a Veterinary Surgeon to allow veterinary treatment.
- h) ensure that the Veterinary Surgeon concerned, immediately endorses the horses Passport that the horse has been castrated or de-sexed;
- i) be responsible for the management and administration of his stable;

- j) always maintain adequate security measures for the horses under his care and control;
- k) ensure that all his staff are properly instructed and have received proper, relevant, and adequate training;
- l) manage his stable in the best interest of his Owners and the horses under his care and control;
- m) promptly check the identity of any horse that comes under his care and control against its passport;
- n) immediately report any discrepancies in the markings or microchip in a passport to the Registrar;
- o) ensure the welfare of his horses;
- p) ensure that where he has two or more horses in a race, he attends the Stipendiary Stewards Boardroom, with their permission, to give instructions to his riders before them;
- q) ensure his horse is trained to win or obtain the best possible placing in a race;
- r) ensure that a Jockey who rides a horse trained by him in a race is given instructions that shall allow the Jockey to ensure that the horse is given a full opportunity to achieve the best possible position at the finish;
- s) ensure the number cloth on a horse is fully visible on both sides after saddling;
- t) ensure all the horses imported by him or the owners for which he exercises, are identified by the Regulatory Veterinarian, against the passport of such horse within 14 Days of arrival;
- u) ensure that once a Veterinary Treatment Register is full, it is returned to the GRA;
- v) ensure that any intra-articular and phenylbutazone preparation is administered a minimum of 8 days prior to racing, unless otherwise authorised by the Regulatory Veterinarian;
- w) ensure that only registered Veterinary Surgeons inject and/or otherwise treat his horses;
- x) ensure that each entry in his Veterinary Treatment Register is made immediately upon administration of any treatment and contains the following information:
 - i. name of the horse or, if it is unnamed, the registered name of the dam and the year of foaling;
 - ii. brand name or active ingredient of the treatment used;
 - iii. start and end date of the treatment;
 - iv. method of administration;
 - v. quantifiable dosage of treatment, to include any changes to dosage during the treatment;
 - vi. frequency of administration, to include any changes in frequency during the treatment; and
 - vii. name of the person administering the treatment and whether that person is a Veterinary Surgeon.

127. The Veterinary Treatment Register shall be made available for inspection immediately upon request by the Stipendiary Stewards.
128. That any change of racing pattern on a horse is reported to the Stipendiary Stewards, prior to the running of the Race.
129. The GRA may check the identity of a horse at any time, and a Trainer must ensure that the correct horse is presented on each occasion.
130. Any horse owned by a Trainer or his spouse shall be trained by that Trainer only.
131. Where a Trainer's estate is or has been seized and/or declared bankrupt, such Trainer shall be Disqualified and his licence shall automatically be terminated.

132. TRAINER'S REPRESENTATIVE

133. A Trainer shall appoint either his Assistant Trainer or a Stable Supervisor to undertake all of his responsibilities if the Trainer is unable to attend a race where he has a runner, including:
 - a) attending any Stipendiary Stewards' Inquiry on behalf of a Trainer;
 - b) knowing the instructions given to the Jockey by the Trainer; and
 - c) being able to inform the Stipendiary Stewards whether the Jockey has complied with such instructions.
134. In a stable where a Trainer has neither an Assistant Trainer nor a Stable Supervisor, the Trainer, with the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards can nominate an Owner to act on his behalf.
135. A Trainer is responsible for the acts and omissions of his representative and shall be equally liable for any breach committed by his representative.
136. Notwithstanding Rule 134, the person who has accepted the responsibility delegated to him by the Trainer, shall, if found guilty of any breach of the Rules, be liable to any of the penalties provided under the Rules.
137. No Person may act as a Trainer, Assistant Trainer, or Stable Supervisor unless such Person has been granted a licence by the GRA.

138. TRAINING IN PARTNERSHIP

139. A Person shall be entitled to train in a Training Partnership provided that:
 - a) the Training Partnership shall consist of not more than two (2) partners at any time;
 - b) each partner's name shall be reflected in the race card when the Training Partnership horses run;

- c) both Trainers are not training individually in Mauritius or in another country; and
 - d) the Stipendiary Stewards approve, in writing, such a Training Partnership.
140. The partners in a Training Partnership shall jointly and severally hold the same responsibilities as an individual Trainer holds under these Rules.

141. **RACE MEETINGS**

142. The names, values, distances, and conditions of the races to be run at each meeting shall be published not less than five days before the date of the meeting. The HRO may, subject to an approval from the Stipendiary Stewards, alter the conditions of any race provided such an alteration is in the best interest of racing.

143. **NOMINATIONS**

144. A Trainer shall not nominate a horse unless its identity has been verified by a Regulatory Veterinarian and/or the Stipendiary Stewards.
145. In order to be eligible to be nominated, a horse shall:
- a) be under the care and control of the Trainer nominating the horse for at least 14 days prior to the race meeting, for which the Trainer proposes to nominate it, unless permission to the contrary is granted by the Stipendiary Stewards, pending a transfer test outcome; and
 - b) have performed at least one (1) barrier trial to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Stewards (although the Stipendiary Stewards may waive this requirement in exceptional circumstances, e.g., weather conditions which do not allow barrier trials to be held) before being nominated.
146. A horse that has not raced or been nominated for a continuous period of more than 90 days, after the commencement and during the racing season, will be required to pass a gallop test and/or a barrier trial over a distance of not less than 1000m on turf in no more than 70 seconds; or not less than 600m on sand, in no more than 40 seconds, by the Stipendiary Stewards prior to being nominated.
147. A Trainer must nominate a horse by at the latest 8.30 am on the preceding Tuesday regardless of whether races are to be held on Saturday, Sunday, or a weekend of races. Nominations made after 8.30am will incur a Rs 10,000 penalty for each horse.
148. Nominations should be made by submitting the duly filled nomination form in the designated box or by any other means (including emails) as the HRO may designate from time to time.
149. No horse shall be nominated in more than two races at a race meeting. However, when there

are races on both Saturday and Sunday, a horse may be nominated in a maximum of three races, provided that the nominations are not all for the same day.

150. No horse shall be declared to race on two consecutive race days when racing is scheduled on both Saturday and Sunday of the same weekend.
151. If there are fewer than five horses nominated by less than three Trainers, nominations may be re-opened. In this case, all Trainers will be informed by the HRO and will be allowed at least 30 minutes (or such longer period as determined by the Stipendiary Stewards) to make additional nominations for that race.
152. Any horse that is nominated must be declared unless, a Trainer:
- a) Submits, to the Stipendiary Stewards, a veterinary certificate from the Regulatory Veterinarian that the horse is unfit to race; or
 - b) is granted permission not to declare the horse upon good cause shown to the Stipendiary Stewards;
153. If a horse is scratched pursuant to Rule 152(a), it shall be suspended for a period of 14 days, and a Trainer will not be able to nominate such horse to run until the Regulatory Veterinarian submits a soundness certificate to the Stipendiary Stewards or the Trainer obtains the special authorisation of the Stipendiary Stewards to nominate that horse.
154. The Stipendiary Stewards may, at any time, require the Trainer of a horse, which has been nominated, to satisfy the Board and/or, the Regulatory Veterinarian, that such horse is fit to take part in a race. The decision of the Stipendiary Stewards as to whether the horse may take part in a race shall be final and no appeal shall lie therefrom. Should the Stipendiary Stewards decide the horse is not fit to take part in the race it shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Rules, withdraw the horse from the race and initiate an inquiry. Neither the GRA, the HRO, nor any regulatory officials concerned, shall be liable for any loss or damage which any Person may suffer as a result of such decision to withdraw the horse.
155. A Trainer should submit to the HRO on the designated form:
- a) the Owners racing colours of a nominated horse; and
 - b) the gear which the horse will be equipped to race with which will be confirmed at declarations.
156. The barrier draws will be conducted after declarations, except if otherwise notified by the Stipendiary Stewards.
157. Every nomination of a Jockey or a horse shall be subject to the approval of the Stipendiary Stewards.

158. Upon receipt of the nominations, the Handicapper shall allocate weights to each horse nominated.

159. **DECLARATIONS**

160. A Trainer must declare a horse by 8.30 am on Thursday when races are to be held on Saturday or both Saturday and Sunday and by 8.30 am on Friday when races are to be conducted on Sunday only.

161. Declarations should be made by submitting the duly completed declaration form in the designated box or by any other means (including electronic communication) as the HRO may designate from time to time.

162. If a horse is entered in more than one race, the Trainer must indicate his race priority on the declaration form.

163. In any field other than graded races, a Trainer shall be entitled to one runner per race unless the capacity of the field has not been reached, in which case, a Trainer can declare up to a maximum of three runners in a race. Normal balloting processes and the racing guidelines shall apply. In graded races, horses will be eliminated based on their ratings, from the lowest upwards, save that no Trainer shall be entitled to more than 3 runners in such races.

164. The HRO will process declarations in a secured room where only authorized persons are present.

165. If a Trainer has more than one runner in a race, he must declare his runner priority in writing. Where a Trainer has failed to indicate his priority, his declared horse with the highest merit rating shall be deemed to be his first choice and his declared horses with a lower merit rating shall be deemed, in descending order of merit rating, to be his second and subsequent choices consecutively. However, where a Trainer has a runner which falls outside the benchmark for the race, this horse cannot be designated by a Trainer as his priority over his other runner/s which falls within the benchmark of the race.

166. If a Trainer has more than one runner in a race and elects to prioritise his horse of a lower merit rating, he shall forfeit any automatic right to balloting in relation to his other runner(s).

167. The order of priority for horses in a race shall be:

- a) a horse that was balloted out when last declared and is within the Benchmark rating of the race or the conditions of the race;
- b) a horse which is declared to run its first race in Mauritius and is within the Benchmark rating of the race or the conditions of the races;

- c) the merit rating of the horse that is within the benchmark rating for the race;
 - d) last start winner racing within the benchmark rating of the race;
 - e) a horse that was balloted out when last declared and falls within the outer limits of the Benchmark rating of the race;
 - f) a horse which is declared to run its first race in Mauritius and falls within the outer limits Benchmark rating of the race; and
 - g) a last start winner whose rating falls within the outer limits Benchmark rating of the race.
168. In the event of a tie in the balloting out process, a random draw shall be carried out by the HRO to determine the eligible runner.
169. If a race is cancelled at the Nominations or Declarations stage or by authority of the Stipendiary Stewards, another race may be split into 2 divisions. Upon splitting a race, the following conditions will apply:
- a) The benchmark and distances and prize monies for both split races should remain the same.
 - b) The odds and evens system that is, from the list of weights, declared runners with an odd number will be allocated to the first division; declared runners with an even number will be allocated to the second division.
170. In case of a Trainer having two horses in one division and none in the other, after the split, his lower weighted runner will be moved to the other division.
171. In the event that a division has at least two (2) more runners than the other division, a ballot will take place to move one or more runners from the division which has more runners, to the division which has fewer runners so that both divisions have the same number of runners or there is a difference of only 1 runner between the divisions.
172. In the event of the same ownership having two (2) or more runners in one division, the lower weighted runner will be placed in the other division.
173. Normal balloting processing shall apply for split races.
174. The Handicapper shall determine the final fields for a race. Where a race is oversubscribed, the runners in that race shall be determined using the handicapping guidelines and the balloting of horses where necessary.
175. The Handicapper shall allocate the final weights for every horse at the time of declarations.
176. After a Horse is weighted and the final fields are determined, every Horse shall be allocated a barrier draw for that race.
177. The process for eliminations, balloting of horses and conducting the allocation for barrier draws

shall be determined by the HRO as approved by the GRA.

178. Any Objections to the balloting process shall be made to the Handicapper who may correct any error or omission prior to the publication of the race Card or reject such Objection.
179. A Horse is not to be Disqualified from participating in a race because of any defect in relation to its Registration or entry if the Stipendiary Stewards order the defect to be corrected before the start of the race.
180. The barrier draws at the time of the Declarations must be done manually unless otherwise specified by the GRA. Trainers have the right to be present at the time of declarations if they wish to witness the allocation of barrier draws.

181. HANDICAPPING

182. The Handicapper shall decide, in all Races, on the weights which horses carry in Races, this shall include the top weights that are to be allocated to horses entered therein, the minimum weights at which horses will be handicapped and the fixed weights to be carried by horses in certain Races.
183. All weights published shall be final unless the Handicapper, with leave of the Stipendiary Stewards and prior to the publication of the race card:
- a) is correcting any error prior to the publication of the Race Card;
 - b) is required to allot the weight of a horse which has erroneously been omitted from the nominations or incorrectly published therein;
 - c) compresses the weights in handicap group Races to mitigate against horses running under sufferance; and
 - d) has to adjust the top weight of a Race in order to ensure compliance with the Rules and handicapping guidelines.
184. Once the Race Card has been published all weights shall be final and no changes shall be allowed.
185. Any decision of the Handicapper under this Rule is subject to review by the Stipendiary Stewards, whose determination shall be final and conclusive and not subject to appeal.
186. The Stipendiary Stewards may, if they deem necessary, seek explanations from the handicapper or intervene where the decision of the Handicapper is challenged.

187. RATING OF HORSES

188. All horses must be rated by the Handicapper before being nominated in a race.

189. Applications for rating of horses must be made to the Handicapper in writing, signed by the Owner or Trainer after the horse has been identified and when the Horse is being registered.
190. An application for a horse to be rated shall state the rating for that Horse after its last performance.
191. Any horse, which has been removed from the handicapper's rating list, must be re-rated before entry in a race.
192. No horse shall be entered in any Race outside its handicap, unless otherwise provided for in the conditions of the Race and/or the handicapping guidelines.
193. The Handicapper shall have the power to adjust the Ratings of a Horse based on its performance after the last race run by the horse either:
- a) to correct an error before a horse is entered for another race; or
 - b) to comply with the handicapping guidelines as approved by the GRA.
194. If a horse has not raced previously:
- a) the Trainer must provide written confirmation of registration from the Foreign Racing Authority or Stud Book where the horse was last registered or foaled; and
 - b) prior to nominations, the horse must be identified by a Veterinary Surgeon which identification must be recorded in the Passport of the horse.
195. A horse taking part in any weight-for-age race shall carry the weight corresponding to its age, to the distance and month of the race and to the hemisphere table where it was foaled in accordance with the Table set out in Schedule II where: -
- (a) a filly or mare shall receive a weight allowance of 2.5 kilogrammes in weight for age races;
 - (b) a horse born in Mauritius shall receive a weight allowance of 3.5 kilogrammes and a filly or mare born in Mauritius a weight allowance of 5 kilogrammes.
196. **PROVISION OF INFORMATION IN RELATION TO OVERSEAS RACING**
197. If a horse registered overseas which had its last start outside Mauritius is to race in Mauritius, the Trainer of that horse must by the closing time of nominations, provide the following information to the GRA:
- a) the total number of starts the horse has had;
 - b) the racecourse and date of each start;
 - c) the type of race and the distance;
 - d) the finishing position and the weight carried; and

- e) total of the prize money offered for each race and the amount received for winning or being placed in each race.
- 198. Details of performances in overseas countries must be confirmed by an official of the controlling body of racing in the jurisdiction in which the horse last raced.
- 199. If a horse registered overseas has never participated in a race, the Trainer must provide written confirmation from the recognised Horseracing Authority to the GRA.
- 200. Before a horse will be allowed to participate in any race for the first time in Mauritius, its Owner or Trainer must produce the Passport / Breeding Clearance Notification from the Foreign Racing Authority under whose Rules the horse has been registered.

201. CLERK OF THE COURSE

202. The Clerk of the Course shall be responsible for facilitating the general requirements of Race Meetings. His duties shall include to ensure that:
- a) the Course is properly demarcated;
 - b) there is a paddock which is fully operational and has all the relevant amenities;
 - c) only authorised persons are on the Track;
 - d) only authorised persons are admitted to the jockeys' quarters, the designated Trainers' area, the weighing area, paddock, and all other restricted areas; and
 - e) only the Trainer, Assistant Trainer, Stable Supervisor, or the groom and not more than eight Owners are allowed to lead back a winning horse on the Course;
 - f) once a winning horse has been led back in the paddock, its owners should conduct themselves in a manner which does not put the horse or any of the other persons and horses in the paddock at risk.
 - g) he reports to the Stipendiary Stewards, any person who fails to comply with his order or directive in the paddock.

