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TO: ALL OWNERS, TRAINERS, JOCKEYS AND APPRENTICES

1 AMENDMENTS TO THE MRA RULES OF RACING AND REGULATIONS

- 1.1 The following amendments to the MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations (highlighted in bold) are to be implemented as follows:

MRA RULES OF RACING

SECTION	EXPLANATION	AMENDMENT
PART I: PRELIMINARY Interpretation	Amended Rule 6(1) to be effective from 13 November 2015.	<p><u>Rule 6(1)</u></p> <p>In these Rules and any Regulations made thereunder, unless the context otherwise requires:</p> <p>“MRA Laboratory” is the laboratory or laboratories approved for the time being as the MRA approved Laboratory. The MRA approved Laboratories for the time being are the Singapore Turf Club Laboratory and the USAINS Holding Sendirian Berhad Laboratory. Should the MRA approved Laboratory not have the requisite equipment or expertise to carry out a specific test or set of tests, the MRA approved Laboratory may sub-contract the test/s to another laboratory with ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation which shall for those purposes and the limited time become a MRA Laboratory. In the event of an emergency and should no laboratory with ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation be available to carry out the specific test or set of tests, the MRA approved laboratory may sub-contract the test/s to any other laboratory which shall for those purposes and the limited time become a MRA Laboratory.</p>

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<p>PART V: TRAINERS</p> <p>Trainers may not own horses for the purposes of racing under these Rules</p>	<p>Amended Rule 31 to be effective from 13 November 2015.</p>	<p>"Occupier" means Professional Trainer, Jockey and Stable Employee.</p> <p>"Stable Employee" shall include an assistant trainer, a stable supervisor, a syce, a farrier, a track rider, a stable manager or a stable clerk, or anyone who has been issued with an MRA Pass by the Association to work in the stables of a licensed Trainer.</p> <p><u>Rule 31</u></p> <p>(1) Should a Trainer or any member of his immediate family own or in any way have an interest in any horse(s), such horse(s) must be trained and raced by that Trainer himself.</p> <p>(1A) Rule 31(1) shall not apply where ownership or interest in any horse by an immediate family member of a Trainer is due to that immediate family member being a trustee and/or member of a Racing Club. For the avoidance of any doubt, a Trainer can only be a trustee and/or member of a Racing Club if he trains and races the horses owned by that Racing Club.</p> <p>(2) Any person who is affected by the provisions of this Rule may apply for an exemption from its operation. Such applications shall be made to the Committee or the Local Committee, as the case may be.</p> <p>(3) The Committee or the Local Committee as the case may be, may in its absolute discretion and without assigning any reasons whatsoever, grant or refuse to grant an exemption accordingly, upon such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.</p> <p>(4) Any such exemption shall be in writing and shall be expressed to be effective only during the pleasure of the Committee or the Local Committee as the case may be and may be cancelled at any time by the Committee or the Local Committee without assigning any reasons whatsoever.</p>

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		<p>(5) For as long as the exemption is effective, the Trainer and the horse(s) of the Trainer or his immediate family to whom such exemption was granted shall not be subject to disqualification or other punishment on the grounds set out in this Rule.</p> <p>(6) Save where an exemption is effective, every horse which is entered for or started in any race in breach of this Rule:</p> <p>(i) May be disqualified for that race; and/or</p> <p>(ii) May be disqualified for such period as the Stewards may think fit.</p> <p>(7) In the event of a contravention of this Rule by a Trainer:</p> <p>(i) The Trainer may be disqualified from training and/or owning horses for such period as the Stewards may think fit and in addition thereto may be fined a sum not exceeding \$10,000; and/or</p> <p>(ii) Every other person having any interest in the horse may be disqualified and in addition thereto may be fined a sum not exceeding \$10,000.</p>
<p>PART VI: RIDERS</p> <p>Jockeys may not own horses for the purpose of racing under these Rules</p>	<p>Amended Rule 46 to be effective from 13 November 2015.</p>	<p><u>Rule 46</u></p> <p>(1) Licences or permits are issued to Jockeys on the condition that they and/or any member of their immediate family do not and shall not own, lease or in any way have any interest in any racehorse registered with the Association.</p> <p>(2) No Jockey nor any member of his immediate family shall become the owner or lessee of, or in any way have any interest in, any racehorse registered with the Association.</p>

