

Gambling Regulatory Authority

Direction to the MTC Jockey Club, Horse Racing Organiser (HRO)

Direction No.: 1/2026

Date: 10 June 2026

SUBJECT: Temporary Derogation from SCHEDULE IX – PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION OF RUNNERS IN A RACE

The Gambling Regulatory Authority ("GRA"), having considered the current circumstances prevailing within the horse racing industry, including the limited horse population available for racing and the necessity to ensure the continuity of the racing programme, hereby issues the following direction to the Horse Racing Organiser ("HRO").

Pursuant to the powers vested in the GRA under section 100(3) of the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act and the Rules of Racing for the 2026 Racing Season, the GRA directs as follows:

1. Derogation from Schedule IX

The derogation in the sections below shall apply notwithstanding Schedule IX of the Rules of Racing for the 2026 Racing Season, which, inter alia provide that:

"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. Period of Application

This derogation shall apply from Race Meeting No. 6 scheduled for Saturday 13 June 2026 up to and including Race Meeting No. 11 scheduled for Saturday 18 July 2026.

3. Minimum Number of Runners

During the period specified above, the minimum number of declared runners required for a race other than a Listed Race, Graded Race or Championship Race shall be four (4).



4. Trainer Representation Requirement

The derogation set out in paragraph 3 shall only apply where the four declared runners represent not less than three (3) different trainers.

Where fewer than three trainers are represented amongst the declared runners, the race shall be deemed not to have satisfied the conditions of this direction and shall be dealt with in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Rules of Racing and any further directions issued by the GRA.

5. Continued Application of Existing Rules

Except as expressly modified by this direction, all other provisions of the Rules of Racing for the 2026 Racing Season shall remain in full force and effect.

The HRO is hereby directed to implement and give effect to this direction for the race meetings specified herein.

Made by Board of the Gambling Regulatory Authority on 10 June 2026



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Chief Executive
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