
Directions No. 2 of 2026

DIRECTIONS TO THE MTC JOCKEY CLUB LTD (MTCJC)

Made under sections 100(1) and (3) of the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act

Amendments to the 2026 Rules of Racing

WHEREAS section 100(1) of the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act empowers the Gambling Regulatory Authority ("the GRA") to issue such directions as it considers necessary for the proper organisation, conduct and regulation of horse racing in Mauritius;

AND WHEREAS section 100(3) of the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act requires the Horse Racing Organiser to comply with any direction issued by the GRA;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Gambling Regulatory Authority has approved amendments to the 2026 Rules of Racing relating to:

- (a) the appointment of the nominated representative of a Syndicate; and
- (b) the introduction of Emergency Acceptors to cater for the unexpected withdrawal of declared runners;

NOW THEREFORE, the Gambling Regulatory Authority hereby issues the following Directions:

These Directions may be cited as **Directions No. 2 of 2026**.

These Directions shall come into force on the date of its issue and shall remain in force until the amendments are incorporated into the Rules of Racing or until otherwise revoked by the Gambling Regulatory Authority.

Rule 94 of the 2026 Rules of Racing is hereby amended by inserting immediately after Rule 94(a)(i) the following provision:

"Notwithstanding Rule 94(a)(i), the GRA may approve a person who is not an Owner to act as the nominated representative of a Syndicate, subject to such conditions as the GRA may determine."

1. Insertion of Rule 180(A) – Emergency Acceptors

The 2026 Rules of Racing are hereby amended by inserting immediately after Rule 180 the following new Rule 180(A):

Rule 180(A) – Emergency Acceptors

- (a) In order to provide for an unexpected withdrawal likely to reduce the field in any particular race, the Racing Stewards may approve the nomination of a replacement horse, which shall be known as an **Emergency Acceptor**.
- (b) Such horse must have been entered for the race in accordance with the usual entry procedures, save that the declaration of a jockey may be deferred until the horse is accepted as a runner.
- (c) The handicap allocation and barrier draw applicable to the Emergency Acceptor shall be determined in advance in accordance with the procedures applicable to all declared runners.
- (d) An Emergency Acceptor shall only be permitted to take its place in the field where a withdrawal of a declared runner occurs before **9:00 a.m.** on the day of the race meeting.

- (e) Where no withdrawal occurs, or where a withdrawal occurs after 9:00 a.m. on the day of the race meeting, the Emergency Acceptor shall be deemed to have been scratched and shall not be entitled to start in the race.

The Horse Racing Organiser shall:

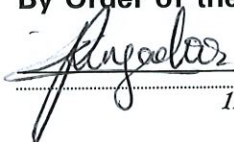
- (a) give immediate effect to the above amendments;
- (b) ensure that all applications for the registration or approval of a Syndicate Nominee are processed in accordance with the amended Rule 94;
- (c) implement the Emergency Acceptor procedure for all race meetings in accordance with Rule 180(A);
- (d) notify all licensed Owners, Syndicates, Trainers and other relevant racing participants of these amendments without delay; and
- (e) amend all relevant forms, procedures, race administration processes and other administrative documents to reflect the above amendments.

The Horse Racing Organiser shall ensure full compliance with these Directions in accordance with sections 100(1) and 100(3) of the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act.

Failure to comply with these Directions may result in such action as the Gambling Regulatory Authority considers appropriate under the Gambling Regulatory Authority Act and the Rules of Racing.

Issued by the Gambling Regulatory Authority on 8th July 2026.

By Order of the Gambling Regulatory Board



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