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		<p>(3) A written declaration shall be made by Jockeys, and submitted along with the application, when making application for a licence or permit that they and any member of their immediate family do not own, lease or in any way have any interest in any racehorse registered with the Association.</p> <p>(4) (a) Any person who is affected by the provisions of Rule 46 may apply to the Local Committee for an exemption from the operation of this Rule.</p> <p>(b) The Committee or the Local Committee (as the case may be) may, at its absolute discretion and without assigning any reasons whatsoever, grant or refuse to grant an exemption upon such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.</p> <p>(c) Any such exemption shall be in writing and shall be expressed to be effective only during the pleasure of the Committee or the Local Committee and may be cancelled at any time by the Committee or the Local Committee (as the case may be), without assigning any reasons whatsoever;</p> <p>(d) For as long as the exemption is effective, the person or persons and the horse or horses of the person to whom such exemption was granted shall not be subject to disqualification or other punishment on the grounds set out in Rules 46(5) and 46(6).</p> <p>(e) The Committee or the Local Committee (as the case may be) may, at its absolute discretion and without assigning any reasons whatsoever, revoke the exemption granted under this Rule or vary the terms and conditions of such exemption.</p>

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<p>PART VII: OWNERSHIP OF HORSES</p> <p>Recognised Company</p>	<p>Amended Rule 61(5) to be effective from 13 November 2015.</p>	<p>(5) In any event, where an exemption has been granted, no Jockey shall ride for any other owner in a race in which any horse owned by that Jockey and/or that Jockey's immediate family is entered.</p> <p>(6) Subject to Rule 46(3), every horse which is entered for or started in any race in violation of Rule 46:</p> <p>(a) May be disqualified for that race; and/or</p> <p>(b) May be disqualified for such further period as the Stewards may think fit.</p> <p>(7) Subject to Rule 46(3), in the event of the contravention of Rule 46 by a jockey:</p> <p>(a) the Jockey shall be disqualified for such period as the Stewards may think fit and in addition thereto may be fined a sum not exceeding \$10,000;</p> <p>(b) all other persons having any interest in the horse may be disqualified or suspended and in addition thereto may be fined a sum not exceeding \$10,000.</p>
		<p><u>Rule 61(5)</u></p> <p>The Committee may at their absolute discretion at any time, and without assigning any reason therefore, cancel the registration of any company as a 'Recognised Company'. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may cancel the registration if -</p> <p>(a) any director of the company is subsequently found to be or becomes a disqualified person; or</p> <p>(b) any officer of the company fails to furnish to the Committee such information as they may demand, within a reasonable time of the receipt of such demand; or</p>

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Registered Agent of Recognised Company	Amended Rule 62(5) to be effective from 13 November 2015.	<p>(c) any registered agent of the company is subsequently found to be or becomes a disqualified person,</p> <p>(d) the company shall make any arrangement for the benefit of creditors or make any composition with creditors; or</p> <p>(e) the company is the subject of a winding up order; or</p> <p>(f) the company shall be the subject of a voluntary or compulsory liquidation (other than for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation; or</p> <p>(g) the company is made the subject of any administration order or of any proposal under the Companies Act for a composition in satisfaction of its debts.</p> <p><u>Rule 62(5)</u></p> <p>The Committee may at their absolute discretion at any time, and without assigning any reason therefore, cancel the registration of any registered agent. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the registration may be cancelled if –</p> <p>(a) the registered agent is subsequently found to be or becomes a disqualified person;</p> <p>(b) the registered agent is subsequently found to be or becomes bankrupt;</p> <p>(c) the ‘Recognised Company’ ceases, for any reason, to be registered as such;</p>
Syndicates	Amended Rule 63(10) to be effective from 13 November 2015.	<p><u>Rule 63(10)</u></p> <p>(a) A horse in which a syndicate is interested shall not be eligible to be entered for or to run in any race whilst any member of the syndicate is a disqualified person or has a Bankruptcy Order in force against him, or is an undischarged bankrupt and in the event of any such member becoming a</p>

