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PRESS STATEMENT

Amendments, deletions and additions to MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations

Annex A sets out the amendments, deletions and additions (highlighted in bold) to MRA Rules of Racing and Regulations for implementation with effect from 15 June 2013.

MRA-Approved Spelling Station for the 2013 Racing Season

2 Equine Sanctuary Spelling Station was approved as an MRA-approved spelling station for the 2013 racing season.

Applications for Assistant Trainer Licences

3 Tan Kah Soon and Sharee Kim Hamilton were granted Assistant Trainer licences for the remaining 2013 racing season. They are attached to Trainers Dr Tan Swee Hock and Bonny Ng Yuen Peng.

Applications for Professional Jockey Licences

4 Lao Weng Hong, Mohd Fadzlei bin Ismail and Yap Kin Yin were granted Professional Jockey licences for the remaining 2013 racing season.

Application for “C” Grade Apprentice Jockey Licence

5 Khalid Hairi bin Marzuki was granted a “C” Grade Apprentice Jockey licence for the remainder of the 2013 racing season. He would be indentured to Trainer Steven Lam Wai Yuen.

Extension of “B” Grade Apprentice Jockey Licence

6 The “B” Grade Apprentice Jockey licence of Yang Chee Leong was extended for the remaining 2013 racing season. He would be indentured to Trainer Loh Kin Kuen.

Applications for Stable Supervisor Licences

7 The following persons were granted Stable Supervisor licences for the remaining 2013 racing season:

	<u>Stable Supervisor</u>	<u>Employer (Trainer)</u>
.1	Abd Rhuzaine bin Abdul Rahman	Richard Victor Lines
.2	Jason Ong Koon Yew	Mark William Walker

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

MRA RULES OF RACING

PART I : PRELIMINARY

Interpretation

Rule 6(1) [Amend rule]

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

“Control Sample” means any sample collected for the purpose of establishing that the equipment used in connection with the collection of urine sample(s) was free of **Prohibited and/or Specified Substance(s)** when used to collect a urine sample under Rule 134 and/or 135.

“Prohibited Substance” means any substance or its metabolite which falls into any of the categories contained in the List of Prohibited Drugs and/or **Specified Substance(s)** published by the **Association** from time to time.

“Racing Steward” means:

- (a) a Steward who is appointed by the Local Committee pursuant to Rule 11(1) and/or Rule 11(2), including a Senior Racing Steward; and
- (b) a Professional Steward who is an Official appointed by the Association **or the Local Committee** and designated as such.

“**Specified Substance(s)**” shall refer to the following:

- (a) **Erythropoiesis-stimulating agents, including but not limited to erythropoietin (EPO), epoetin alfa, epoetin beta, darbepoetin alfa, and methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta (Mircera);**

- (b) Insulins;
- (c) Growth hormones;
- (d) Insulin-like growth factor-1;
- (e) Substances that are either listed as a Class A drug in Part I of the First Schedule of the Misuse of Drugs Act (Singapore) or Listed in Part III of the First Schedule of the Dangerous Drugs Act (Malaysia);
- (f) Selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMS);
- (g) Selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMS);
- (h) Selective opiate receptor modulators (SORMS);
- (i) Peroxisome proliferator activated receptor δ (PPAR δ) agonists, including but not limited to GW 1516;
- (j) AMPK activators, including but not limited to AICAR (5-amino-1- β -D-ribofuranosyl-imidazole-4-carboxamide);
- (k) Other agents that directly or indirectly affect or manipulate gene expression;
- (l) Hypoxia inducible factor (HIF)-1 stabilisers, including but not limited to ITPP (myo-inositol tripyrophosphate);
- (m) Agents modifying myostatin function, including but not limited to myostatin inhibitors;
- (n) Oxygen carriers including but not limited to perfluorochemicals, efaproxiral and modified haemoglobin products;
- (o) Thymosin beta;
- (p) Venoms of any species or derivatives thereof;
- (q) Synthetic proteins and peptides and synthetic analogues of endogenous proteins and peptides not registered for medical or veterinary use;
- (r) Metabolites, artifacts and isomers of any of the substances specified in (a) to (q); and
- (s) Any addition to this list of substances shall be published by the Association from time to time.

“Stable Employees” shall include an Assistant Trainer, a stable supervisor, a syce, a farrier, a track rider 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.

PART IV : TRAINERS

Stable Employees and MRA Passes

Rule 37(9) [Delete rule]

For the purposes of this Rule, stable employees shall include an Assistant Trainer, a stable supervisor, a syce, a farrier, a track rider 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.

Rule 37(1A) [Add rule]

No person who is the owner of or has any interest in any horse registered with the Association may be employed as a stable employee or registered as a stable employee. Any person who is employed as a stable employee or who is registered as a stable employee and who subsequently becomes the owner of or acquires any interest in any horse registered with the Association shall immediately cease to be employed and registered as a stable employee and return any MRA Pass issued to that person.