203. RESTRICTED ACCESS AREAS ON THE COURSE

204. The HRO shall exercise control over access to its premises used for the purposes of trackwork, training and racing. Only permit holders (PML) will be granted access to restricted areas.

205. THE WEIGHING ROOM

- a) No Person other than Regulatory Officials in the performance of their duties, Jockeys and

Trainers, shall have access to the weighing room. An Assistant Trainer may have access to the Weighing room if he is replacing his Trainer or he has two or more horses entered in a race.

- b) Any other person requiring access to the weighing room must seek and obtain permission of the Stipendiary Stewards.

206. **THE STIPENDIARY STEWARDS BOARDROOM**

- a) No Person other than Regulatory Officials in the performance of their duties and or having been granted permission by the Stipendiary Stewards, shall enter and/or remain in attendance in the Stipendiary Stewards Boardroom.
- b) No person having been granted permission to enter the Stipendiary Stewards Boardroom, may leave the room unless permission is granted by the Stipendiary Stewards to do so.

207. **JOCKEYS' QUARTERS**

- a) Only Jockeys who are carded to ride at the race meeting, Regulatory Officials in the performance of their duties and the course medical officer may enter the jockeys' quarters.
- b) Any person contracted by the HRO to act as valet in the jockeys' quarters, shall be registered with the GRA.

208. **THE PADDOCK**

- a) Any person granted access to the paddock shall comply with any instruction, directive or order given by an Official.
- b) The following persons may have access to the paddock:
 - i. regulatory officials;
 - ii. a Trainer / Trainer's representative;
 - iii. a registered Owner who holds a Personal Management Licence;
 - iv. non-permit holders that have been granted permission by the Stipendiary Stewards;
 - v. a groom;
 - vi. a Jockey of a horse which is to run in the next race;
 - vii. a horse that has been Declared to Run; and
 - viii. a horse whose Trainer has received permission from the Stipendiary Stewards.

209. **SADDLING**

210. Unless permission has been granted by the Stipendiary Stewards, all horses must be saddled in their respective yards and be present in the paddock not later than 12 minutes prior to the start of the race.
211. Prior to each race, participating horses must walk inside the paddock, unless permission to the contrary is granted by the Stipendiary Stewards.
212. Upon the instruction of the Clerk of the Course, all horses shall be mounted prior to leaving the paddock, and canter in front of the grandstand to the starting stalls without undue delay.

213. **SAMPLE COLLECTION AREA**

214. No Person shall enter or be present in the sample collection area other than:
- a) Regulatory Officials in the performance of their duties; and
 - b) The groom of the horse selected for sampling.

215. **RACING EQUIPMENT**

- a) No Person shall use or attempt to use defective or unauthorised equipment in any race, Barrier Trial, Jump-out or Trackwork.
- b) If, after the arrival of the horses at the Start for a race, a Jockey reports to the Starter that one or more item of his equipment is defective, the Starter may replace such defective equipment at the Start, from the full kit of equipment kept at the starting stalls, provided that such replacement does not affect the weight which he carries. The Starter shall report any action taken under this Rule and shall hand over the defective equipment to the Stipendiary Stewards.
- c) Spurs are not authorised.

216. **HOODS, BLINKERS, PACIFIERS, NOSEBANDS, TONGUE STRAPS**

217. When hoods, pacifiers or blinkers are used, they may not be of the nature of blinders and shall be worn under the bridle, be securely fastened, and permit the horse to have an unobstructed view to the front.
218. A Trainer shall declare at the time of nominations whether his horse will race wearing any of the following: cheek pieces, blinkers, pacifiers, ear muffs, a tongue tie, or tongue strap. The horse shall run with the equipment declared unless the Stipendiary Stewards have ordered otherwise.
219. If a sheepskin noseband is used, it shall not impair the vision of the horse and must be approved

by a Stipendiary Steward.

220. The use of a tongue strap or a tongue tie is permitted, provided its use is approved by the Stipendiary Stewards or the Regulatory Veterinarian and is subject to the following conditions:

- a) be neoprene or Lycra at least 50mm wide;
- b) may not be applied more than 30 minutes prior to the race time or workout;
- c) are looped around the lower jaw, be clearly visible at all times and never be attached to the bridle or bit;
- d) must remain in their natural position in the mouth; and
- e) shall be removed, as soon as is practicable, after the race.

221. MARTINGALES, REINS, AND BITS

222. The bridles of all horses taking part in a race must be fitted with rings, except for a martingale bridle. Bridles with buckles or hooked reins must be fitted with stoppers.

223. Only rubber covered reins of a type approved by the Stipendiary Stewards may be used and the rubber covering shall extend to not less than 450mm from the bit.

224. The use of the following is prohibited:

- a) leather or rubber covered leather reins during a race;
- b) cheek bits; and
- c) standing martingales.
- d) The use of any martingale or rings in a race or at trackwork when the reins are buckled on the bridle, unless stoppers are placed on the reins.

225. RACING PLATES

226. Trainers are responsible to ensure that horses only race when:

- a) shod on all four hooves; or
- b) shod on both fore hooves.

227. A horse may be shod with aluminium or steel shoes to a maximum weight of 600g per set.

228. Should the shoes of any horse:

- a) require variation or removal, prior to the start of a race, it must be approved by a Stipendiary Steward, in consultation with the Regulatory Veterinarian; or
- b) be damaged or lost after it has left the paddock and before the race is started, the Regulatory Veterinarian may take such action deemed necessary and shall report it to the Stipendiary

Stewards.

229. The following special shoes are permissible:

- a) shoes with Caulkins in the shape of a wedge. The vertical section of the rear of the shoe, including the wedge, shall be no greater than 15mm high, sloping to the ground-bearing surface of the shoe. The length of the slope must be a minimum of 30mm from the rear edge of the shoe to the flush binding.
- b) bar shoes with a single flat, straight or round bar, provided the ground bearing surface of the bar is flush with the ground bearing surface of the shoe and such bar is made of the same material as the shoe;
- c) hoof pads must be of a material, design and weight approved by the Regulatory Veterinarian.
- d) any other shoes prescribed by a Registered Veterinarian or farrier will be considered special surgical shoes. Such shoes must be presented to the Stipendiary Stewards for examination and weighing and must be approved by the Regulatory Veterinarian before they are fitted to the horse.

230. **VACCINATIONS**

231. No horse shall be Trained or stabled in a trainer's yard or a private centre unless it has been vaccinated in accordance with the programme of vaccinations as prescribed by the local authorities.

232. A Trainer and/or any other Person responsible for the treatment or care of a horse who fails to ensure that a horse is duly vaccinated, shall be guilty of an offence.

233. The Stipendiary Stewards shall, in their sole discretion, determine whether a Horse has been vaccinated in accordance with the Rules. Where the Stipendiary Stewards determine that a horse has not been vaccinated in terms of the Rules, such horse may be barred from participating in a race.

234. All horses shall be vaccinated by a registered Veterinary Surgeon against equine influenza between the months of December and February of the following year unless otherwise directed by the Stipendiary Stewards.

235. **NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OR CONDITIONS**

236. The Stipendiary Stewards shall be immediately notified of any diseases and/or conditions in accordance with the WOA (World Organisation for Animal Health) as published from time to

time.

237. A person who owns or is in charge of, or has in his possession, a horse which the person is aware, suspects, or should reasonably suspect, that a horse is infected with a notifiable disease or condition, must immediately report this to the Stipendiary Stewards and must take all steps to keep that horse separated from other horses.
238. If the Stipendiary Stewards reasonably suspect any Premises, place, area, and/or property to be contaminated with a notifiable disease or condition, they may by written order declare it to be an "infected place." An order declaring any premises, place, or area to be an infected place must be given to the Person in charge or in apparent control of the premises, place, or area to which the order relates. The Stipendiary Stewards shall have the power to place a restriction of such area as they deem necessary.
239. Where a horse has undergone surgery and/or any other procedure and has not raced for 90 days or more, the Owner, Trainer, or Person in charge of the horse shall within seven days report the matter to the Stipendiary Stewards, providing details of such surgery.
240. **HORSE SUSPENSIONS**
241. A horse may be suspended by the Stipendiary Stewards on such terms and for such period as they determine and any suspension shall be effective immediately if the horse:
- a) has participated at an unauthorised race meeting;
 - b) is associated with a Warned Off or Disqualified Person;
 - c) is intractable or unruly;
 - d) has a behaviour that constitutes a source of danger;
 - e) full traceability cannot be established up to 6 months prior to the date of query; and
 - f) a horse shall not be suspended because of disease, infirmity, unsoundness, or unfitness except upon a report from the Regulatory Veterinarian.
242. Where a horse has been Suspended due to Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage, the following periods of Suspension shall apply, whereafter the horse will be required to pass a gallop test to the satisfaction of the Regulatory Veterinarian:
- a) On the first occurrence during the season, the horse shall be suspended for at least 30 days;
 - b) On a second occurrence during the season, the horse shall be suspended for at least 45 days and only be allowed to trot or canter for 30 days;
 - c) On the third occurrence during the season, the horse shall be suspended for at least 45 days and during such period shall not exercise at the racecourse; and

- d) On the fourth occurrence during the same season, the horse shall be automatically retired.
243. When a sample taken from a horse discloses, upon analysis, an Illicit, Illegal or an Unapproved Substance, the horse shall be suspended with immediate effect.
244. When a horse is scratched owing to it being “off-feed” and is withdrawn from a race, such a horse will be suspended for a period of 14 days and will require clearance from the Regulatory Veterinarian prior to being eligible to be nominated.
245. **INJURY TO OR HUMANE EUTHANASIA OF A HORSE**
246. Should any horse, whilst on the property of the HRO, sustain an injury of such nature that, in the opinion of a Registered Veterinarian, such horse needs immediate treatment or should be humanely euthanised to avoid it from suffering, he may, in consultation with the Regulatory Veterinarian, proceed accordingly and without the authority of the Owner, Trainer, or Person in charge of the horse.
247. If a horse is humanely euthanised under Rule 246, the Registered Veterinarian shall submit a written report to the Stipendiary Stewards.
248. **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**
249. Any person who administers or allows, incites, causes, attempts, or connives with another to administer any prohibited substance to a horse which has been entered to race shall be guilty of an offence under the Rules.
250. The following are prohibited substances:
- a) Substances capable, at any time, of causing either directly or indirectly an action, effect, or has upon both an action and effect, within one or more of the following mammalian body systems:
 - i. the nervous system;
 - ii. the cardiovascular system;
 - iii. the respiratory system;
 - iv. the digestive system;
 - v. the urinary system;
 - vi. the reproductive system;
 - vii. the musculoskeletal system;
 - viii. the blood system;
 - ix. the immune system, except for licensed vaccines against infectious agents;
 - x. the endocrine system.

- b) Substances falling within, but not limited to:
- i. Endocrine secretions and their synthetic counterparts;
 - ii. Masking agents;
 - iii. Oxygen carriers.
- c) Agents that are capable, at any time, of directly or indirectly causing an action or effect, or an action or effect on gene expression in any mammalian body. This includes, but is not limited to, gene editing agents with the capacity to alter genome sequences and/or the transcriptional, post-transcriptional or epigenetic regulation of gene expression.
251. Save for a registered Veterinary Surgeon, any person who attempts to obtain and/or is in possession of a prohibited substance as specified in the Rules or a metabolite, artifact or isomer of such substance, shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction shall be liable to any penalties provided for under the Rules.

252. **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES OFFENCES**

253. A Trainer shall be guilty of an offence if upon examination by an analyst appointed or approved by the GRA, a sample taken from a horse under his care contains a prohibited substance at any time:
- a) it is presented on a race course for a barrier trial, a gallop, or runs in a race; or
 - b) within a period of 48 hours preceding the day of the race in which it is or was due to run; or
 - c) on the day of a race in which it is or was due to run, prior to the running of such race;
 - d) on the day when it is presented for the purpose of determining whether a suspension should be lifted or for the purpose of a gallop to determine its fitness; and
 - e) where such prohibited substance is found in the sample, the Stipendiary Stewards shall, upon being notified of the findings: -
 - i. notify as soon as is practicable, the Trainer of the horse or his representative of such finding;
 - ii. order the horse to be withdrawn from the race in which it was entered;
 - iii. order the disqualification of the horse that has participated in a race;
 - iv. conduct such inquiry as they consider necessary; and
 - v. decide the period during which the horse shall not be permitted to be nominated to race and before which it has to undergo an elective test.

254. **PROHIBITION ON USE OR ADMINISTRATION OF GENETIC THERAPY**

- a) A Genetic Therapy is defined as including any therapy, method or process which involves the

use or administration of:

- i. oligomers or polymers of nucleic acid;
- ii. nucleic acid analogues;
- iii. genetically modified cells;
- iv. gene editing agents which are capable, at any time, of directly or indirectly causing an action or effect on, and/or manipulating, gene expression in any mammalian body, including but not limited to gene editing agents with the capacity to alter genome sequences and/or the transcriptional, post-transcriptional or epigenetic regulation of gene expression; and
- v. autologous conditioned serum or “platelet-rich plasma” treatments which do not involve the transfer of whole cells / DNA. Except as provided by the articles of the IABRW, the use or administration of a Genetic Therapy on or to a horse is prohibited at all times.

255. Exempted Genetic Therapy: A Genetic Therapy may be used or administered to a specific horse with the express prior approval of the Stipendiary Stewards if that Genetic Therapy is used to treat an injury or disorder formally diagnosed by a veterinarian, and:

- a) is not capable of modifying a horse’s heritable genome
- b) does not pose a threat to the welfare of horse;
- c) does not pose a threat to the integrity of racing, either by having the potential to enhance or harm the performance of a horse in a race.

256. Trainers have the responsibility to obtain the approval of the Stipendiary Stewards of any intended Genetic Therapy to a horse prior to such treatment, irrespective of when it is administered. The Trainer must maintain full and accurate records of all such therapies for inspection by regulatory officials whenever required.

257. PROHIBITION ON GENE EDITING AND GENOME EDITING

258. Definitions:

- a) **Gene Editing** is defined as any process or treatment in respect of a horse which involves the insertion, deletion, and/or replacement of DNA at a specific site in the genome of the horse.
- b) **Genome Editing** is defined as any process or treatment in respect of a horse which involves the insertion, deletion, and/or replacement of DNA in the genome of the horse.

259. The use on, or administration or application to, any horse of Gene Editing or Genome Editing is prohibited at all times.

260. ILLICIT SUBSTANCES

261. The following illicit substances, including other substances with a similar chemical structure or similar biological effects, must not be administered to racehorses at any time during their career:

a) Non-approved substances:

- i. Any substance not addressed by any of the subsequent classes of substances set out below, and which has no current approval by the Veterinary services of Mauritius for veterinary use, or any substance not universally recognized by veterinary regulatory authorities as a valid veterinary therapeutic treatment;
- ii. Anabolic agents;
- iii. anabolic androgenic steroids;
- iv. other anabolic agents, including but not limited to selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMs);
- v. beta-2 agonists, unless the substance is registered in Mauritius, approved for use in the horse and is prescribed by a registered veterinarian as a bronchodilator at the appropriate dose;
- vi. Peptide hormones, growth factors, and related substances;
 - i. erythropoiesis-stimulating agents, including but not limited to erythropoietin (EPO), epoetin alfa, epoetin beta, darbepoetin alfa, and methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta, peginesatide, hypoxia inducible factor (HIF) stabilisers and HIP activators;
 - ii. growth hormones and growth hormone releasing factors, insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1), and other growth factors; and
 - iii. synthetic proteins and peptides and synthetic analogues of endogenous proteins and peptides not registered for medical or veterinary use.

b) Hormones and metabolic modulators:

- i. aromatase inhibitors;
- ii. selective oestrogen receptor modulators (SERMS) and other anti-estrogenic substances;
- iii. agents modifying myostatin function, including but not limited to myostatin inhibitors;
- iv. insulins;
- v. peroxisome proliferator activated receptor δ (PPAR) δ agonists, including but not limited to GW 1516;
- vi. AMPK activators, including but not limited to A1CAR (5-aminoimidazole-4-carboxamide-1 β -

D-ribofuranoside).