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		<p>disqualified person or having a Bankruptcy Order made against him the registration of any syndicate agreement in respect of that horse shall lapse from the date the Association has notice or knowledge of the Bankruptcy Order. The subsequent rescission or setting aside of the Bankruptcy Order shall not affect the lapsing of the registration of the syndicate agreement.</p> <p>(b) If the Association registers a syndicate agreement in respect of a horse while a member of the syndicate has a Bankruptcy Order in force against him or is an undischarged bankrupt, the registration of that syndicate agreement shall lapse from the date the Association has notice or knowledge of the Bankruptcy Order.</p> <p>(c) This sub-result shall not apply in the case of a Bankruptcy Order or bankruptcy if the syndicate agreement provides for the automatic retirement of a member upon such member being declared a bankrupt.</p>
PART X: CORRUPT PRACTICES, PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS	Amended Rule 138(1) to be effective from 13 November 2015.	<p><u>Rule 138(1)</u></p> <p>If a person be disqualified anywhere for any fraudulent practice in relation to a particular horse belonging to him, such horse may be disqualified for all races, and such person may be required to forfeit or return all money or prizes which such horse has won in any race after it has been disqualified.</p>
Disqualifications		
PART XII: MISCELLANEOUS	Amended Rule 152(5) to be effective from 13 November 2015.	<p><u>Rule 152(5)</u></p> <p>Any person licensed or registered by the Association may be disqualified, suspended, fined and/or warned:</p> <p>(a) If he shall be guilty of negligence or any act of misconduct whether on a racecourse or elsewhere.</p> <p>(b) If he shall disobey the orders of the Stewards or those they appoint.</p>
Prejudicial Conduct		

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The Forfeit List	Amended Rule 154(7) to be effective from 13 November 2015.	<p>(c) If he shall give false or misleading evidence at an inquiry.</p> <p>(d) If he shall provide any false, misleading or incorrect information to the Association or if he makes a false or fraudulent declaration to the Association. Where such false, misleading, incorrect or fraudulent information is provided or declaration is made in an application for a licence or registration under these Rules, the Association may revoke that licence or registration from such time and for such period as it deems fit.</p> <p><u>Rule 154(7)</u></p> <p>If a horse whose owner's name is on the Forfeit List is allowed to start for any race such horse may be disqualified and the person entering such horse may be penalised.</p>

MRA REGULATION

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<p>HORSES</p> <p>Transportation of Horses</p>	Amended Regulation 18 to be effective from 1 January 2016.	<p><u>Regulation 18</u></p> <p>.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 to enable the race horses to participate in race meetings. 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</p>

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		<p>expression "damage or loss" includes without limitation injury or death to the race horses, delay in the race horses arriving at race meetings and injury to person or damage to property caused by and/or to the race horses or the vehicles transporting such race horses.</p> <p>.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. 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.</p> <p>.3 Trainers and Owners may use their own floats for the transport of race horses between the racing centres and other locations including airports provided that such floats are registered with the Association. Trainers and Owners whose horse floats are registered with the Association shall be issued with permits valid for a period of one year.</p> <p>.4 The conditions and warranties for the registration of an approved horse float are as follows:-</p> <p>(a) The float must be used only for the purpose of transporting race horses solely under the charge of the Trainer;</p> <p>(b) The Trainer and Owner must ensure that the float, including the feed bins are thoroughly cleaned both internally and externally, and disinfected at the premises of the Club or such other location authorised by the Club after each and every trip and shall ensure that it is in a good working condition;</p>

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		<p>(c) The Trainer and Owner shall obtain all necessary approvals, licences and permits for the transport of their race horses from the Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan and/or other government authorities;</p> <p>(d) The Trainer and Owner shall maintain a Register of the movement of horses transported in his float as follows:-</p> <p>(i) The date and time the horse leaves the stable and the date and time it arrives at the Club's loading and unloading bay or spelling station whether approved or unapproved;</p> <p>(ii) The date the horse is returned to the stable from the Club or spelling station whether approved or unapproved;</p> <p>(iii) The Trainer shall maintain a Register of such movements of horses which Register shall be open for inspection at all times by the Stipendiary Steward, or an Official of the Associated Club.</p> <p>(e) The Owner and Trainer in employing Stable Employees for the operation of horse floats shall comply with Rule 37 of the Rules of Racing.</p> <p>(f) An application for the registration of a horse float shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Association in the prescribed form. All applications for renewals must be made three (3) months before the expiry of the permit.</p>

