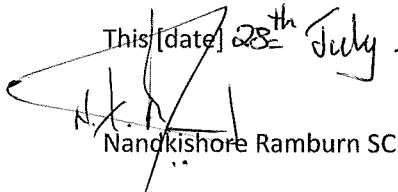


APPEAL COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF Mr Nabeel Sheik Batchameah (the "APPELLANT")

DECISION

1. The Appellant was charged under Rule 414(a) of the Rules of Racing for his ride of Trick or Tequila in Race 1 of the 4th meeting of the racing season of the 2026 racing season.
2. The charge read: *"For failing to take all reasonable and permissible measures to ensure that throughout the race, his horse was given the full opportunity to win or obtain the best possible place; the particulars being that as the rider of Trick or Tequila, after having jumped well from the stalls, and had his horse raced where comfortable being Kola Tonic, leaving the 1200 metres, when there was an opportunity for him to stay behind Kola Tonic and obtain cover, he unnecessarily pulled his mount out wide and urged it forward going uphill, resulting in the horse racing wide without cover from then onwards and staying one-paced into the home straight to finish 4th".*
3. The Appellant pleaded guilty to the above charge. He was suspended from riding in races for 8 Mauritian race meetings.
4. The Appellant appealed against both his conviction and the penalty imposed.
5. Before the Appeal Committee, the Appellant no more challenged his conviction. He appealed solely against the suspension of 8 Mauritian race meetings.
6. The Appeal Committee has considered the fact that, at the time of meting out the sentence at the time of the inquiry, the Stipendiary Stewards had taken into account that (a) the Appellant had readily considered that he had made a mistake; (b) he had a clean record; (c) he had pleaded guilty to the charge; (d) Mauritian jockeys find it difficult to obtain rides. After consideration of these factors, and weighing that the Appellant's horse was clear second favourite and the racing public would have legitimately expected him to ride in a better manner, the Stewards imposed a sentence of 8 weeks instead of 12 weeks.
7. The Appellant did not advance any reason why his sentence should be reduced. The Appeal Committee finds no reason to interfere with the sentence imposed. In this case, the Appellant rode contrary to the instructions of his trainer. The Appellant's error cost him a better place in the race as the horses on front of him had been going fast and had he followed the instructions of his trainer and solicited his horse at the 600 metre mark, he would have finished in a better position. The Appeal Committee does not find the sentence to be manifestly harsh and excessive as the sentence of 8 weeks is at the low end of the scale considering that the minimum suspension period under Rule 414 (a) is 6 weeks.
8. For the reasons given above, the Committee considers that the appeal should be dismissed.

This [date] 28th July 2026 .

Nandkishore Ramburn SC
Chairperson

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