- c) Any bisphosphonate shall not to be administered to a racehorse:
 - i. under the age of three years and six months as determined by its recorded date of birth; and
 - ii. the day of the race or on any of the 30 days before the day of the race in which the horse is declared to run.

262. Clenbuterol

- a) any legitimate and approved use of clenbuterol shall be limited to those horses that have been documented with a clinical diagnosis of airway disease indicating the need for its therapeutic use;
- b) there must be a diagnosis determined by a registered veterinarian and approved by the Regulatory Veterinarian which supports the use of clenbuterol as an appropriate treatment, and the veterinary and treatment records must be made available to the Stipendiary Stewards immediately upon request;
- c) it shall be an offence under the Rules should a Trainer fail to provide such records immediately upon request;
- d) the clenbuterol product administered must be administered for not more than 14 consecutive days and, in any other circumstances, in accordance with the labelled instructions;
- e) the use of clenbuterol requires a minimum stand-down period of 30 clear days between the day of the last dose of its administration and the day of the race;
- f) there shall be no more than two courses of treatment (each a maximum of 14 consecutive days) permitted in any six-month period, with a gap of no less than 30 clear days between the last day of the first administration and the first day of the second course of treatment;
- g) where practicable, alternative veterinary therapies and management tools should be used instead of clenbuterol.

263. Any person who attempts to obtain and/or is in possession of an illicit substance specified in the present Rules or a metabolite, artefact or isomer of such substance, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction, to any penalties provided under the Rules.

264. No horse shall be administered with an illicit substance.

- a) When an illicit substance is detected by an analyst approved by the GRA in a sample taken from a horse at any time:
 - i. the report of the analysis of the sample shall be conclusive evidence that the horse was under

the influence of such substance at the time the sample was taken, and

ii. shall result in the horse being automatically suspended from racing for a period of 6 months from the date the illicit substance is detected.

265. Notwithstanding Rule 262 when a sample taken, at any time, from a horse under the care of a Trainer, after analysis, is found to contain an illicit substance, the Trainer of that horse shall be guilty of a breach of the Rules and shall, upon conviction, be liable to any of the penalties provided under the Rules.

266. The following Laboratories are designated by the GRA to conduct analysis of equine and human samples:

- a) primary laboratory for “A” samples: QuantiLAB Ltd; and
- b) referee laboratory for “B” samples: Hong Kong Jockey Club Racing Laboratory, Hong Kong, or LCH “Laboratoire des courses Hippiques, France, or LGC Laboratory, United Kingdom.

267. Prohibited substances below the following thresholds are not actionable¹:

NAME	Threshold
Arsenic	0.3 microgram total arsenic per millilitre in urine, or 0.015 microgram total arsenic per millilitre in plasma
Boldenone	0.015 microgram free and conjugated boldenone per millilitre in urine from male horses (other than geldings)
Carbon dioxide	36 millimoles available carbon dioxide per litre in plasma
Cobalt*	0.1 microgram total cobalt per millilitre in urine 0.025 microgram total cobalt (free and protein bound) per millilitre in plasma
Estradiol in male horses (other than geldings)	0.045 microgram free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol per millilitre in urine when, at the screening stage, the free and glucuroconjugated 5 α -estrane-3 β , 17 α -diol exceeds the free and glucuroconjugated 5,10 estrene-3 β ,17 α -diol in the urine
Hydrocortisone	1 microgram hydrocortisone per millilitre in urine

¹ The conjugated substance is the substance that can be liberated from conjugates.

Each threshold, including those for the same substance in urine and plasma, can be applied independently. No determination and consideration of the specific gravity of a horse urine sample is required when comparing its concentration with a urinary threshold. Thresholds are regulatory limits and the numerical values expressed above do not carry any implied precision (e.g., 0.3 is the same as 0.300). Whether a threshold has been exceeded or not in a sample is established solely from the concentration determined and the uncertainty of measurement associated with such determination.

Methoxytyramine	4 micrograms free and conjugated 3-methoxytyramine per millilitre in urine
Salicylic acid	750 micrograms salicylic acid per millilitre in urine, or 6.5 micrograms salicylic acid per millilitre in plasma
Testosterone	0.02 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from geldings when, at the screening stage, the free and conjugated testosterone exceeds five times the free and conjugated epi-testosterone, or 100 picograms free testosterone per millilitre in plasma from geldings, fillies, and mares (unless in foal), or 0.055 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from fillies and mares (unless in foal)
Prednisolone	0.01 microgram free prednisolone per millilitre in urine

268. A finding of the presence of a prohibited or illicit substance is a finding of the substance itself or a metabolite or an isomer of the substance or an isomer of a metabolite. The finding of any scientific indicator of administration or other exposure to a prohibited or illicit substance is also equivalent to the finding of the substance which constitutes an offence and renders the Trainer liable, upon conviction, to any of the penalties provided for under the Rules.

269. HORSE SAMPLING

270. Samples may be taken at any time as directed by the Stipendiary Stewards.

271. The Trainer, Owner, the Assistant Trainer, or the Stable Supervisor of a Horse may be present at the time of sealing and marking of the sample provided that they neither interfere nor cause any undue delay to the sampling process.

272. The Stipendiary Stewards may, in their discretion, request the assistance of any persons other than the sample Collector and the Veterinary Surgeon, as they deem fit and necessary to assist the Sampling process.

273. The Stipendiary Stewards may order that any Horse be selected and/or detained for sampling at any time or if a Horse has died, the Stipendiary Stewards may order the dead Horse to be detained for a post mortem and/or for the collection of a sample.

274. No Person shall interfere with the Stipendiary Stewards and/or any persons duly delegated by them and/or regulatory officials when horses are selected and/or detained for sampling. A refusal to allow the sampling of a horse shall constitute an offence and any person found guilty, shall be liable to any penalties provided under the Rules.

275. For the purpose of hair sampling and doping control, the shaving and trimming of manes on

horses is restricted. A minimum of 12 cm of hair on the entire mane is required to be left in place when trimming. Any person found to be in breach of this Rule shall commit an offence and be liable to any of the penalties provided for under the Rules of racing.

276. Samples collected under a secure chain of custody shall be split, where practicable, into an A-Sample and a B-Sample.
277. All samples taken may be frozen or otherwise dealt with prior to being dispatched to the Approved Racing Laboratory. No sample shall be disposed of unless ordered by the Stipendiary Stewards.
278. The A-Sample shall be the primary sample upon which analysis is conducted by the Approved Racing Laboratory. Any split portion of the same sample, however named, shall not be sent to a second laboratory for primary analysis without the knowledge and consent of that laboratory. The B-Sample shall be retained by the GRA in a secured and restricted area, pending the result of the analysis of the A-Sample.
- a) If, upon analysis of the A-Sample by the Approved Racing Laboratory, a Prohibited Substance is detected, the Stipendiary Stewards shall be notified of such in writing by the Approved Racing Laboratory. Thereafter, the Stipendiary Stewards shall inform the Trainer of the Horse of the findings.
- b) The B-Sample may be analysed for substances identified in the A-Sample either automatically or at the option of the Trainer at his own cost.
279. A Trainer who has been informed of the findings contemplated in Rule 278(a), shall have the right, within 72 hours of being informed by the Stipendiary Stewards, to request in writing, that the B-Sample be dispatched to a Referee Laboratory, nominated by him, for analysis. The Trainer shall bear all expenses associated with the analysis of the B-Sample. Any inadequacy of information of whatsoever nature shall not prevent the despatching of the B-Sample from being sent to the Referee Laboratory within the specified time limit.
280. Should a Trainer fail to make a request to have the B-Sample despatched in terms of the Rules or fail to comply with the requirements for despatch, the Trainer shall lose such opportunity and the B-Sample may be disposed on order of the Stipendiary Stewards.
281. Upon a Trainer having made a request for the despatch of the B-Sample within the time limit provided under the Rules, the GRA shall arrange for the despatch and the Trainer may witness the sealing and despatch process, in the presence of a representative of the Approved Racing Laboratory.

282. If the Approved or Confirmatory Laboratory is unable to analyse a sample for any reason, the Stipendiary Stewards may, in the case of an A-Sample, order the sample or any portion of the sample be despatched to another Approved Laboratory and in the case of a B-Sample, the Trainer shall be afforded the opportunity to have the sample or any portion of the sample to be despatched to another Confirmatory Laboratory, at his own cost.
283. Where a Trainer signs the designated acceptance form that an A-Sample contained a Prohibited Substance, it shall be conclusive evidence that such sample contained that Prohibited Substance.
284. It shall not be a defence that the presence of a Prohibited Substance was due to a veterinary administration or on the advice of a Veterinary Surgeon.
285. Where the GRA receives a certificate or report from a Confirmatory Laboratory stating that a sample taken from a Horse discloses, upon analysis, the presence of a Prohibited Substance, such certificate or report shall be conclusive evidence that the Horse was under the influence of such substance.
286. If following an inquiry a Horse is Disqualified, such Horse shall be suspended from racing until the Trainer provides a certificate or report from an Approved Racing Laboratory, which confirms that the horse is clear of any Prohibited Substance.
287. Should a Horse be disqualified, the procedure of Prizes in terms of Rule 453 and 454 shall apply mutatis mutandis.
288. **HUMAN SAMPLING**
289. Samples may be taken at any time, from any rider.
290. Samples shall be split, where practicable, into an A-Sample and a B-Sample. The A-Sample shall be sent to the Approved Racing Laboratory, and shall be the sole sample used for primary analysis. Any split portion of the same sample, however named, should not be sent to a second laboratory for primary analysis without the knowledge and consent of that laboratory. The B-Sample may be analysed for substances identified in the A-Sample either upon a request from the Stipendiary Stewards or at the option of the rider. The rider shall be liable for all the costs of the analysis including the costs to despatch the B-Sample to a Referee Laboratory.
291. The HRO shall maintain at the racecourse two calibrated breathalyser devices with all the necessary accessories in order to facilitate the sampling of riders;
292. The provisions of Rule 276 to 283 shall apply mutatis mutandis to any sample taken from a rider.

293. BANNED SUBSTANCES FOR RIDERS

294. The Stipendiary Stewards may order that any rider at the racecourse, whether at trackwork or at a race meeting, to be sampled at any time.
295. A rider shall commit an offence if:
- a) Any sample of blood, breath, hair, or urine taken from him contains a Banned Substance;
 - b) He neglects, refuses, and/or fails to present himself to be sampled after being ordered to do so by the Stipendiary Stewards;
296. He attempts to interfere with, intimidate or mislead any Official or person who is designated to take his sample or the Stipendiary Stewards; or,
297. He fails to provide a sample within a reasonable period after being ordered to do so by the Stipendiary Stewards.
298. Where a rider neglects, refuses, and/or fails to present himself to be sampled, or fails to provide a sample within a reasonable period as contemplated by the Rules, it shall:
- a) Be deemed that the rider was under the influence of a Banned Substance; and
 - b) Following the application of Rule 295 the rider shall be suspended from riding in races and exercise at trackwork until such time that he provides to the Stipendiary Stewards evidence, by way of a certificate from the Approved Racing Laboratory, that a sample taken from him is free of any Banned Substance.
299. A Banned Substance is any substance listed below, including any of its derivatives, or any combination of the following substances, or any of the metabolites of such substance or combination of substances, or any isomer of a substance or any isomer of a metabolite:
- a) Alcohol - at or above a screening limit of 10 micrograms of ethanol per 100 millilitres of breath or 20 milligrams of ethanol per 100 millilitres of blood;
 - b) Amphetamines and amphetamine – like substances including the "Ecstasy" group, and excluding Pseudoephedrine and Phenylpropanolamine;
 - c) Barbiturates;
 - d) Benzodiazepines and Benzodiazepine-like substances;
 - e) Cannabinoids and/or Synthetic cannabinoids and/or — at or above a screening limit of 15 nanograms of delta-9-tetrahydro-11-nor-cannabinol-9- carboxylic acid per millilitre in urine;
 - f) Cocaine;
 - g) Clenbuterol, Benzylpiperazine, Ketoamphetamines, Cathinone and their derivatives, or other

similar substances, whether naturally occurring, synthetic or semi-synthetic;

- h) Ephedrine — at or above a screening limit of 10 micrograms of ephedrine per millilitre in urine;
- i) Ketamine and Tiletamine;
- j) Lasix (Furosemide) and other diuretics;
- k) Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD);
- l) Methyl ephedrine — at or above a screening limit of 10 micrograms of methyl ephedrine per millilitre in urine;
- m) Methylphenidate;
- n) Opioids, excluding the normal use of Codeine with a screening limit of 2000 nanograms per millilitre, Dextromethorphan, Dihydrocodeine, Ethyl morphine, Pholcodine, Propoxyphene and Tramadol;
- o) Phencyclidine;
- p) Masking Agents; and
- q) Tryptamine derivatives.

300. Any Jockey who is under medical treatment prescribed or administered by a medical practitioner for recognised medical purposes shall, prior to the commencement of a race Meeting where he is due to ride or prior to riding at Trackwork, make full and frank disclosure to the Stipendiary Stewards of such medical treatment. The same duty of full and frank disclosure shall apply where any Medication is obtained from any pharmacy and used as "self-prescribed" Medication.

301. RIDING IN RACES

302. Only the following persons are permitted to ride in races:

- a) Jockeys; and
- b) Any other Person authorised by the GRA for any specific events organised by the HRO with the approval of the GRA.

303. RIDING MASTER

304. The GRA may engage one or more Riding Master for the purpose of mentoring or providing remedial or technical training for Jockeys, Trackwork Riders and Amateur Jockeys.

305. The Stipendiary Stewards may at any time refer an Apprentice to the Riding Master for mentoring, and/or any remedial or technique training, as they deem necessary. An Apprentice who fails to appear before the Riding Master when requested to do so by the Stipendiary

Stewards, shall commit an offence and shall, upon conviction, be liable to any of the penalties provided under the Rules.

306. The Stipendiary Stewards may suspend or limit an Apprentice's permission to ride in races if they determine that any aspect of an Apprentice's race riding technique, method or practice may be a hazard to that Apprentice, other Riders or to a Horse's welfare.

307. **APPRENTICES**

308. Any person may apply to be registered with the GRA as an Apprentice to ride in races, provided, he meets the following requirements:

- a) is of a minimum age of 16;
- b) obtain the consent of a parent or guardian if he is a minor.
- c) has a signed agreement with the GRA and a Trainer acknowledging that the terms of his apprenticeship shall be governed by the Rules of Racing and any other conditions as determined by the Stipendiary Stewards and/or Riding Master.

309. There shall be a primary assessment by the Stipendiary Stewards which may be in consultation with the Riding Master.

310. An Apprentice whose registration has not been renewed or whose registration has been cancelled or revoked shall be provided, in writing, the reasons for the non-renewal or cancellation or revocation of his registration.

311. An Apprentice who is dissatisfied with the decision of non-renewal, cancellation or revocation of his registration may appeal such decision to the GRA.

312. Any appeal under Rule 311 shall be made in writing, within 7 days of the decision being communicated to the Apprentice

313. Every Apprentice is required to renew his registration with the GRA at the end of each racing season on the conditions that:

- a) the consent of parent or guardian has been obtained if he is a minor;
- b) the Stipendiary Stewards have the sole discretion regarding whether an apprentice should be prevented from riding due to illness, injury, or suspension; and
- c) the Stipendiary Stewards may revoke for cause, and at any time, such registration.