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		<p>.5 Criteria for Registration of MRA horse Float</p> <p>(a) Each bay must have a minimum area of 1.75 m²</p> <p>(b) The entire interior compartment of the horse floats must not have any sharp and/or protruding edges.</p> <p>(c) Partitions should:</p> <p>(i) be sturdy enough to withstand the weight of the horse being transported, and have quick release fittings so that they can be easily removed if a horse becomes cast in the vehicle during transport;</p> <p>(ii) be free of sharp edges and designed to minimize injury;</p> <p>(iii) be at least 600mm high and 600mm from the floor; and</p> <p>(iv) prevent horses from biting and/or kicking one another.</p> <p>(d) Each horse must have enough head room to stand in its natural position, with a clear safe area above the horses head.</p> <p>A minimum internal clear height of 2.1m is required.</p> <p>(e) There must be easy access on the vehicle for the syce to check on the horses, water them, etc, throughout the journey.</p>

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		<p>(f) Horse float must be well ventilated, and have fans to keep the interior ventilated at all times.</p> <p>(g) The horse float exhaust must not pollute the area where the horses are confined.</p> <p>(h) Adequate circulation to allow for sufficient clean air, removal of smells and gases. The windows and/or roof of the horse float must be able to be easily opened from the outside.</p> <p>(i) The horse float must have adequate area for syce to stay with the horses or if not available, the wellbeing of the horses must be monitored with a CCTV system from the driving cabin.</p> <p>(j) There must be an intercom system for the syce to communicate with the driver</p> <p>(k) There must be a basic first-aid/medical kit in the horse float.</p> <p>(l) The horse float flooring must be in good condition and has adequate traction.</p> <p>18.6 The Association reserves the right:</p> <p>(a) To inspect any horse float at any time to ascertain that the conditions and warranties are met and the standard of hygiene is maintained;</p> <p>(b) To suspend the permit of any approved horse float if it fails to meet any of the conditions and warranties set by the Association from time to time; and</p>

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		<p>(c) To withdraw or cancel any permit without notice when an approved horse float is found to be in breach of the Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>18.7 Any Trainer or Owner found to be:</p> <p>(a) using a float not registered with the Association to transport his race horses, except where prior written approval has been obtained from the Stipendiary Stewards or an official of an Associated Club; or</p> <p>(b) using a float to transport race horses not under his charge; or</p> <p>(c) transporting race horses using a float when the Trainer or the owner of the float has not obtained all the necessary statutory regulatory approvals, including but not limited to licences and/or permits issued by the Jabatan Pengangkutan Jalan and/or other government authorities; or</p> <p>(d) not maintaining the Register of the movement of horses in his float in accordance with Regulation 18.4 and/or the movement of stable employees for the transportation of his horses in breach of Rule 37 of the Rules of Racing and/or during the suspension of the permit issued by the Association for the transport of his race horses;</p> <p>shall be liable to be fined an amount not exceeding \$1,000 for each infringement of this rule.</p>

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<p>MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p>Accident, Injuries and Medical Attention</p>	<p>Amended Regulation 36 to be effective from 13 November 2015.</p>	<p><u>Regulation 36</u></p> <p>.1 After a fall, injury or accident during track work or in a race, a Jockey/Amateur Rider must be medically examined immediately, failing which he may not be permitted to ride again or claim any benefits that he may otherwise be entitled to. Such an incident must also be reported immediately to the Stipendiary Steward and the Club Secretary.</p> <p>.2 A Jockey/Amateur Rider who is excused from riding on medical grounds must produce a medical certificate of fitness before he can resume riding.</p> <p>.3 A Jockey/Amateur Rider who has been declared to ride and is subsequently stood down on medical grounds must immediately inform the Club Secretary or the Stipendiary Steward and produce a medical certificate certifying that he is unfit to ride, from a doctor approved by the Association. The Jockey/Amateur Rider must produce a medical certificate of fitness before he can resume riding.</p> <p>.4 Medical expenses will be paid by the Association for injuries sustained by registered Jockeys/Amateur Riders when riding track work or in races, provided that:</p> <p>.1 such medical expenses are incurred in respect of treatment in Singapore or Malaysia, and</p> <p>.2 such medical expenses shall not be claimed in excess of:</p> <p>.1 a period of two (2) years from the date of the injuries being first sustained, or</p>

