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PRESS STATEMENT

Additions, Deletions and Amendments to the MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations

Annex A sets out the additions, deletions and amendments (highlighted in bold) to the MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations for implementation effective from 24 June 2016.

Registrations of Professional Trainer Licences

2 Applications for Professional Trainer licences by Simon Robert Dunderdale and Charles Leck Tin Hong were officially registered with MRA.

3 They have six months (till 31 December 2016) to secure stabling facilities at any of the four associated Clubs, failing which their registrations will lapse.

Applications for Assistant Trainer Licences

4 Mogana Selvan a/l S Ramiah, Mohd Shahril bin Abdul Ghani and Richard Lim Lee Chet were granted Assistant Trainer licences for the remaining of the 2016 racing season. They are attached to Trainers Stephen Gray, John O'Hara and Steven Harold Burridge respectively.

Applications for Stable Supervisor Licences

5 The following persons were granted Stable Supervisor licences for the remaining of the 2016 racing season:

	<u>Stable Supervisor</u>	<u>Employer (Trainer)</u>
.1	Au Chek Seng	Desmond Koh Chor Yung
.2	Mohamed Airy bin Mohamed Hanafiah	Michael John Clements
.3	Koh Chon Wei	John O'Hara
.4	Hah Kee Choy	Nor Azman bin Mohamed Ali
.5	Khor Peng Hwa	Evert van Breukelen

Relinquishment of Professional Trainer Licence

6 MRA has been notified that Troy Kenneth Jackman will be relinquishing his Professional Trainer licence with effect from 31 July 2016.

Issued by Secretary, MRA (Singapore)

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND AMENDMENTS
TO THE MRA RULES OF RACING AND REGULATIONS**

MRA RULES OF RACING

PART I: PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

Rule 6(1) *[Amended rule]*

In these Rules and any Regulations made thereunder, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Visiting Jockey” means a person who holds or has held a valid Jockey licence issued by another Racing Authority recognized by the Committee, and who has been granted a Visiting Jockey licence or a Visiting Apprentice Jockey licence by the Local Committee for a specific period, race meeting or race which may, or may not be, open to International entries **or a person who holds a certificate of graduation from a recognized apprentice training academy of any of the Associated Clubs.**

“Visiting Jockey Licence” means a **Visiting** Jockey licence issued to Visiting Jockeys or Visiting Apprentice Jockeys by the Local Committee.

PART VI : RIDERS

Race riding and further responsibilities of jockeys

Rule 44(4) *[Amended rule]*

If the replacement of an indisposed, declared Jockey is required after declaration date, such replacement should, wherever possible, be made on a “like for like” basis ie. a Jockey or an apprentice for a Jockey or an apprentice who is eligible to claim the same weight allowance, by the Stipendiary Stewards. Where such a replacement is not available or, in the opinion of the Stipendiary Stewards, is unsuitable, another Jockey may be engaged with the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards.

Visiting Apprentice

Rule 54 *[Amended rule]*

Any licensed Visiting Apprentice **or a Graduate from a recognized apprentice training academy of any of the Associated Clubs** wishing to ride in races under these Rules must apply in writing to the Local Committee, for permission to do so and must be indentured to a Trainer licensed by the Association or Associated Club, on a temporary basis, for the period in which he wishes to ride.

PART VIII: HORSES

Treatment of horses

Rule 90(3) *[Amended rule]*

Unless under treatment or with the approval of the Veterinary Surgeon, with the exception of normal feed and water, no substance shall be administered to any horse for a period of one Day prior to the day of the race meeting. This includes any substance administered by injection, orally given, inhalation, topically applied or by any other method of administration.

PART IX : RACE MEETINGS

Error in entries

Rule 99 *[Amended rule]*

In the event of any accidental or inadvertent error, omission or irregularity being discovered in any entry, or published race field or handicap, the Local Committee may allow the same to be corrected not later than two (2) hours **before the start time of the first race in that particular Race Meeting** and upon the payment of a fee as may be notified from time to time.

Change of declared jockey

Rule 105(4) *[Deleted rule]*

If, in the opinion of the Stewards, a suitable replacement is not available to effect a change of jockey, the Owner, Trainer or his authorised representative may be allowed to withdraw the horse from the race without penalty.

Provided that upon such withdrawal, the Owner shall still be required to pay to the original jockey any riding fee unless such jockey was incapable of meeting his engagement.