314. In determining whether to recommend the renewal of the apprentice license, the GRA shall consider the following factors which include:

- a) Any period when the Apprentice did not ride;
- b) His disciplinary record and his conduct on and off the racecourse; and

- c) His riding performance in the preceding season, including the number of winners, the number of rides and the value of stakes earned.
315. A person who is 26 years of age or above may not hold an apprentice jockey's registration or licence, save and except as provided in Rule 317 below.
316. Subject to the provisions of Rule 315, after the expiry of five calendar years as from his first ride in a race, organised by a licensed HRO and approved by a recognised horse racing authority, an Apprentice may apply to the GRA for a professional jockey's licence provided that he has ridden at least 100 races or obtained a minimum of 20 wins in races not reserved for Apprentices.
317. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 315, whenever the holder of an Apprentice Jockey's registration has attained the age of 26 years but does not fall within the ambit of Rule 316, he may, in the GRA's absolute discretion, be granted an extension of his apprentice's registration upon either the same conditions or upon such new conditions as the GRA may determine. Such extension shall not give rise to any expectation of a renewal of his registration after expiry of the period of extension granted to him.
318. Upon an application under Rule 317, the burden shall be on the Apprentice to show good and valid cause as to why such an extension ought to be granted;
319. The GRA may, in consultation with the Stipendiary Stewards and/or Riding Master, and at its sole discretion, grant an extension for a period not exceeding 12 months.
320. Any Apprentice registered by the GRA shall not ride or accept an engagement to ride in a race, either in Mauritius or abroad, without the consent of the Stipendiary Stewards.
321. The following weight allowances may be claimed by an Apprentice in races if he has ridden:
- a) Fewer than 20 winners – 4 kg;
 - b) Between 20 to 29 winners – 2.5 kg;
 - c) Between 30 to 39 winners – 1.5 kg.
322. Winning rides attained in races restricted to Apprentice riders, in any jurisdiction which is a member of, or organises, races under the aegis of a member of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities shall not count towards their total number of winning rides.
323. In the following races, apprentices will not be allowed to claim:
- a) Listed,
 - b) Graded; or
 - c) Championship races.
324. Apprentices who have ridden 40 or more winners will be considered as non-claiming.

325. Without derogating from the provisions of the Rules, Apprentices claiming an allowance at the beginning of the race meeting will continue to claim the same allowance throughout the race Meeting. Any change of category occurring during the meeting shall only become effective as from the next race-meeting.

326. A Person who holds an Apprentice registration or license with a Foreign Racing Authority can apply to the GRA to have their registration or license recognised subject to the conditions of the GRA.

327. JOCKEYS

328. The GRA may grant a jockey's license to ride in races if:

- a) the applicant has satisfactorily completed his apprenticeship as contemplated under the Rules;
or
- b) the applicant who holds a jockey's license with a Foreign Racing Authority, applies to have their license recognised, subject to any conditions that the GRA may determine.

329. No Jockey shall ride at Trackwork and/or in a race unless:

- a) he is a holder of
 - i. a valid jockey's license issued by the GRA,
 - ii. has an insurance cover, which has been duly approved by the HRO, and
 - iii. has obtained the written approval of the Stipendiary Stewards; or
- b) in the case of a Foreign Jockey, he:
 - i. is compliant with the conditions of licensing issued by the GRA;
 - ii. has obtained all relevant authorisations or permits required under the laws of Mauritius;
 - iii. has been issued with a valid work and residence permit by the Government of Mauritius, where necessary;
 - iv. has entered into a written contract with a licensed Trainer or the duly licensed HRO.

330. The HRO shall be entitled to enter into a contract with a maximum of four Jockeys, subject to obtaining the approval of the GRA. Such Jockeys shall be eligible to ride for any Trainer at a race Meeting organised by the HRO and include an International race meeting as may be approved from time to time by the GRA.

331. In any given season, where the contract of a Foreign Jockey is terminated, he may ride for another Trainer or the HRO within the same season unless the Stipendiary Stewards are satisfied, on good cause shown by his former employer, that it is not in the best interest of racing

to allow the said jockey to ride for the rest of the season in Mauritius. The Stipendiary Stewards shall make their recommendation to the GRA Licensing Committee accordingly.

332. In any given season, a Foreign Jockey who has a contract with a Trainer shall not ride in a race, Barrier Trial, or Trackwork for any other Trainer, except where the Foreign Jockey is engaged to:
- a) ride a horse in a Group Race, Listed Race, Pinnacle Stakes or a 3yr or 4yr old Championship Race; or
 - b) ride in replacement of another Jockey who, due to an unforeseen event, is unable to ride in a given race, in which case permission must be sought and obtained from the Stipendiary Stewards.

333. A Foreign Jockey who is offered a ride pursuant to Rule 332 (a) shall obtain:

- a) the written permission from the Trainer who employs him; and
- b) confirmation from his Trainer that he has no runners in that race;
- c) written permission from the Stipendiary Stewards who shall have the sole discretion to approve such engagement.

There shall be no appeal against the decision of the Stipendiary Stewards refusing permission to a foreign jockey to ride for another Trainer than the one that employs him.

334. The Trainer with whom a Foreign Jockey has his initial contract shall remain responsible for that Jockey unless such Foreign Jockey is riding for another Trainer, in terms of what is permitted under these Rules, in which case the Trainer shall bear the responsibility for the Foreign Jockey.

335. Any penalties incurred by the Foreign jockey under the Rules, whilst he is riding for a Trainer other than the Trainer with whom he has a written contract, shall be valid and enforceable under these Rules.

336. A Foreign Jockey must seek and obtain written permission from the Stipendiary Stewards before leaving Mauritius.

337. Any Foreign Jockey leaving Mauritius must seek and obtain clearance from the GRA and/or any other relevant authority as may be applicable.

338. A Foreign Jockey must seek and obtain the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards prior to departing from Mauritius to ride outside Mauritius, and provide the Stipendiary Stewards with a clearance letter from the jurisdiction in which he rode, prior to riding again in races and/or Trackwork in Mauritius.

339. A Jockey shall not leave the jockey's quarters other than to:

- a) ride in the race for which he has been engaged; or

- b) with the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards.
340. After leaving the jockey's quarters, a Jockey must not come into contact or communicate with any Person other than the Trainer and/ or Owner of the Horse he is carded to ride in that race. This shall include communication with other Jockeys behind the starting stalls and/or on the Track, except for safety reasons.
341. No Jockey shall bet or be involved in betting whether directly or indirectly on any race.
342. No Person other than the Owner and/or Trainer for whom the Jockey rides, may offer or give to that Jockey any incentive, whether in cash or otherwise, except where such is provided by the HRO for winning or being placed in a race.
343. No Jockey shall declare or allow himself to be declared on more than one runner in a race. Should such a dual engagement occur, the Jockey's first engagement shall take priority. If the Stipendiary Stewards are unable to ascertain which engagement was entered into first, they may prohibit the Jockey from riding in that race.
344. No Jockey shall ride in Trackwork, Barrier Trials or in a race after being stood down by the course medical officer, until he produces a medical clearance to the Stipendiary Stewards;
345. It shall be the sole responsibility of a Jockey to ensure that he weighs out at the correct weight and carries the correct weight in the race, which shall be confirmed by him weighing back in at the correct weight in terms of the Rules.
346. Jockeys are not authorised to carry lead in any place other than under the saddle of his Horse in a race.
347. If a Jockey makes contact with the ground during the running of a race and still has contact with a Horse, such Horse shall be deemed to not have carried the correct weight during the running of the race and shall be Disqualified after an Objection is lodged in terms of the Rules.
348. A Jockey is required to fulfil his riding engagement in terms of the Rules, and where he is unable to do so, he shall immediately inform the Stipendiary Stewards.
349. Unless permitted by the Stipendiary Stewards, when mounted on a Horse, a Jockey must not hold or use any mobile phone, radio, or other electronic equipment capable of receiving or transmitting information. Additionally, after presenting himself to the Clerk of Scales, he is not entitled to be in possession of or use any electronic device or communication device.
350. If a Jockey has not served, either fully or in part, any Suspension by the end of the Racing Season, the remaining part of the Suspension shall be served in the following racing season.
351. The date of commencement of a Suspension or disqualification will apply for a specified period

as determined by the Stipendiary Stewards. A Suspension shall start immediately, unless an appeal is lodged in terms of the Rules.

352. A Jockey suspended under the Rules may elect to defer his suspension for one race Meeting, in which case, he shall notify the Chief Stipendiary Steward and the HRO in writing within two days from the day on which the penalty was intended to take effect. Any race meeting/s postponed or abandoned during a Suspension period will not increase such period.
353. No Jockey shall be present in any area wherein licensed bookmakers are operating their business of betting on horseracing, or in the vicinity of a tote desk at any such time.
354. Where a Jockey appeals against a Penalty imposed under the Rules, he shall do so in accordance with these Rules.

355. RACING EQUIPMENT FOR RIDERS

356. SKULL CAPS

- a) Only Skull Caps which are approved by the Stipendiary Stewards shall be worn in terms of Schedule XIII of these Rules.
- b) Any person riding a Horse shall wear a serviceable Skull Cap.
- c) Any Rider when mounted on a Horse shall ensure that the chinstrap of the Skull Cap is securely fastened.
- d) All Handlers of horses at the Start of a race shall wear a serviceable Skull Cap and have it securely fastened.

357. WHIPS

358. Unless otherwise approved by the Stipendiary Stewards, only whips in conformity with what is set out in schedule XIV of the Rules of Racing shall be used by a rider at any time.
359. No Jockey shall misuse or use his whip in an excessive, unnecessary, or improper manner, or use the whip on any part of the Horse's head. Without limiting the provisions of this Rule, whip misuse shall include striking a Horse:
- a) to the extent that it causes injury to it;
 - b) when it is clearly winning;
 - c) when it has no reasonable prospect of improving or losing its position;
 - d) with a Jockey's arm above shoulder height;
 - e) more than once on consecutive strides;
 - f) with excessive force;

- g) without giving it time to respond;
- h) when it is showing no response;
- i) after it has passed the winning post;
- j) whilst the Jockey is dismounted;
- k) out of its stride pattern;
- l) on the flank;
- m) more than 7 times prior to the 150m, after which a Jockey shall have the discretion to use the whip as necessary, subject to the provisions of this Rule;
- n) in a manner where the seam of the flap is the point of contact with the Horse, unless the Jockey satisfies the Stipendiary Stewards that it was not deliberate, reckless, or negligent; and
- o) down the shoulder while in the drawn position.

360. A Jockey shall be guilty of an offence if he drops his whip during a race, unless he can establish, to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Stewards, that this was accidental.

361. It shall be an offence for a Trainer to give instructions to a Jockey regarding the use of the whip which, if carried out, may result in a breach the Rules relating to whip use.

362. BODY PROTECTOR

- a) Only types of body protectors which are approved by the Stipendiary Stewards and set out under Schedule XII to the Rules shall be worn by Jockeys.
- b) Any Jockey who is mounted on a Horse, whether for the purposes of riding in a race, barrier trial, Jump-out or Trackwork, must wear a properly fastened body protector.
- c) No Jockey shall have in his possession a body protector that does not comply with the requirements of the Rules.
- d) Unless the Stipendiary Stewards are satisfied that there is sufficient artificial and/or natural light for Trackwork to be conducted, when mounted on a Horse during darkness, a Jockey must wear over his body protector, or over clothing worn over that body protector, a harness that contains safety warning lights and/or a Skull Cap which contains a safety warning light, both of a type approved by the Stipendiary Stewards.

363. EYE PROTECTION AND APPAREL

- a) Every Jockey shall:
 - i. wear riding boots of a type approved by the Stipendiary Stewards;
 - ii. wear eye protection;

iii. wear breeches of a type approved by the Stipendiary Stewards, unless written permission has been granted by the Stipendiary Stewards to wear breeches of a different colour or type.

b) No Jockey shall wear any apparel or equipment which has not been approved by the Stipendiary Stewards.

364. No Jockey shall omit to wear any apparel or equipment required under the Rules.

365. CLERK OF SCALES & WEIGHING OUT OF JOCKEYS

366. A Jockey with riding engagements must present himself to the Clerk of Scales 60 minutes before the carded time of his first ride, and thereafter, remain in the jockeys' quarters or weighing area until he is granted permission by the Stipendiary Stewards to leave the racecourse.

367. The HRO shall provide that any scale used for the purpose of weighing a Horse, Jockey and/or any other purpose related to racing is calibrated by the Mauritius Standards Bureau before the start of a Racing Season or every time such scale is moved, serviced, or dismantled. A Certificate of calibration must be provided to the GRA upon request.

368. No Jockey shall have in his possession nor make use of any type of telephone, cellular device, transmitter, or any other device for communication purposes whilst in the jockeys' quarters, weighing area and/or during the race meeting. In case of emergency, jockeys may be permitted to use a Mobile Phone in the Weighing Room, in the presence of an Official and with permission of the Stipendiary Stewards.

369. The Clerk of the Scales shall ensure that, prior to weighing out any Jockey, the Jockey is:

- a) Permitted to ride in terms of the Rules; and
- b) In Possession of an approved, serviceable Skull Cap; and
- c) Is wearing an approved Body Protector.

370. With the exception of the saddle cloth, Skull Cap, goggles, blinkers, pacifiers, tongue tie, tongue strap, whip, neck strap, bridle including pricker and noseband, rings, muzzle, breastplate, sectional timing device and anything worn on the Horse's legs or hooves, all items carried or worn by the Jockey and by the Horse in a race shall be included in the Jockey's weight and shall be put onto the scales by the Jockey when weighing out and when weighing in, and recorded by the Clerk of the Scales.

371. The Clerk of Scales shall ensure that:

- a) a clean saddle cloth is provided for every Horse for which a Jockey presents himself to be

weighed out;

- b) after the weighing out process is completed, the weights are published on the designated notice board;
- c) a jockey is weighed twice in the Weighing Room; the first time, not less than a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for a race, and the second, immediately prior to the Trainer leaving the room to saddle his horse. The Stipendiary Stewards may, in special circumstances, reduce the time allowed for weighing out.

372. All Jockeys' weights are deemed to be 1.0 kg less than the weight measured on the scale on account of their obligation to wear a body protector; up to 0.5 kg of overweight shall be disregarded in the weighing in and weighing out process. Therefore, these fractions shall not be considered as overweight and shall not be declared as such;

373. Save for the deduction of an Apprentice allowance, should a Jockey weigh out for a race at 1.0 kg or more above the carded weight, such excess shall either be removed and the Jockey re-weighed or such overweight shall be declared to the Clerk of the Scales, who shall make a recording and report such to the Stipendiary Stewards, who will act subject to Rules.

374. A Jockey shall not weigh out below the allocated weight.

375. No Horse shall carry more than 1kg over the weight allocated to it by the Handicapper unless:

- a) Such overweight shall be declared at the time of declarations; and
- b) The Stipendiary Stewards shall grant permission for such in terms of the Rules.

376. Where a jockey cannot ride at the declared weight, the Clerk of the Scales shall refer the matter to the Stipendiary Stewards who may, after consultation with the Trainer of the horse: -

- a) allow the jockey to ride overweight;
- b) allow the jockey to be substituted by another jockey who can ride at the carded weight;
- c) in the absence of an appropriate replacement, allow the horse to be withdrawn from the race; and
- d) inquiry into the matter.

377. Where a Jockey has failed to present himself to be weighed out or is unable to ride, such Jockey shall be replaced on that Horse, subject to the approval of the Stipendiary Stewards.

378. PROCEDURE FOR ARRIVAL AND LOADING AT THE START

- a) Every Horse must be certified by the Stipendiary Stewards as tractable in the starting stalls.
- b) Should a Trainer wish to race a Horse with specific equipment authorised under the Rules, he is

required to enter the Horse for a Barrier Trial or gallop the Horse with such equipment to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Stewards, prior to declaring that equipment on the declaration form.

