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The Racing/Sports Editor

PRESS STATEMENT

AMENDED – GUIDELINES FOR JOCKEYS ON WHIP USE

Following observations of excessive whip use in recent race meetings, a guideline is hereby introduced to uphold the integrity of racing and safeguard horse welfare.

2. Accordingly, with effect from **01.04.2026**, the following guideline shall apply:

“In terms of MRA Rule of Racing 41(6), where a Rider uses his whip more than 15 times throughout a race it should be presumed excessive, unnecessary and/or improper”.

3. All jockeys are required to adhere strictly to this guideline at all times. The Stipendiary Stewards may warn, fine and/or suspend and/or disqualify any persons who contravened or failed to comply with the guideline.

Issued by Secretary, MRA (Malaysia)