



PRESS COMMUNIQUE

On 21 July 2026, the Mauritius Turf Club Jockey Club (MTCJC) submitted a formal request to the Gambling Regulatory Authority (GRA) for a specific derogation to allow The Mauritius Derby (Group 1), scheduled as the sixth race of the eleventh race meeting on 25 July 2026, to proceed as initially planned.

Having carefully considered the request in light of the applicable Rules of Racing and the relevant provisions of the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act, the GRA has decided not to accede to the request made.

In reaching its decision, the GRA carefully considered the need to preserve public confidence in the horseracing industry, maintain the requisite degree of unpredictability in racing outcomes, and protect the integrity of racing and betting operations.

The requirement that a minimum of three separate stables participate in a race before betting may be offered is an important regulatory safeguard. It promotes transparency and strengthens public trust.

The GRA remains firmly committed to protecting the integrity of the regulatory system; safeguarding public confidence in the racing industry; and promoting sound, consistent and credible regulatory practices.

Accordingly, the decision not to grant the requested specific derogation was taken in the wider public interest and is intended to preserve confidence in the fairness, integrity and credibility of horseracing and betting operations in Mauritius.

The Gambling Regulatory Authority

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