379. All horses must proceed to the starting stalls at a trot or canter in order to avoid a delay to the Start of a race.
380. All horses must parade in front of the grandstand and no Horse shall be led to the starting stall unless permission to the contrary is granted by the Stipendiary Stewards.
381. The Jockey of a Horse shall have his feet in the stirrup irons when riding his Horse in front of the grandstand unless permission to the contrary is granted by the Stipendiary Stewards.
382. No person is permitted to be in possession of a Mobile Phone or a similar device at the Starting Gates.
383. Unless permission to the contrary is granted by the Stipendiary Stewards, only Officials duly authorised by the Stipendiary Stewards, starting staff and Jockeys in a race are allowed to be located at the Starting stalls.
384. A Jockey shall only dismount from his Horse after leaving the paddock when he is conducting a mandatory check on his saddle and equipment upon arriving at the Start.
385. The Starter shall ensure that:
- a) No Person other than himself or the Assistant Starter shall be permitted to be on the starter's stand during the Start of a race;
 - b) When the horses have arrived at the Start, the Starter shall call out the names of the Jockeys and the order of the draw as close to the carded time of the race as possible;
 - c) He instructs the handlers, jockeys and/or any relevant person in a manner which is compliant with the Rules and affords every Horse the opportunity of a fair start;
 - d) He and the relevant persons arrive at the Start timeously and check that the draws and Horse numbers are correctly allocated on the gates. Additionally, the Starter must ensure that he is in possession of the required equipment and such equipment is in working order; and
 - e) He defines the size of the pre-loading area relative to the size of the field and the grading of the horses.
386. Save where otherwise provided in the Rules, all starts shall be from starting stalls approved by the GRA.
387. Should the starting stalls become defective and cannot be replaced, with the approval from the Stipendiary Stewards, the horses shall be loaded into the gates and the Start shall be made by

means of a flag.

388. Should one or more of the starting stalls become defective, the Starter shall inform the Stipendiary Stewards, who may order that the defective starting stall/s not be used and the horses be loaded in the remaining starting stalls.

389. The HRO shall provide to the starter, a siren, a white flag, and an orange flag.

390. **PROCEDURE FOR FALSE STARTS**

- a) Should the Starter determine that, through the faulty action of the starting stalls or from any other cause, a fair start has not been made, he may declare a False Start.
- b) If the Starter has declared a False Start, he shall sound the siren, and the attendant who has been allocated the orange flag shall wave the flag to indicate the false start.
- c) In the event of a False Start, Jockeys must immediately restrain their mounts and return to the starting stalls without delay.
- d) If the Starter does not declare a False Start, the Stipendiary Stewards may, after reviewing the start of the race, declare any Horse a non-runner, provided that such Horse was not declared first, second or third.

391. **STARTING**

392. Every Horse shall be loaded into the starting stalls at the discretion of the Starter and in accordance with their barrier draws. Where a Horse is scratched, the draws for the horses shall be adjusted down accordingly where possible.

393. All horses which are in the starting stalls when the race commences shall be deemed to have started the race, unless the Horse was:

- a) unmounted at the time of the Start; or
- b) impeded by a handler; or
- c) encumbered by the Starter's equipment.

394. A horse may be withdrawn by the Stipendiary Stewards if it:

- a) refuses to enter the stalls;
- b) is not mounted at the 'Off;'
- c) causes unnecessary delay;
- d) is unruly; or
- e) there is any other valid cause, in the opinions of the Stipendiary Stewards.

395. When the Starter commences the loading process, a Jockey must comply with all instructions from the Starter, direct his mount towards its designated Starting stall and endeavour to prevent his mount from backing away.
396. Should a Horse unduly delay the Start of the race, prove unruly when loading, refuse to load and/or be a danger at the Start, such Horse may be withdrawn by the Starter or the Stipendiary Stewards.
397. No rider shall take up a position at the start of a race other than that allotted, take any undue advantage at the start, wilfully delay the start, display impertinence towards, or refuse to obey the starter, or generally misbehave at the start.
398. It shall be the obligation and responsibility of the Jockey to ensure that his Horse enters the correct starting stall.
399. Any Jockey who commits a misdemeanour at the Start, may be fined by the Starter an amount of not more than Rs25,000.00, such a fine to be confirmed by the Stipendiary Stewards. If the Starter considers the fine of Rs25,000.00 to be insufficient, he may request that the Stipendiary Stewards open an Inquiry into the matter. This Rule shall not prevent the Stipendiary Stewards from inquiring into the circumstances of the fine.
400. Upon completion of the loading process, the Assistant Starter shall raise a white flag to indicate that he is satisfied that the back gates of each stall are securely closed. Thereafter, the Starter will, after having satisfied himself that there are no Handlers in front of the stalls and all hoods are removed, instruct the Handlers to raise their hands and start the race.
401. No handler shall assist a horse to leave the stalls.
402. If a horse was given an advantageous start, the Stipendiary Stewards may declare such a horse a non-starter.
403. **FAULTY STARTING STALLS OR INTERFERENCE BY A HANDLER**
404. Should the Stipendiary Stewards consider that through any action of a faulty starting gate or from any other cause, the start was not fair to all participants, they may declare a "no start". Should the starter not declare a "no start", the Stipendiary Stewards may, after an inquiry, declare any horse, which was impeded at the start, or by a front gate not opening, a non-runner provided that a horse which is ultimately declared first, second or third in a race by the judge shall not be declared a non-runner.
405. Subject to Rule 393(b) in the event of the actions of a handler preventing a horse from starting

in a race and/or resulting in a horse being impeded and thereby losing a significant distance, or where the horse is rendered riderless when the stalls are opened, and no false start is declared, or where a horse, not resultant from its own behaviour alone, has been prevented from starting on equal terms and its chances in a race have been materially affected, such horse may be declared a non-runner by the Stipendiary Steward. Should the horse win or finish in the places, however, it shall not be declared a non-runner.

406. Where a horse has been impeded and lost a significant distance as contemplated by Rule 393, such horse shall be declared to have started if, in the sole discretion of the Stipendiary Stewards, such impediment and subsequent loss of distance was as a consequence of the horse's own behaviour.
407. The decision of the starter to call a "no start" shall be reported to the Stipendiary Stewards.
408. Should the starter call a "no start" and the race cannot be re-started forthwith, the Stipendiary Stewards shall either:
- a) declare the race "void"; or
 - b) Order the race to be re-run at such time during the same race meeting as they determine.
409. Where a race is to be re-run in terms of Rule 408(b), a horse which has run over part or the whole of the distance may be withdrawn from the re-run by the Stipendiary Stewards, on the recommendation of the Regulatory Veterinarian, or by the trainer, subject to the approval of the Stipendiary Stewards.
410. The starter shall report to the Stipendiary Stewards any horses badly behaved or slowly away, any cause of delay in starting at the advertised time, the total time taken to load the field, the time at which the race was started, and any misdemeanour of any rider.
411. **THE RACE**
412. A Trainer is responsible for ensuring that a Jockey who rides a horse trained by him in a Race is given instructions that shall allow the Jockey to ensure that the horse is given a full opportunity to achieve the best possible place in the race.
413. A Jockey shall ensure that his mount is ridden on its merits.
414. A Jockey shall:
- a) take all reasonable and permissible measures to ensure that, throughout the race, his horse is given the full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in the race;
 - b) ride his horse, throughout the race, to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Stewards;

- c) not excessively slow, reduce or check the speed of his horse, thereby causing interference directly or indirectly to any other horse in the race;
- d) not ride in a slack, improper, incompetent, foul or reckless manner;
- e) ask his horse for timely, real, and substantial efforts to achieve the best place in the race;
- f) take every possible and all necessary steps to ensure that he or his horse does not cross, jostle, bunch, interfere with or intimidate another horse;
- g) not ride in a careless manner;
- h) follow his Trainer’s instructions unless, for good cause, he cannot do otherwise;
- i) not alter his mount’s course so as to favour another horse;
- j) not use his whip to excess or otherwise in an improper manner;
- k) ride his horse to the finish or approaching the finish of a race whenever possible; and
- l) not make any celebratory gesture in an excessive manner on the horse he is riding before the horse passes the winning post.

415. A Trainer shall be responsible for ensuring that his horses are ridden and perform in a consistent manner wherever possible.

416. The following penalty guidelines are applicable for any breach of Rules 413 and 414:

RULE NO.	DESCRIPTION OF THE RULE	RANGE OF PENALTY
413	A Jockey failing to ensure that he rides his mount on its merits. (no deferral allowed)	Suspension or disqualification of up to 5 years and a fine of up to 1 million Mauritian rupees
414(a)	A Jockey failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that his horse has full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place in a race.	Fine of Rs 50,000 to Rs 250,000 and/or a Suspension for 6 to 40 race meetings
414(b)	Ride his horse, throughout the race, to the satisfaction of the Stipendiary Stewards	Fine of Rs 30,000 to Rs 100,000 and/or a Suspension for 2 to 20 race meetings
414(c)	A Jockey excessively slows, reduces, or checks the speed of his horse, thereby causing interference directly or indirectly to any other horse.	Fine of Rs 30,000 to Rs 75,000 and/or a Suspension for 1 to 12 race meetings

414(d)	Ride in a slack, improper, incompetent, foul or reckless manner	Fine of Rs 30,000 to Rs 75,000 and/or a Suspension for 3 to 16 race meetings
414(e)	Not ask their horse for timely, real, and substantial effort to achieve the best possible place	Fine of Rs 30,000 to Rs 75,000 and/or a Suspension for 1 to 10 race meetings
414(f)	A Jockey failing to ensure that he or his horse does not cross, jostle, bunch, interfere with or intimidate another horse	Fine of Rs 30,000 to Rs 75,000 and/or a Suspension for 1 to 10 race meetings
414(g)	Ride in a careless manner	Fine of Rs 30,000 to Rs 75,000 and/or a Suspension for 1 to 10 race meetings
414(h)	A Jockey failing to follow his Trainer's instruction unless, for good cause, he cannot do otherwise.	Fine of Rs 30,000 to Rs 75,000 and/or a Suspension for 2 to 12 race meetings
414(i)	A Jockey that alters his horse's course so as to favour another horse.	Fine of Rs 30,000 to Rs 100,000 and/or a Suspension for 4 to 20 race meetings
414(j)	A Jockey that uses his whip in an excessive or improper manner	Fine of Rs 5000 to Rs 25,000 and/or a Suspension of up to 6 race meetings
414 (k)	A Jockey that fails to ride his horse to the finish or approaching the finish	Fine of Rs 30,000 to Rs 75,000 and/or a Suspension of up to 8 race meetings
414(l)	A Jockey failing to ensure that he does not make an excessive celebratory gesture either before or after the finish.	Fine of Rs 5,000 to Rs 25,000 and/or a Suspension for up to 2 race meetings

417. PRIZES

418. The awarding of Prizes shall be in accordance with the procedure established by the HRO.

419. JUDGE AND PHOTO-FINISH

420. The Judge or his designated assistant are the only persons authorised to occupy the judge's box area at the start of a race and shall remain in this area until the horses have crossed the winning post and the all clear has been given by the Stipendiary Stewards.
421. The Judge or his designated assistant shall not have any contact with any person during the running of a race and until he has given the final decision on the placings of a race.
422. The Judge or his designated assistant shall ensure that no person other than an appointed photo-finish operator is present in the photo-finish area until the result of the Race has been declared and the numbers displayed.
423. A dead heat shall not result in a run off. The prizes for the relevant places shall be divided equally as per the established distribution of stakes for the horses and such horses shall be treated as winners for the full amount of any weight penalty allocated by the Handicapper as would have been the case had it been the sole winner.
424. The Judge or his designated assistant shall:
- a) As soon as reasonably possible, announce the finishing position of the first six horses past the post or such number as requested by the Stipendiary Stewards. The Judge's placings shall remain final unless:
 - i. an objection is lodged in terms of the Rules and such objection is upheld; or
 - ii. the Judge is timeously correcting an error after obtaining the approval of the Stipendiary Stewards;
 - b) Declare a dead heat if there is no discernible difference between two or more horses;
 - c) Base his decision on the placings of horses exclusively on the horse's nose. Where the horse's nose is not visible but there is a discernible difference between the horses, he shall declare the appropriate winner;
 - d) Satisfy himself as to the correctness of the placings from the photograph, and use the mirror image as a reference only.
 - e) If there is no photograph available due to a failure of the photo-finish camera or if, in the sole opinion of the Judge, the images on the photograph are unclear, then the Judge may have regard to the race film to satisfy himself as to the correctness of the placings. If there is no race film available, the Judge shall, to the best of his ability, determine the placings as he has personally observed them. The Judge's decision shall be final and binding; and
 - f) Prepare a report for the Stipendiary Stewards after each race, recording the time taken, the

result and the finishing distances between the horses in the race.

425. WEIGHING IN OF JOCKEYS

426. Every jockey who has participated in a race shall, unless rendered unable to comply with this Rule by reason of accident or illness, immediately after pulling up, ride his mount to the designated dismounting area, dismount and proceed back to the weighing area without coming into contact with any person or thing other than his own equipment.

427. Should a jockey become incapacitated and be unable to weigh in, his horse must not be disqualified if in the opinion of the Stipendiary Stewards the correct weight was declared to the Clerk of the Scales when weighing out and the Stipendiary Stewards are of the opinion that the horse carried the correct weight in the race.

428. The Clerk of the Scales shall:

- a) ensure that every Jockey who has participated in a race is weighed in, and report any instances of non-compliance and/or irregularity to the Stipendiary Stewards; and
- b) check the weights carried by jockeys against their weighed-out weights.

429. Where a jockey cannot draw the weight at which he weighed out, despite being allowed 0.5 kilogramme by the Clerk of the Scales, the horse shall be disqualified.

430. Where a jockey cannot draw the weight at which he weighed out, despite being allowed 0.5 kilogramme by the Clerk of the Scales he shall be guilty of an offence unless he can satisfy the Stipendiary Stewards that such underweight was due to circumstances beyond his control.

431. Where, after a race, a jockey weighs in at more than 1 kilogramme over the weight at which he weighed out: -

- a) the jockey shall, unless he can satisfy the Stipendiary Stewards that such overweight was due to circumstances outside his control, be guilty of a breach of these Rules and shall be liable to any of the penalties provided under the Rules;
- b) the placing of the horse in the race shall be unaffected; and
- c) Where a Jockey weighs in at more than 0.5kg under the weight at which he weighed out at, the Clerk of the Scales shall lodge an Objection.
- d) For the purposes of these Rules, the definition of weighed-out weight shall be the weight of the jockey after fractions of 0.5 kg have been discarded.

432. Any Jockey who fails to present himself to be weighed in shall be guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, be liable to any of the penalties provided under the Rules.

433. OBJECTIONS

434. All Objections shall be heard by the Stipendiary Stewards.

435. Lodging of an Objection:

- a) An Objection may only be lodged, either by the Stipendiary Stewards on their own initiative, or by one of the following Persons:
 - i. A Regulatory Official;
 - ii. A Jockey following the running of a race; or
 - iii. A Trainer.

436. The Stipendiary Stewards shall adopt any procedure required in order to facilitate the processing and/or hearing of an Objection.

437. The provisions of Rule 469 shall apply mutatis mutandis in relation to Objections.

438. There shall be no appeal against any decision taken by the Stipendiary Stewards on an Objection under this Rule.

439. OBJECTION TIME FRAMES

440. Objection before the race:

- a) Any Objection shall be lodged before a race on the following grounds:
 - i. The race is due to be run over a distance which is different from that which was carded; or
 - ii. All horses which are carded to race in a specific race carry the incorrect weight.

441. An Objection made promptly and as soon as reasonably practicable to the Stipendiary Stewards and in any event, before the announcement of 'Weighed In.'

442. The Stipendiary Stewards shall hold an Inquiry if:

- a) a valid Objection is made to them; or
- b) they believe that there are grounds for an Objection.

443. Any person wishing to lodge an Objection in terms of Rule 435(a), may, prior to lodging the Objection, review a replay of the race. Any person who intends to lodge an objection and wishes to review the replay of the race, must notify the Clerk of the Scales immediately after the race.

444. A person raising an Objection in terms of Rule 435(a) must not:

- a) raise an Objection without reasonable grounds for doing so; or
- b) withdraw an Objection without the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards.