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		<p data-bbox="1002 338 1444 506">.2 a sum of money as may be, from time to time, notified by the Association, whichever shall occur first.</p> <p data-bbox="807 539 1444 775">.5 Trainers may undertake their own insurance coverage for themselves in regard to Personal Accident and Hospital Surgical Insurance as the Association no longer provides this coverage. They must also take such coverage for their employees.</p> <p data-bbox="807 808 1444 1043">.6 A Jockey/Amateur Rider who is injured is entitled to hospitalization in a twin-bedded ward in Singapore or Malaysia. Where a bed in a twin-bedded ward is not available, a Jockey/Amateur Rider may be accommodated in a single-bed ward.</p> <p data-bbox="807 1077 1444 1480">.7 Nothing in these Regulations are to be construed, or relied on in any Court of law, as conferring upon all persons mentioned under the definition in MRA Rule of Racing 6(1) the status of "employees" or "servants", whether of the Association or its Associated Clubs, under the Workplace Safety and Health Act 2006 (Singapore) or Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994 (Malaysia).</p> <p data-bbox="807 1514 1444 1783">.8 When an Apprentice Jockey is below the age of 21, the Apprentice Jockey's guardian, namely the person who has signed the Indenture Agreement on behalf of the Apprentice Jockey, shall also be bound by the MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations.</p>

Prohibited Substances and Threshold Levels

Prohibited Substances: Threshold Levels

Regulation 45.1 *[Amended regulation to be effective immediately.]*

Arsenic	0.3 microgram per millilitre in urine
Boldenone	0.015 microgram free and conjugated boldenone per millilitre in urine from male horses (other than geldings)
Carbon Dioxide	36 millimoles available carbon dioxide per litre in plasma
Cobalt	0.025 microgram per millilitre in plasma or 0.100 microgram per millilitre in urine
Dimethyl Sulfoxide	15 micrograms per millilitre in urine or 1 microgram per millilitre in plasma
Estranediol in male horses (other than geldings)	0.045 microgram free and glucuroconjugated, 5 α -estrane-3 β 17 α -diol per millilitre in urine
Hydrocortisone	1 microgram per millilitre in urine
Methoxytyramine	4 micrograms free and conjugated 3-methoxytyramine per millilitre in urine
Salicylic Acid	750 micrograms per millilitre in urine or 6.5 micrograms per millilitre in plasma
Testosterone	0.02 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from geldings, or 100 picograms free testosterone per millilitre in plasma from geldings, or 0.055 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from fillies and mares (unless in foal)
Theobromine	2 micrograms per millilitre in urine or 0.3 microgram theobromine per millilitre in plasma

N.B. The conjugated substance is the substance that can be liberated from conjugates.

2 MRA-APPROVED SPELLING STATIONS FOR 2016

2.1 Four spelling stations were approved as MRA-approved spelling stations for 2016. The spelling stations are:

- .1 Hillsview Spelling Station
 8 Tambun Heights
 31400 Ipoh, Perak
 Malaysia
- .2 National Stud Farm
 Jalan Chemor
 Tanjong Rambutan
 31250 Perak
 Malaysia
- .3 Ponderosa Spelling Resort
 24 Lorong Sentosa Lawan Kuda
 Gopeng
 31600 Perak
 Malaysia
- .4 Racehorse Spelling Station Sdn Bhd
 33rd Milestone
 39200 Ringlet
 Cameron Highlands
 Pahang Darul Makmur
 Malaysia

2.2 Your attention is also drawn to MRA Regulation 48 which states as follows:

- “.1 Trainers are reminded that horses which are spelled at an approved spelling station must be placed with a professional trainer for a period of not less than three weeks before they can be raced. The Manager of any spelling station must submit to the Secretary of the Association, monthly returns (by the first day of the following month) of horses entering or leaving the spelling station.
- .2 Horses which have been spelling at a place other than an approved spelling station must be placed with a professional trainer for a period of not less than two months before they can be raced.
- .3 It is important to note that horses returning to the Trainers' stables at the Turf Clubs after spelling must be continuously kept and trained, within the Associated Clubs for the periods mentioned in MRA Regulation 48.2 before racing.

- .4 Trainers are warned that severe action, including the withdrawal of horses from races, will be taken for any infringement of these Regulations and/or the Rules.
- .5 Any changes in the list of MRA approved spelling stations shall be notified by the Association.
- .6 Every Spelling Station shall keep proper records in a form required by the Association of all medications containing prohibited substances administered to horses under its charge.
- .7 The record referred to in these Regulations must:
 - .1 identify the horse, the medication, the dosage, frequency of administration, the recommended withdrawal time and the prescription identification number; and
 - .2 contain an entry of any medication administered by the Veterinary Surgeon.
- .8 Such records shall be made available for inspection by the Stipendiary Stewards, at their discretion, or by any other Official as directed by the Committee or Local Committee."

3 The full set of the MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations can be downloaded from the MRA website at www.malayan-racing.com.

Best Regards.



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