PART XI : APPEALS

Giving Notice of Appeal to the Committee

Rule 142(1) *[Amended rule]*

A party who wishes to appeal shall lodge a Notice of Appeal to the Committee together with a deposit of S\$4,000/**RM10,000**, or other sum which may from time to time be notified by the Club, with the General Manager/Secretary of the Club holding the race meeting within forty-eight hours of the findings of the Racing Stewards being notified to the person or persons concerned.

Giving Notice of Appeal to the Racing Stewards

Rule 145(1) *[Amended rule]*

Any person who wishes to appeal against the decision of the Stipendiary Stewards:

- (a) Shall, within twenty four (24) hours of the findings of the Stipendiary Stewards being communicated to such person, lodge with the President and Chief Executive/General Manager or Secretary of the Associated Club at which the offence was alleged to have been committed, a Notice of Appeal accompanied by a deposit of S\$1,000/**RM2,500**.
- (b) Shall lodge in writing his Grounds of Appeal within fourteen (14) days, excluding Sundays and public holidays, from the date on which he is notified that the Notes of Evidence and/or Proceedings of the case are available.

Provided that where the decision appealed against relates to careless riding under Rule 44(9)(a)(ii), Notes of Evidence and/or Proceedings of the case shall not be provided and any such person appealing against the said decision shall lodge in writing his Grounds of Appeal at the time of lodging his Notice of Appeal.

PART XII : MISCELLANEOUS

Reciprocation of Penalties

Rule 152A(7) *[Amended rule]*

Any application made under sub-Rule (6) shall be made within a period of seven (7) days from the date of service of a copy of the Notice under sub-rule (5). The application shall:

- (a) be accompanied with a deposit of S\$2,000/**RM5,000** or other sum which may from time to time be notified by the Committee;

PART XIV : APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF THE PANEL OF STEWARDS

Filing of appeal and other procedures

Rule 166(1) *[Amended rule]*

A person who wishes to appeal against the decision of the panel of Stewards shall lodge a Notice of Appeal with the General Manager or Secretary of the Club holding the race meeting together with a deposit of **S\$2,000/RM5,000**, or such other sum which the Local Committee may prescribe from time to time, within forty-eight (48) hours of the person being notified of the decision of the panel of Stewards.

MRA REGULATIONS

HORSES

Passports

Regulation 10 *[Amended regulation]*

- .1 A horse shall not be permitted to start in a race if its passport:
 - (a) has not been issued.
 - (b) has not been received by its Trainer.
 - (c) is not available for inspection.
- .2 The passport must always accompany a horse when it is away from its home centre.
- .3 The passport must be produced for inspection by an Official of the Club or Association upon request.
- .4 No person may alter or amend any particulars in the passport except an Official of the Club or Association.
- .5 Trainers are required to:
 - (a) confirm and endorse the information in the passports.
 - (b) notify the Secretary of the Association when there is any change of sex, marking, coat colour or discrepancy in the passport and return it for amendment.
 - (c) return the passport to the Secretary of the Association for endorsement when there is a change of name of the horse.
 - (d) report the loss, and seek the replacement, of a passport within seven calendar days of such loss.
 - (e) return the passport to the Secretary of the Association to be stamped "CANCELLED" and to be returned to the horse owner when the horse has been deleted.
- .6 The replacement fee is fixed at S\$50/**RM125** per passport.

- .7 The passport shall remain the property of the Association and the Association reserves the right to demand its return.
- .8 A Trainer failing to comply with any of the above may be fined a sum not exceeding \$1,000 or such other punishment as may be prescribed under these Rules.

HORSES

Transportation of Horses

Regulation 18 *[Amended regulation]*

- .1 Owners and Trainers may use the floats provided by the Associated Clubs at a fee as may be, from time to time, determined by the Associated Clubs for the transportation of race horses between the racing centres **and all other locations**. Neither the Trainer nor the Owner shall have any claim against the Association and/or any of the Associated Clubs and/or their respective servants and/or agents and/or independent contractors for any damage or loss whatsoever and howsoever caused in respect of or arising from the transportation of the race horses including without limitation any damage or loss arising from any wilful or negligent act or omission of any of the Associated Clubs and/or their respective servants and/or agents and/or independent contractors. The expression "damage or loss" includes without limitation injury or death to the race horses, delay in the race horses arriving at **the locations** and injury to person or damage to property caused by and/or to the race horses or the vehicles transporting such race horses.
- .2 Owners and Trainers using the floats provided by the Associated Clubs shall obtain their own insurance coverage to protect them from any damage or loss which may in any way arise whilst the race horse is being transported between the racing centres **and all other locations**. The expression "damage or loss" includes without limitation injury or death to the race horses whilst being loaded or unloaded in and/or to and from the float. Nothing in this Regulation shall restrict the operation at any time of Regulation 18.1.