445. The Stipendiary Stewards may announce or publish details of an Objection.

446. The following occurrences shall constitute grounds for an immediate Objection:

- a) The race was run over the wrong distance;
- b) A placed Horse lost its position as a result of being bumped, crossed, jostled, intimidated, or interfered with by another Horse or Jockey;
- c) A Jockey has weighed in at more than 0.5 kg below the weight at which he weighed out;
- d) A Jockey failed to weigh in, except as provided for under the Rules;
- e) Equipment prohibited under the Rules was used on a horse during a race;
- f) A horse left the course during the running of the race;
- g) A part of the Jockey made contact with the ground during the running of the race; and
- h) A Horse ran in a race for which it was not entered.

447. The following shall constitute grounds for an Objection:

- a) The Owner of a Horse was ineligible to hold such a privilege;
- b) A Horse was not qualified to be entered in terms of the conditions of a race;
- c) A Horse that was suspended participated in a race;
- d) A breach of the Rules regarding registrations and Ownerships has occurred; and
- e) A Horse ran in a race for which it was not entered; and

Any Objection must be lodged in writing to the Stipendiary Stewards, in the designated form, by 16h00 hours at the latest on the 14th day after the race. Pending the final determination of an Objection under Rule 440, any prizes, including stakes money, shall be withheld by the HRO.

448. **DETERMINATION OF OBJECTIONS**

449. An Objection shall not be upheld unless the Stipendiary Stewards are satisfied that:

- a) A placed horse which was interfered with would have finished ahead of the horse which caused the interference but for such interference; or
- b) A placed horse which was interfered with by another horse to such an extent that the interference warrants the disqualification of the horse which caused the interference.

450. Any person lodging an Objection which, after consideration, is found to be frivolous, may be fined an amount not exceeding Rs 75,000.

451. For the purposes of this Rule, a placed horse shall be defined as any horse placed in the first five in that race as determined by the Stipendiary Stewards.

452. Where an objection to a horse which has won or been placed is sustained, the horse:

- a) may be disqualified, or
 - b) may be placed immediately after the horse it interfered with.
453. Where the prize has been awarded prior to the lodging of an Objection and an Objection is subsequently lodged and upheld, the prize together with the designated fees and percentages paid to the Trainer and Rider shall be returned to the HRO within five days of the date on which the Objection was finally determined by the Stipendiary Stewards, and shall be redistributed to the appropriate persons.
454. Should any or all of the monies referred to in Rule 453 not be returned to the HRO, the HRO shall make up the shortfall and shall distribute the equivalent Prizes to the Persons ultimately declared to be entitled to such Prizes. Any Person who fails to return a Prize shall be in default and placed on the Defaulters' List and shall commit an offence and upon conviction, be liable to any penalties provided under the Rules.
- 455. REPORTING OF CIRCUMSTANCES**
456. Any Person who reasonably suspects that an offence has or is likely to be committed under the Rules, shall as soon as practically possible, report it to the Stipendiary Stewards. Any person who fails to report any such circumstances shall commit an offence and upon conviction, shall be liable to any penalties provided under the Rules.
457. The Trainer or Jockey or the Veterinary Surgeon of a horse shall report to the Stipendiary Stewards as soon as practically possible after a race, any circumstances which:
- a) may have affected the performance of a Horse;
 - b) due to an injury, which is visible, may have affected the performance of a Horse, in which case, the Horse shall remain in the Saddling Area until the Regulatory Veterinarian examines the Horse; and
 - c) may have had a bearing on the past or future performance of a Horse.
458. Should the saddle of any horse slip during or after the running of a race, no Person shall remove such saddle until it has been inspected by the Clerk of the Course, or a Stipendiary Steward, or the Regulatory Veterinarian.
459. Any failure to report circumstances as set out above shall constitute a breach of the Rules and render any person, upon conviction, liable to any of the penalties provided for under the Rules of racing.

460. **INQUIRIES**

461. Any breaches of the Rules shall be adjudicated at an inquiry conducted by the Board of Stipendiary Stewards.
462. Any decision taken at an Inquiry shall be taken by a simple majority of the members of the Board present at the inquiry.
463. The Stipendiary Stewards may order the attendance of any Person at an inquiry and that person shall remain in attendance until excused.
464. Any person who disobeys an order of the Stipendiary Stewards to attend an inquiry and does not appear before the Stipendiary Stewards as requested, may be liable to any penalties provided under the Rules as determined in their absence.
465. The Stipendiary Stewards shall have the power to investigate any alleged breach of the Rules. They shall be entitled to decide and impose a penalty on any person who has been found guilty of a breach of the Rules.
466. Pending the determination of any inquiry or of any appeal arising from any inquiry in terms of the Rules, the Stipendiary Stewards may impose such interim suspension or suspensions on any person or in respect of any horse, as they in their sole discretion deem fit, with due regard to the preservation of the integrity of the sport.
467. The Stipendiary Stewards shall have the power to impose one or more of the following penalties:
- a) Reprimand;
 - b) Caution;
 - c) Fine;
 - d) Suspension;
 - e) Disqualification;
 - f) Warning off;
 - g) Cancel any privilege or registration; or
 - h) Any other Penalty, which in the opinion of the Stipendiary Stewards serves the best interests of horse racing in Mauritius.
468. The quorum for the Board for any inquiry shall be three Stipendiary Stewards.
469. The Chairperson of the Board of Stipendiary Stewards, in the event of an equality of votes amongst the Stipendiary Stewards, shall have a casting vote;
470. The Stipendiary Stewards shall have the power to adopt any processes and formalities they deem fit to facilitate the hearing of an inquiry. This shall include the power to adjourn or

postpone proceedings.

471. Where a Stipendiary Steward has absented himself from any part of the proceedings, he shall not take any further part in the Inquiry and shall not be replaced. The validity of the proceedings shall not be affected.
472. Any Person who is required to appear at an inquiry shall be advised of the venue, date, and time of the inquiry through a Notice of Inquiry (NOI).
473. No Person required to appear at an inquiry, shall be entitled to any representation, other than an interpreter, who shall not be a member of the legal profession, a Jockey or Trainer. Notwithstanding the contents of this Rule, the Stipendiary Stewards shall have the power to allow a person to be accompanied by another person under certain circumstances, provided that the accompanying person is not a legally qualified person nor a Jockey where the person being inquired into is a Jockey.
474. Any film, video-tape or other recording of any race shall, in an inquiry, constitute evidence of the running of the race and the riding of the jockeys involved in that race, without the need of any supporting evidence or corroboration whatsoever from any other source. Similarly, at any inquiry, the evidence of any Person reading the film, video or other recording of the race shall constitute admissible evidence at such inquiry.
475. All proceedings at an inquiry or during the hearing of an Objection, shall be recorded either manually or by means of a recording equipment.
476. Any person who is granted access to the Stipendiary Stewards Boardroom is strictly prohibited from using any device to record audio or video (including a mobile phone) during the proceedings conducted by the Stipendiary Stewards unless prior authorisation has been sought and obtained from the Chairperson of the Board of Stipendiary Stewards. Any person found in breach of this Rule may, upon conviction, be liable to any penalties provided under the Rules.
477. The days on which a suspension applies shall not change if any meetings are subsequently moved or abandoned, unless otherwise directed by the GRA.

478. **APPEALS**

479. Any Person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Stipendiary Stewards under Rule 465, may appeal that decision, to the Appeal Committee in terms of section 7(1) (ga) of the GRA Act, and the Regulations made under sections 7(1) (ga) and 164 of the GRA.
480. Parties to an appeal shall be entitled to legal representation of their choice and at their own cost

at the hearing of the Appeal.

481. A decision of the Appeal Committee shall be final and conclusive.

482. COST AND INDEMNITY

a) Neither the HRID nor any of its officials shall be liable for any expenses incurred by any person or individual arising out of and/or in relation to an Inquiry and/or Objection.

b) Every person who is licensed and or registered in terms of these Rules and the prevailing legislation in Mauritius is deemed to know, understand and accept the terms and conditions imposed under the Rules.

483. No member of the Board of Stipendiary Stewards, including a co-opted member (as the case may be), shall be held liable for any decision taken in the exercise of their duties under the Rules and section 159 of the GRA Act shall apply Mutatis Mutandis to all Stipendiary Stewards and Regulatory Officials.

484. DISQUALIFICATIONS AND WARNING OFF

485. Any Person who has been Warned Off or Disqualified, shall not be permitted to:

a) Access to the Course, training tracks or any other property used by the HRO and/or licensed by the GRA;

b) Own or have an Interest either directly or indirectly in a Horse; and/or

c) Be employed by a licensed Person.

486. Any Person who has any dealings, whether directly or indirectly, with a Person who is Warned Off shall commit an offence under the Rules and upon conviction, shall be liable to any penalties provided under these Rules.

487. SUSPENSION OF PERSONS

488. Any Person who has been suspended in terms of the Rules shall be prohibited from participating in races and/or horse racing to the extent determined by the Stipendiary Stewards.

489. Where a Person has been suspended, such suspension shall be effective after the expiry of the time allowed for that Person to appeal unless that person elects to waive his right of appeal, in which case he shall communicate such decision in writing to the Stipendiary Stewards and the suspension shall become effective immediately.

a) Where a Jockey has appealed and the appeal has been set aside, he shall immediately serve his

suspension, except where he has already been carded in the Official Race Card, in which case he will fulfil his riding engagement and serve his suspension after his last carded ride subject to any other Order by the Appeal Committee.

490. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

491. Any person found guilty of a breach of the Rules for which no specific penalty is provided shall be liable to be suspended, reprimanded, cautioned, warned, or fined for an amount not exceeding Rs 1,000,000.000 (One Million Mauritian rupees). Any suspension shall not exceed a period of ten years.

492. All fines incurred in terms of the Rules shall be paid to the GRA within 30 days from the time the penalty has been issued and if appealed against, on the day of the decision of the Appeal Committee, if the appeal has been dismissed.

493. Should any fine remain unpaid after 30 days, the person who has failed to pay the fine may be suspended and prohibited from participating in races and/or horseracing related activities, without an Inquiry.

494. ADMISSION OF GUILT

495. The Stipendiary Stewards may authorise the signing of an admission of guilt in respect of any breach of the Rules where the penalty does not exceed a Rs 60,000 fine and/or a suspension of not more than two race meetings.

496. No person who signs an admission of guilt shall have the right of appeal against any fine or suspension which may be imposed thereupon.

497. The Penalty following the signing of an admission of guilt shall be effective from the date of signature of the admission of guilt.

498. PROHIBITED PRACTICES

499. Without in any way derogating from the provisions of the Rules, no Person shall:

- a) engage in conduct which the GRA considers is prejudicial to the integrity, proper conduct, or good reputation of horse racing;
- b) participate in any dishonest or unlawful purpose in connection with horseracing, give, offer and/or promise, whether directly or indirectly, any inducement, reward, or bribe of whatsoever nature, to any Stakeholder or person and/or accept any such inducement, reward, or bribe;

- c) without a proper or acceptable reason:
 - i. withdraw or encourage the withdrawal of a Horse from a race; and/or
 - ii. fail to ensure that any Horse which has been declared to run, is at the racecourse 48 hours prior to the race day as designated in the Rules;
- d) enter or start, or attempt to enter or start in any race, a horse which he is aware is ineligible for that race;
- e) be in any manner involved, directly or indirectly, in a horse running in a race for which it has not been entered;
- f) enter or start a Horse for or in a race when he is aware he is not entitled to do so in terms of the Rules;
- g) enter or cause any Horse to be entered in a race or cause a Horse to run in a race, when such Horse is not owned by the Person in whose name it is so entered to run or runs;
- h) accept payment of any training fee and/or charges, in whole or in part, in respect of any Horse entered for, or run in a race from any Person other than from the HRO;
- i) if he is aware that any Horse is not eligible to run in a race, omit and fail to notify the Stipendiary Stewards before the race;
- j) interfere with or threaten any person in racing in connection with horse racing;
- k) improperly obtain information about a trial, or about any Horse in training from any Owner, Trainer, Jockey, or any person employed in racing or in the services of the Owner or Trainer of such Horse, and improperly make such information available;
- l) try, exercise, or work together horses from different trainers; however, it shall not be an offence to allow horses to take part in barrier trials, fitness trials or training starts, from starting stalls operated by an Official and supervised by the Stipendiary Stewards and the Regulatory Veterinarian, and where such horses do not run for more than 1,000 metres from the starting stalls before being pulled up;
- m) fail to register any matter which is required to be registered in terms of the Rules or submit any false or misleading information when registering any matter which is required to be registered in terms of the Rules;
- n) interfere, tamper with, or intimidate, or attempt to tamper with or intimidate anybody (including any witness) or anything (where applicable) concerned with any Inquiry, investigation, Objection, appeal, or review, held or to be held in terms of the Rules;
- o) mislead the Stipendiary Stewards or the members of the board, appointed in terms of the Rules;

- p) abuse, swear at, mislead, intimidate, threaten, or interfere with any Stakeholder including any official involved with the administration or the control of racing;
- q) commit, incite or conspire with anybody to commit any dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent, dishonest, or prohibited practice in relation to the racing, breeding, buying, and/or selling of horses;
- r) conduct himself in an improper manner at the racecourse, at any time;
- s) participate in practices that are fraudulent, potentially fraudulent or may have adverse consequences upon the integrity of racing in Mauritius;
- t) allow anybody who is Warned Off or who is a Defaulter to be present at or on his licensed/registered property, whether owned or leased;
- u) have any dealings, directly or indirectly, with anybody who is Warned Off or Defaulted;
- v) conduct himself in such a manner which has or might have the effect of discrediting horse racing or bringing into disrepute horse racing, the GRA or the HRO;
- w) without lawful reason be a party to or incite any Person to perform any act, or by omission, create a circumstance which does or might lead to the abandonment, postponement or interruption of any race or race meeting;
- x) commit any negligent or fraudulent act with regard to weights or weighing;
- y) place a bet or bets on a Horse with the intention of altering the totalisator pool so as to create a favourite, which in the absence of such a bet or bets, would not be a favourite;
- z) be on any premises occupied by an unlicensed party operating as a bookmaker or laying bets;
- aa) place a bet with an unlicensed Bookmaker, unlicensed person or totalisator operator;
- bb) fail to appear before the Stipendiary Stewards when required to do so in terms of the Rules;
- cc) do or fail to do anything, which may have the effect of preventing a horse from running, winning a race, or obtaining the best possible placing in a race;
- dd) do or fail to do anything which may render a Horse a source of danger or cause interference to another horse or to jockeys participating in a race, or to persons present at the racecourse;
- ee) tamper or interfere with a sample;
- ff) fail or refuse to comply with any reasonable order, instruction, direction, or requirement of any Official;
- gg) at any time, conduct himself in an improper, disrespectful, or abusive manner at the hearing of any inquiry or any other hearing set up in terms of these Rules;
- hh) at any time publish, communicate, or utter words or statements or post on any social media

platform or channel any material, content or comment or conduct himself in a manner which could reasonably be construed to be obscene, offensive, defamatory, racist, threatening, harassing, discriminating, sexist or abusive to any Person or entity involved in racing or bring the GRA into disrepute or tarnish the reputation of any person or entity involved in racing;

- ii) present a Horse to race where the Horse in question is not the Horse identified in the Passport and/or is not the Horse carded for the race in question;
- jj) fail to act in terms of the Rules.

500. Without in any way derogating from the provisions of the Rules, any person who: -

- a) tampers without a proper or acceptable reason with a Horse;
- b) abuses, ill-treats, or intimidates a horse;
- c) fails to take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety and welfare of every horse in his care at all times;
- d) whether when mounted or otherwise, kicks, strikes or acts improperly towards a horse, except for proper use of the whip whilst riding;
- e) permits a Horse to be ridden by a jockey making use of spurs;
- f) uses or is party to the use, directly or indirectly, of any electric, electronic, mechanical, or galvanic apparatus or equipment (whether in working condition or not), on or in relation to any Horse, which may adversely impact or affect the welfare of the Horse;
- g) administers any substance topically, orally, by injection, by inhalation, by drenching, by infusion or any other method other than normal feed and water by mouth, to a Horse at any time prior to a race where the Horse is due to run, except where such administration is permitted under the Rules or has been authorised by the Regulatory Veterinarian and the Stipendiary Stewards;
- h) races a Horse or presents a Horse for certification of fitness, soundness, or tractability within seven days from the date of treatment by any form of shockwave therapy;
- i) applies thermocautery to the skin over the musculoskeletal structures to cause a counter-irritant effect;
- j) applies a substance to cause severe or unnecessary vesiculation of the skin and/or underlying tissues.
- k) uses on, or administers or applies to, any horse any therapy, method or process which involves Gene Editing or Genome Editing;
- l) uses any unapproved object, device, behavioural activity, or chemical to achieve an inappropriate response, at any time during training or racing of a horse;

- m) subjects' horses to medical or surgical procedures outside of a valid and transparent Owner-Trainer-Veterinarian relationship and those inconsistent with providing medical and/or welfare benefits to the horse;
- n) uses physical or veterinary procedures or medication treatments to mask the effects or signs of injury so as to allow training or racing to the detriment of the horse's health and welfare; and shall be guilty of an offence and upon conviction, be liable to any of the penalties provided under the Rules.

501. No person shall participate in the following prohibited practices, that include but are not limited to:

- a) Racing a pregnant mare beyond the time set by the Regulatory Veterinarian;
- b) Withholding of water pre-race to the detriment of the health, welfare, or safety of the horse;
- c) Use extracorporeal shock wave therapy in a manner that may desensitize any limb structures during racing or training;
- d) The withdrawal of blood from a horse for any purpose other than for diagnostic/laboratory testing procedures or as permitted by (e) below;
- e) Withdrawal, manipulation, and re-infusion of homologous, heterologous, or autologous, blood products or blood cells into the circulatory system of a horse with the exception of those procedures being performed for life-saving purposes or during the use of veterinary regenerative therapies for the treatment of musculoskeletal injury or disease;
- f) The auto transfusion of blood from a horse by drawing a quantity of blood from such Horse and then transfusing it back to the same Horse at any time;
- g) The use of chemical castration or immunocastration;
- h) The use, or attempted use, at any time, of any electric or electronic apparatus or other device capable of affecting the performance and/or behaviour of a horse, where an electric or electronic apparatus has been designed to deliver an electric shock, it is deemed capable of affecting the performance and/or behaviour of a horse; and

502. Where a horse has been subjected to any of the above prohibited practices, the Stipendiary Stewards may, in their discretion:

- a) Suspend the horse or make any order they deem necessary; and/or
- b) initiate an inquiry into the matter.

503. JURISTIC PERSONS

504. All names of Juristic Persons shall be approved by the GRA.
505. Each Juristic Person shall appoint, in writing, one of its Stakeholders, being a natural person, as a Nominee and only that person shall exercise the powers of an Owner in respect of the Juristic Person.
506. The Nominee shall be responsible and liable for the actions of the Juristic Person and for any offence in relation to any Horse owned by the Juristic Person.
507. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 505 all Stakeholders in a Juristic Person shall be bound by the Rules and shall be joint and severally liable for any offence in relation to any Horse owned by the Juristic Person.
508. The Nominee of a Juristic Person and its Stakeholders shall have access to those restricted areas on a Course to which only Owners are admitted subject to any restriction (including the number of persons admitted) by the HRO and with the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards.
509. A Horse owned by a Juristic Person shall be raced in the colours of such Juristic Person, and in the name of the Juristic Person represented by the Nominee.
510. Should the Nominee of a Juristic Person die or retire, or be removed as Nominee by the remaining Stakeholders, the remaining Stakeholders shall forthwith apply for the appointment of another natural person eligible in terms of the Rules to be the Nominee of the Juristic Person.
511. No horses registered in the name of the Juristic Person shall be entered for or be permitted to run in any race until the Juristic Person has appointed a Nominee.
512. Any changes to the Registration of a Juristic Person must be made in the designated forms of the GRA.
513. The assignment by a Stakeholder in a Juristic Person of any part of his share or interest in the Juristic Person shall be deemed to be a change in the Stakeholders and such Juristic Person shall be required to complete the requisite forms to be properly registered.
514. No Colours shall be registered in the name of a Juristic Person, nor shall a Juristic Person be permitted to race if:
- a) more than one licensed Trainer is a Stakeholder in the Juristic Person; and
 - b) a Trainer is a Stakeholder in the Juristic Person and any Horse owned by the Juristic Person is trained by another Trainer.
515. Subject to these Rules a Nominee of a Horse may be removed or replaced from that position by written notice signed by the majority of the Stakeholders of the Juristic Person.

516. The Trainer who enters, nominates, accepts, declares, or scratches a Horse is, absent proof of an agreement between the Trainer and Owners to the contrary, deemed to have done so with the authority of the Nominee and all other.

517. THE DEFAULTERS' LIST

518. The GRA shall keep and maintain the Defaulters' List which list shall record the names of Persons who have been declared as Defaulters and the date from which such declaration took effect.

519. The GRA shall give notice to any Person who is alleged to be a Defaulter and shall request him to make representations, in writing within five days, as to why he should not be declared a Defaulter. After consideration of such representations, if any, the GRA shall have the sole power to determine:

- a) whether any unpaid sums notified to it constitute arrears and defaults;
- b) whether any arrears or defaults warrant that it declares a person it determines is responsible for such arrears or defaults to be a defaulter; and if so
- c) the date on which such Person is declared to be a Defaulter and is to be placed on the Defaulters' List.

520. NOTICES

521. Notifications to the HRID shall be made through email at the following address;

- a) hrid@gra.mu or;
- b) in writing to the HRID address;
- c) For email notification will be considered received and noted according to the electronic time stamp recorded therein.
- d) Written submissions will be considered received as of the date and time stamped by the secretariat of the GRA.

SCHEDULE I – HANDICAPPING**HANDICAPPING GUIDELINES****1. Classification of Newly Imported Horses**

1.1 Definition: A newly imported horse is one which has never raced in Mauritius.

1.2 Imported horses, that have won, shall be classified on their overseas merit rating converted into Mauritian rating upon their arrival in Mauritius. The conversion scale is as follows and is applicable as from 01 January 2026.

5-year-old or more -30 points

4-year-old -35 points

3-year-old -40 points

Special Notes 1:

a) Irrespective of its rating in the country of origin, the rating for a 2-y-old will be 21 plus 4 pts for every additional win.

b) The maximum rating of a horse imported as a 3-y-old will be capped at 55 until it has its first start in Mauritius, unless otherwise requested in writing by the Trainer concerned within 72 hours of the Horse arriving in Mauritius.

c) Any horse arriving here with no official Turf racing but with only an official Sand/All Weather Rating will have its Sand /All Weather Rating taken as its overseas official rating. If a horse has both Turf and Sand/All Weather Ratings, the Turf Rating will be taken as its overseas official rating.

1.3 Maidens shall be classified as follows:

2-year-old Mauritian Rating 21

3-year-old Mauritian Rating 26

4-year-old or more Mauritian Rating 28

1.4 Horses arriving in Mauritius without an official rating shall be rated by the HRO Handicappers.

1.5 Minimum rating for newly imported non-Maidens (winners)

2-year-old Not less than 25

3-year-old Not less than 29

4-year-old or more Not less than 33

1.6 Fillies and Mares will be granted a 2,5kgs sex allowance in all races.

Special Notes 2:

When a horse intended for importation into Mauritius has been purchased after 31 October 2025 and

on or before 31 October 2026 with an intention to race in Mauritius, and has not run outside Mauritius after 31 July 2026, its rating shall be converted based on its age in July 2026, notwithstanding the date on which it reaches Mauritius. To benefit from this provision, a trainer or owner must notify the Handicapper and Racing Manager by email at g.hawkins@mtcjockeyclub.com/j.smith@mauritiusturfclub.com before midnight Mauritian time on 31 October 2026.

2. Performance Assessment

A horse's performance is assessed in relation to its merit rating. Accordingly, a horse's performance does not necessarily entail an adjustment to its merit rating.

3. Performance Indicators

Assessment of a horse's performance is based mainly on the following:

- a) the suitability of the distance.
- b) the strength of the field.
- c) the state of the going.
- d) the record of the horse in Mauritius.
- e) the equipment or gear used.
- f) Overweight carried in the race including when racing under sufferance.
- g) any other factor that, in the opinion of the Handicapper, may have adversely affected performance, as mentioned in the Stipendiary Stewards' official report.

4. Rating Benchmark

4.1 The following benchmarks (rating ranges) / References will be used to program races:

Benchmarks & References Rating Range

Benchmark/Range Benchmark/Range Benchmark/Range Other

BM71 (71-55) BM56 (56-40) BM36 (36-20) 0 - 26

BM66 (66-50) BM51 (51-35) BM31 (31-15) 0 - 25

BM61 (61-45) BM46 (46-30) 0 - 20

Ref 60+, 55+ & 50+ BM41 (41-25) 0 - 15

The weight equivalent to a benchmark shall be 61 kg, and the rating band shall be 16 points downwards from the benchmark (BM).

Example: In a race BM36, priority shall be given to horses rated 36 down to 20. If places are still available, horses rated 37 or 38 or 19 or 18 may secure a place in the field according to the one up and one down principle for horses closest to the rating range.

4.2 Notwithstanding 4.1, the HRO may program races based on other benchmarks or rating ranges, or on any other specific conditions as notified.

4.3 All Reference Races + Group Races + Pinnacle Stakes Races are deemed to be “Protected Races.” For the sake of clarity, no BM Handicap races (including BM71 races) are deemed to be “Protected Races.”

5. Weights

5.1 The weight range in handicap races based on a 16-point rating range shall be 61-53 kg. The maximum top weight will be 62kgs (the two-up principle) and the minimum weight will be 52kgs (the two-down principle).

5.2 In handicap races in which the rating range exceeds 16 points, the weight range will depend on the specific conditions of the races. Refer also 5.6 & 5.7.

5.3 The minimum carded weight in any handicap race shall not be less than 52 kg (e.g. horses running out of bracket). Consequently, the minimum weight to be carried by a horse, inclusive of any rider’s allowance and/or any Fillies and Mares’ sex allowance, shall not be less than 48 kg.

5.4 The minimum top weight in any handicap race shall be 60 kgs. Accordingly, if at final declarations the top weight is below 60 kgs, all weights shall be raised. If at final declarations the bottom weight is above 58 kgs, all weights shall be lowered to achieve a bottom weight of 58kgs subject to the top weight being a minimum of 60kgs.

Example: If at the time of final declarations, the top weight is 62 kgs and the bottom weight is 59 kgs, all weights will be lowered by 1kg. But in the unlikely scenario that at the time of final declarations the top weight is 60,5kgs and the bottom weight is 59kgs, all weights will be lowered by 0,5kgs to ensure a minimum top weight of 60kgs.

5.5 In weight-for-age races, the relevant international scale shall be applied.

5.6 The maximum top weight in 50+, 55+ and 60+ Handicap races, Open Handicaps and in Group races shall be 61 kgs and the minimum weight shall be 52 kgs. No rider’s allowance shall be claimed in any Group race.

5.7 Compression of weights will be applicable to all races programmed as in 5.6 above with a rating band more than 18 points. The weight range shall be 9 kgs (61 kgs-52 kgs).

6. Rating Adjustments

6.1 The maximum rating adjustments in Handicap races shall be +8 points and -5 points and in Weight for Age races shall be +12 points and -5 points, save that no beaten horse shall receive a rating adjustment of more than +6 points.

6.2 No winner shall be entitled to a downward rating adjustment at its following start. There shall not be any limit to adjustment following the second start after a win.

6.3 The rating of any horse which runs under its proven ability for no apparent reason may remain unchanged.

6.4 The minimum Win penalty in all Handicap Races will be 2 points for all distances. A third consecutive win or more, during the same season, will be penalized by an extra point. Referencing paragraphs 2 & 3, and subject to 6.1 & 6.2, ratings' adjustments will be at the handicapper's discretion.

6.5 The basic Win penalty may not necessarily apply in WFA and/or Conditions races in which the highest rated (i.e. the best handicapped horse) wins the race. The Handicapper may under these circumstances leave the winner's rating unchanged.

6.5 At the discretion of the Handicapper, a revision of each horse's rating may be implemented at the conclusion of each Season.

7. Aged Horses

7.1 A horse turning 7 shall be granted a deduction of 3 points to its merit rating on 1 August in the case of Southern Hemisphere bred horses and 1 January in the case of Northern Hemisphere bred horses.

7.2 A horse turning 8 shall be granted a deduction of 4 points to its merit rating on 1 August in the case of Southern Hemisphere bred horses and 1 January in the case of Northern Hemisphere bred horses.

7.3 A horse turning 9 or more shall be granted a deduction of 5 points to its merit rating on 1 August in the case of Southern Hemisphere bred horses and 1 January in the case of Northern Hemisphere bred horses.

8. Long Absence from Competition

8.1 A horse which has not raced for at least 12 months shall be granted a deduction of 4 points from its merit rating.

8.2 A horse which has not raced for at least 15 months shall be granted a deduction of 5 points from its merit rating.

8.3 A horse which has not raced for at least 18 months shall be granted a deduction of 6 points from its merit rating.

8.4 A horse which has not raced for at least 20 months shall be granted a deduction of 7 points from its merit rating

and an additional 1 point for every additional 2 months thereafter. (e.g., a horse which has not raced for at least 24 months shall be granted a deduction of 9 points – (7+1+1)).

8.5 This concession will not apply to newly imported horses.

9. Queries

9.1 Queries by Trainers in respect of adjustments of the ratings of their horses, must be made in writing and sent to the Handicapper/s within one day following the official publication of such adjustments. The handicapper/s shall, within one day of receiving such query, respond and should the Trainer/s still not be satisfied, a formal complaint/objection can be lodged in terms of para 10 below.

10. Official Complaints against Ratings/Handicapper

Official complaints/objections against the rating of any horse/s must be lodged with the HRID on the official form, accompanied by the prescribed fee, in accordance with the Rules of Racing. The HRID will appoint an independent Handicapping Review Panel to consider any complaint/objection, and their decision will be binding on all parties.

A trainer may only lodge an official complaint/objection in respect of horses trained by themselves.

All complaints and grievances regarding Handicapping and Rating must be addressed to Head of Horse Racing Integrity Division.

HANDICAPPING REVIEW BOARD (HRB)

1. The HRO shall approve the setting up of a Handicapping Review Board (HRB) to provide Trainers an opportunity to apply for a review of ratings assigned to horses by the Handicapper.
2. The procedure of the HRB will be as follows:
 - a) The HRB shall be facilitated by the GRA and designate HRID Official(s) or person designated who is deemed to have the requisite technical knowledge.
 - b) An application for review shall be made within 2 days from the decision being made on the designated form as attached and against payment of a fee, refundable solely at the discretion of the HRB.
 - c) On receipt of an application for review, the HRB shall seek observations on the review from the Handicapper and shall transmit such observations to the Applicant who shall be entitled to submit a response in writing within 24 hours and the Applicant may be required to appear before the HRB, as from when the application is lodged up to its determination.
3. The HRB shall consider the application for review, the Handicapper's observations and the Applicant's response (if any) but shall not be required to hold any oral hearing before making its decision which shall be transmitted in writing to the Applicant and the Handicapper.
4. In considering such application for review, the HRB shall have the same powers as the

Stipendiary Stewards have for inquiries under the Rules of Racing.

5. If a horse is declared to run or runs in any race before the HRB has made its decision, the horse must carry the weight or penalty originally allotted and the Applicant shall have no redress as a consequence of running.