PERSONS: LICENCED OR REGISTERED

Visiting Jockey and Visiting Apprentice Jockey Licensing Criteria

Regulation 26.3.1 *[Amended regulation]*

A deposit of S\$500/**RM1,250** must be lodged with each application for a Visiting Jockey licence or a Visiting Apprentice Jockey licence made on behalf of a Visiting Jockey or a Visiting Apprentice Jockey. The deposit will be forfeited if such Visiting Jockey fails to fulfil his engagement after his application has been approved.

Owners

Regulation 28.5 *[Amended regulation]*

An Owner who is also an Ordinary Member of any of the Associated Clubs can deduct S\$20/**RM50** from the registration fee for each Associated Club which he belongs to.

Trainers

Regulation 34.1.2 *[Amended regulation]*

In addition, the applicant must satisfy the following criteria:

- (a) Must be at least twenty one (21) years of age and not older than sixty (60) years of age;
- (b) Passed written and oral tests conducted by the Stipendiary Stewards;
- (c) Passed a practical test conducted by a panel consisting of an MRA Trainer representative, a Veterinary Surgeon and an MRA Stipendiary Steward;
- (d) Obtained a recommendation by the Stipendiary Stewards;
- (e) Have a good disciplinary record in racing;
- (f) Have produced owners' support for a minimum of fifteen (15) horses;
- (g) Provide a banker's references which should indicate his financial standing and show that he had maintained an active account for the past three years and has a balance in fixed deposits and current account savings, exceeding S\$100,000/**RM250,000** for the six months immediately preceding the date of application for a licence;

- (h) Deposited a banker's guarantee or cash deposit of an amount to be determined by his Club; and
- (i) Passed a medical examination by a MRA-approved doctor.

Schedule of Fees

Regulation 47 *[Amended regulation]*

	<u>FEES IN S\$</u>	<u>FEES IN RM</u>
1 Registration of Owner Membership (From 1 January to 31 December)	456.00	1,140.00
2 Registration of Owner Membership (From 1 July to 31 December)	240.00	600.00
3 Renewal of Owner Membership	456.00	1,140.00
4 Registration of Horse	40.00	100.00
5 Registration of Assumed Name	40.00	100.00
6 Change of Constitution of Assumed Name	40.00	100.00
7 Change of Name of Horse	800.00	2,000.00
8 Change of Assumed Name	40.00	100.00
9 Registration / Renewal of Racing Colours	40.00	100.00
10 Sale of Horse (Transfer)	80.00	200.00
11 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Stable Supervisor/Stable Manager	40.00	100.00
12 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Syce	10.00	25.00
13 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Track Rider	10.00	25.00
14 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Senior Track Rider	20.00	50.00
15 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Farrier	10.00	25.00
16 Registration / Renewal of Licence of Stable Clerk	10.00	25.00

		<u>FEES IN S\$</u>	<u>FEES IN RM</u>
17	Registration / Renewal of Licence of Valet	10.00	25.00
18	Registration / Renewal of Licence of Trainer	160.00	400.00
19	Registration / Renewal of Licence of Assistant Trainer	80.00	200.00
20	Application for Licence (Professional Trainer and Assistant Trainer)	800.00	2,000.00
21	Registration / Renewal of Spelling Station	100.00	250.00
22	Registration / Renewal of Horse Float	100.00	250.00
23	Lodgement of Appeal to Racing Stewards (under Rule 9(4)(a))	1,000.00	2,500.00
24	Lodgement of Appeal to MRA Committee (under Rule 9(4)(a))	4,000.00	10,000.00
25	Lodgement of Appeal to Appeal Panel (under Rule 9(4)(b))	2,000.00	5,000.00
26	Retrieval of Racing Information for the past 1 year to current	300.00	750.00
27	Retrieval of Racing Information from the past 5 years to current	500.00	1,250.00
28	Retrieval of Racing Information for above past 5 years (maximum up to past 10 years)	1,000.00	2,500.00