SCHEDULE II – WEIGHT FOR AGE SCALE

	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
1000m-1200m												
2yo						44	45	46	47	48	49	50
3yo	50.5	51	52	52.5	53.5	54	54.5	55	55.5	56	56.5	57
4yo	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5
5yo	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5	57.5
1200m-1400m												
2yo						43	44	45	46	47	48	49
3yo	49.5	50	51	52	53	53.5	54.5	55	55.5	56	56.5	57
4yo	57.5	57.5	57.5	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58
5yo	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58
1400m-1600m												
2yo						42.5	43.5	44.5	45.5	46.5	47.5	48.5
3yo	49	49.5	50	51	52	53	54	55	55.5	56	56.5	57
4yo	57.5	57.5	57.5	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58
5yo	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58
1600m-2400m												
2yo						41.5	42.5	43.5	44.5	45.5	46.5	47.5
3yo	48	48.5	49	50	51	52	53	53.5	54.5	55.5	56	56.5
4yo	57	57	57	57.5	57.5	57.5	58	58	58	58	58	58
5yo	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58

A horse taking part in any weight-for-age race shall carry the weight corresponding to its age, to the distance and month of the race and to the hemisphere table where it was foaled in accordance with the Table set out in above where a: -

1. filly or mare shall receive a weight allowance of 2.5 kg in weight for age races;
2. horse born in Mauritius shall receive a weight allowance of 3.5 kg and a filly or mare born in Mauritius a weight allowance of 5 kg.

SCHEDULE III - EQUINE SAMPLING

1. Sampling and testing for horses is conducted at various stages, including pre-race, post-race, out of competition and other occasions, such as transfer from one trainer or Owner to another, or elective testing.
2. Samples are dispatched to QuantiLAB, the GRA approved laboratory, for analysis.
3. Equine tests include saliva, urine, sweat, breath, blood, hair, tissue, hide, body fluids or any excretion taken from any part or in contact with the body of a horse, which may be taken from any registered race horse at any time as instructed by the Stipendiary Stewards in terms of Rule 270.

4. Full Test
 - a) Sampling of a horse when it is presented for a barrier trial, determining whether a suspension should be lifted and/or for the purpose of a gallop to determine its fitness
 - b) These tests are for prohibited and illicit substances.

5. Pre-race sampling
 - a) Blood samples are taken from all horses on the racecard at the Champ de Mars at least 48 hours before they are due to race.
 - b) Full test screening for prohibited and illicit substances.

6. Post-race sampling
 - a) All race winners undergo blood and urine sampling after the race.
 - b) These tests are for prohibited and illicit substances.

7. Out of Competition Testing (OOCT)
 - a) Random Blood sampling of horses at any time in their racing career.
 - b) OOCT test is only for illicit substances.

8. Elective Testing
 - a) Trainers may request an elective test to establish whether the horse is clear of a therapeutic treatment that was administered.
 - b) This test will only test for the required substance.

- c) Blood samples are collected by the Regulatory Veterinarian on Wednesday morning by 08:00 a.m. at the Champ de Mars only and dispatched to QuantiLAB Ltd for elective tests requested prior to declarations.
- d) Trainers should also deposit the fully signed 'Elective test request form' together with the payment at least two days (i.e. Monday) prior to the collection of samples before closing of the cash office, i.e. 15h30.

9. Transfer Testing

- a) Before the transfer of a horse from a trainer/Owner to another Trainer becomes effective, a transfer test is mandatory in terms of Rule 40.
- b) The Trainer/Owner should deposit the fully signed 'Transfer test request form' together with the payment at least two days prior to the collection of samples at the cash office of the GRA before closing of cash office, i.e. Monday at 15h30.
- c) The test consists of a blood and hair sample and screens for prohibited and illicit substances.
- d) All costs associated to a transfer test are borne by the person requesting the transfer and must be paid in full prior to the transfer is registered and becomes effective.

SCHEDULE IV - LOADING PROCESSES FOR HORSES AT THE START

1. Riders shall ride their horses into their correct stalls and the handlers shall assist them accordingly.
2. The starter may, in his discretion, authorise the handlers to use an aid of a type which has been approved by the Stipendiary Stewards to assist a horse to enter the stalls for a particular race. Such action shall be reported to the Stipendiary Stewards.
3. The starter shall, as far as possible, load the horses according to the pre-prepared grading schedule but this may be varied at the direction of the starter in the interests of speedy and efficient loading.
4. Should a horse become fractious whilst being loaded or whilst in the stalls, the starter shall take whatever action he deems necessary, and he shall report the matter to the Stipendiary Stewards.
5. When loading is completed and the Chief Handler is satisfied that all the back gates are securely shut, he shall, from his position at the rear of the stalls, indicate accordingly to the assistant starter by raising his hand.
6. Thereafter the starter, having satisfied himself that there are no handlers in front of the stalls shall instruct any handlers in the stalls to raise their hands and shall start the race. No handler shall assist a horse to leave the stalls.

SCHEDULE V - LOADING AND OFF-LOADING OF HORSES

1. The Horse Racing Organiser shall designate a dedicated area for off-loading horses arriving from training centres and private yards for a Race Meeting and loading of horses departing the race course. This area must be under CCTV camera surveillance.

SCHEDULE VI – VACCINATIONS & APPROVED TREATMENTS

VACCINATIONS

7. All horses shall be vaccinated by a registered Veterinary Surgeon against any equine influenza between the dates of December and February of the following year unless otherwise directed by the Stipendiary Stewards.
8. All horse passports will be required to be updated accordingly, including the vaccination date and vaccination label.

APPROVED TREATMENTS

The use of the following treatments are approved for use on race day:

1. Omeprazole
2. Twydil Twyblid
3. Technovet Salviblood

SCHEDULE VII– PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

1. The objective is to protect the integrity of horseracing and the welfare of the horse through controlling the use of substances capable of giving a horse an advantage or causing it to be disadvantaged in a race, contrary to the horse's inherent merits.

Illicit: Illegal, illicit, or unapproved substances that have highest potential to affect the performance of horses.

Class 1: Substances which have no place in horse racing and not accepted in veterinary use.

Class 2: Substances which have an obvious effect on the performance of the horse.

Class 3: Substances which have the potential to effect the performance of the horse with the potential to be abused.

Class 4: Substances which have a generally accepted veterinary (therapeutic) use in race horses but which have the potential to affect the performance.

Class 5: Substances which have an accepted veterinary (therapeutic) use in race horses but which may have performance modifying ability.

2. PENALTY GUIDELINES

CLASS OF SUBSTANCES	FIRST OFFENCE	SECONDOFFENCE	THIRD OFFENCE	FOURTH OFFENCE
Illicit/ Illegal/ Unapproved	Disqualification or Suspension of license for 01 year/ fine of Rs.500,000 & upwards/ Suspension of horse for 180 days	Disqualification or Suspension of license for 03 year/ Suspension of horse for 180 days	Warning off/ Suspension of horse for 180 days	
Class 1	Fine of Rs. 250,000 to Rs. 350,000 Suspension of Horse until tested clear	Suspension of License for 90 days and/ or fine of Rs.350,000 to Rs.450,000 Suspension of horse until tested clear	Suspension of License for 180 days and/ or fine of Rs. 450,000 to Warning off Suspension of Horse until tested clear	Warning off Suspension of horse until tested clear

Class 2	Fine of Rs. 150,000 to Rs. 200,000 Suspension of horse until tested clear	Fine of Rs. 200,000 to Rs. 250,000 Suspension of horse until tested clear	Suspension of License for 60 days and/or fine of Rs.250,000 to Rs 300,000 Suspension of horse until tested clear	Suspension of License for 90 days and/ or fine of Rs. 300,000 & upwards Suspension of horse until tested clear
Class 3	Fine of Rs25,000 to Rs50,000 Suspension of horse until tested clear	Fine of Rs50,000 to Rs100,000 Suspension of horse until tested clear	Suspension of License for 45 days Suspension of horse until tested clear	Suspension of License for 60 days Suspension of horse until tested clear

NOTES:

1. The above range of penalties are provided as a guide only and the Stipendiary Stewards retain an absolute discretion when it comes to determining a penalty under the Rules. The GRA may follow the current RCI Classification of Prohibited Substances, unless otherwise specified, while determining the Class of a certain substance.
3. The quality of the race, the stake money and other factors may be considered while determining a suitable penalty.
4. It is accepted that a prior offence, which occurred more than 10 years prior to the breach being inquired into, will be disregarded for the purpose of applying a penalty.

SCHEDULE VIII - PROHIBITED RACING PLATES/HORSE SHOES

The following types of racing plates are prohibited:

1. Shoes where all the edges of the fullering are not on the same level or if they have only one fullering edge;
2. Re-enforced shoes where the re-enforcement is not securely fixed or protrudes in any way above the ground bearing surface of the shoe;
3. Shoes which have nail heads projecting more than 2mm above the ground bearing surface of the shoe;
4. Shoes with projections other than those which protrude medially, laterally, and/or posteriorly at the heel up to a maximum of 2mm;
5. Shoes with any dangerous protrusions will not be permitted;
6. Shoes which have in the opinion of the Stipendiary Stewards been modified, altered, or manufactured in such a way as to gain an unfair advantage.
7. Cutting plates, grippers or any other form of plates or tips which, in the opinion of the Stipendiary Stewards, may be dangerous, are not permitted.

8. Specifications:

- a. tips must cover at least one third of the perimeter of the hoof;
- b. except in the case of approved therapeutic plates approved by the Stipendiary Stewards, which may weigh up to 160g;
- c. plates and tips must be securely and properly fitted and must not protrude beyond the perimeter of the hoof;
- d. plates must be secured by a minimum of 4 nails and tips by a minimum of 3 nails;
- e. no sharp edges are permissible;

SCHEDULE IX - PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION OF RUNNERS IN A RACE

1. Subject to conditions, at declarations stage, the minimum number of runners in a race shall be 5 unless the race is a Listed, Graded or Championship Race in which case it shall be 4. Should there be a fewer number of declarations than the minimum, such race shall be voided.
2. The minimum number of Trainers required for a race to remain valid shall be 3. In any race, at least 3 trainers must field horses, failing which the race will be voided.
3. Should a horse be scratched after declarations, from a race where there is only the minimum number of runners at declarations the race shall not be voided unless, prior to the Jockeys weighing out, the number of runners is reduced below 3.
4. If the number of runners in a race is reduced below 3, after the Jockeys weigh out, the race shall remain valid and the horse/s even if reduced to 2, shall race under normal conditions.

SCHEDULE X - MOBILE PHONES

1. The use of Mobile Phones is strictly prohibited in the Weighing Room and Paddock/ Parade Ring.
2. No person is permitted to use a Mobile Phone or any communication device at the Starting Stalls unless authorised by the Stipendiary Stewards.

SCHEDULE XI - LEADING-IN OF WINNING HORSES & HORSES IN THE PADDOCK

1. No more than 8 persons who will be registered Owners, are permitted to lead in the winner of any race.
2. No other person is authorised to accompany a winning horse other than an owner, a trainer, his assistance, a stable supervisor, or the groom of the horse.
3. Any other person than those listed under paragraph 2 above, who comes into contact of a winning horse, shall commit an offence and upon conviction be liable to any penalties provided under the Rules.
4. All participating horses must be presented in the paddock 12 minutes before the carded starting time of the Race.

SCHEDULE XII – BODY PROTECTORS

1. It will become compulsory for all riders to only utilise the Body Protectors approved by the Stipendiary Stewards that meet one of the standards below. Failure to do so will be an offence in terms of the Rules.

SPECIFICATIONS AND REFERENCES:

(BS) EN 13158:2000 or 2009 standard; or

SATRA Jockey vest Document M6 Issue 3; or

BETA Level; or

ARB Standard 1.1998

For ease of reference, listed below are a few suppliers who carry a stock of Body Protectors/vests, which meet the approved standards:

Vipa, Racesafe, Zilco Racelite, some models of Excalibur, Jack Ellis, Equinno and Airowear

2. Please note, that to be considered an approved Body Protector/vest, the manufacturer's label stating that it meets one of the above standards must remain attached. Furthermore, there must be no alterations to the manufacturer's original. Body protectors without the manufacturer's label and/or body protectors which have been altered, may be confiscated by the Stipendiary Stewards.
3. Penalties will be imposed for any use of any unapproved or modified Body Protector.

SCHEDULE XIII - SKULL CAPS

Approved standards for helmets/skull caps :

- i. AS/NZS 3838 2006;
- ii. EN 1384:2012 or EN 1384:2017;
- iii. ASTM F116 3-04a (2011), ASTM F1163-13 or ASTM F1163-15;
- iv. PAS 015: 2011;
- v. VG1 01.040 2014-12;
- vi. UTAC/CRITT 04/2015.
- vii. SNELL E2001 or SNELL E2016

SCHEDULE XIV – WHIPS

1. Unless otherwise approved by the Stipendiary Stewards, whips carried in trackwork riding and in all races shall conform to the following specifications:
 - a) the maximum length allowed for a whip is 68 centimetres;
 - b) the minimum diameter for a whip is 1 centimetre;
 - c) the overall weight of a whip may not exceed 160 grams;
 - d) the contact area of the shaft (“paddle”) must be smooth, with no protrusion or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material throughout its circumference;
 - e) there must be no binding within 17 centimetres of the end of the paddle/shaft;
 - f) only padded/shock absorbing whips which have not been modified in any way may be carried by a rider at any time.

SCHEDULE XV - DEDUCTION CONDITIONS (BETTING)

1. (i) a) Any withdrawal for whatever reason of a horse from a race announced after the publication of the official racecard, will result in, cancellation of bets and refund of stakes, on this horse as per 1. (ii) below; or
- b) A horse declared as a non-runner under the "Rules of Racing" shall result in, cancellation of bets and refund of stakes, on this horse as per 1. (ii) below.
- c) Deductions on winnings shall apply only to bets made before the withdrawal. Receipts shall attest of any bets placed after the withdrawal of a horse from a race by mentioned clearly the letters "SCR" followed by the number corresponding to the relevant horse(s).
- (ii) In this case, the winnings excluding the stakes on the winning horse shall be reduced according to the odds of the horse withdrawn or declared non-runner according to the following scale:
 - a) If the average odds of the horse are 1/2 or lower, at the amount of 65 cents per rupee.
 - b) If the average odds are lower than 1/2 up to and including 4/6, an amount of 60 cents per rupee.
 - c) In excess of 4/6 up to and including 4/5, in the amount of 55 cents per rupee.
 - d) Over 4/5 up to and including the par bet, amounting to 50 cents per rupee.
 - e) Over par bet up to and including 6/5, amounting to 45 cents per rupee.
 - f) In excess of 6/5 up to and including 6/4, in the amount of 40 cents per rupee.
 - g) In excess of 6/4 up to and including 15/8, in the amount of 35 cents per rupee.
 - h) Above 15/8 up to and including 9/4, in the amount of 30 cents per rupee.
 - i) In excess of 9/4 up to and including 3/1, in the amount of 25 cents per rupee.
 - j) In excess of 3/1 up to and including 4/1, in the amount of 20 cents per rupee.
 - k) In excess of 4/1 up to and including 11/2, in the amount of 15 cents per rupee.
 - l) In excess of 11/2 up to and including 7/1, in the amount of 12 cents per rupee.
 - m) In excess of 7/1, up to and including 9/1, in the amount of 10 cents per rupee.
 - n) Above 9/1, up to and including 13/1, in the amount of 7 cents per rupee.
 - o) Above 13/1, up to and including 19/1, in the amount of 5 cents per rupee.
 - p) Above 19/1, up to and including 29/1, in the amount of 3 cents per rupee.

- q) Above 29/1, up to and including 39/1, in the amount of 2 cents per rupee.
- r) Beyond 39/1, the liability of the bookmaker remains unaffected.
- s) In the event that more than one horse is withdrawn under the same circumstances, the cumulative deductions shall not, in any event, exceed 75 cents per rupee.
- t) The net amount payable to a winning punter, after all deductions, shall not be less than the original stake amount except in the case of 'Dead-Heat.'

(iii) The deduction percentage of a horse withdrawn under Clause 1(i)(a) or a horse declared as non-runner under Clause 1(i)(b) shall be announced to the public as soon as practicable.

Note: These deduction rules do not affect the power of the Stipendiary Stewards under the Rules to cancel betting or to cancel a race and declare that race a "No Race".