PART IV : RIDERS

Race riding and further responsibilities of Jockeys

Rule 44 [Amend rule]

- (8) The jockey of every horse in a race shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that is horse is given full opportunity of winning or of obtaining the best possible placing.**

- (a) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules should the **Stewards** find any jockey guilty of a charge under Rule 44(7) or 44(8), the **Stewards** shall disqualify such person. **The disqualification shall be for a period of not less than one (1) year.** In addition, the **Stewards** may impose a fine not exceeding **\$250,000**.
- (9) No jockey shall cause interference in a race **or trial** or ride in a manner which, in the opinion of the Stewards, is:
 - (a) reckless or careless and for the purpose of this Rule the Following shall apply:
 - (i) "Reckless riding" shall refer to showing little or no regard to the consequences of his actions and/or the risks to others by his riding and in particular, the danger of injury or interference, with other horses or rider.
 - (ii) "Careless riding" shall refer to failing to take reasonable steps to avoid causing interference by misjudgement or inattention.

PART VIII : HORSES

Starting Stall Tests for Horses

Rule 78 [Amend rule]

- (1) All raced horses that have been registered with the Association under these Rules prior to its first run in Malaysia or Singapore must pass a starting stalls test before being **declared** to race.
- (2) Starting stall tests that have been successfully completed by horses under the above Rule and horses ordered to take tests by the Stipendiary Stewards will be valid for a period of two (2) months preceding the date of **being declared to race** for the race meeting, and these tests should be taken at the horses' home centres prior to their departure for the racing centre.

PART IX : RACE MEETINGS

The Running and Conduct of Races

Rule 117 *[Amend rule]*

- .1 All races shall be run, and every horse shall be raced and ridden on merit and as prescribed by these Rules.
- .2 The Local Committee or the Stewards may inquire into any matter or any incident in any race and may take appropriate action in terms of their powers under these Rules at any time they may deem it necessary.
- .3 Notwithstanding the above, the Stipendiary Stewards may inquire into the performance of any horse in a race and should the performance of any horse be found to be inconsistent or unreliable it may be suspended from racing or training and in addition the Trainer may be held liable for any such performance where such inconsistency or unreliability is caused by or contributed to by the riding instructions of the Trainer, or the lack of such instructions.
- .4 An Owner is not permitted to give instructions directly to his jockey but must do so through the Trainer of his horse.
- .5 If in the opinion of the Stewards, a jockey remains in contact with the horse or any part of its gear from the start to the finish of a race, his horse is deemed to have carried the weight at which the jockey has weighed out subject to MRA Rule of Racing 121(2) and shall be declared a starter of the race.
- .6 **If in the opinion of the Stewards, a horse which has gained an unfair advantage at the start, may be declared a non-runner or be disqualified for the race.**

PART X : CORRUPT PRACTICES, PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES AND DISQUALIFICATIONS

The detection of Prohibited Substances in horses other than when presented to race

Rule 135 [Amend rule]

- (1) Without prejudice to Rule 134, any registered horse stabled in the premises of an Associated Club may, at any time at the absolute discretion of the Stewards be required to undergo a veterinary examination and/or to provide sample(s) which will be tested for the presence of **Prohibited and /or Specified Substance(s)** by the MRA Laboratory.
- (2) Horses participating in an official trial (or test), at the directions of the Stewards, may be required to undergo a pre-trial (or pre-test) and/or post-trial (or post-test) veterinary examination.
- (3) After the official trial or test, any horse, which is required by the Stewards to do so, shall be presented to the sample collection personnel for the collection of one or more sample(s) as may be directed by the Stewards.
- (4) Any horse which has provided a sample that has been the subject of analytical screening by the MRA Laboratory, under this Rule, for the detection of **Prohibited and/or Specified Substance(s)** shall be deemed to have failed such screening test if any analysis of the horse's sample shows the presence, in a sample of its tissues, body fluids, blood or excreta, any substance which is a **Specified Substance**.
- (5) Horses which fail the screening test and/or veterinary examination shall not be allowed to take part in the trial or test and/or shall be deemed to have failed such trial or test.
- (6) Where any horse has provided a sample that has been the subject of analytical screening by the MRA Laboratory, for the detection of **Prohibited and/or Specified Substance(s)**, and/or has been subject to a veterinary examination, under this Rule, and has failed such screening and/or examination, the Trainer may have committed a breach under these Rules.
- (7) The Stewards shall conduct an inquiry into the breach and may, based on the evidence adduced at such inquiry, reprimand, fine, suspend, or disqualify the Trainer.
- (8) The Stewards may also disqualify the horse for such period of time as they shall deem fit.

- (9) Any person who is in the opinion of the Stewards has been a party to **an** offence by a Trainer under these Rules may be fined, suspended or disqualified or warned off the Course as may be appropriate in the considered opinion of the Steward.
- (10) Where it is considered to be appropriate, the President and Chief Executive/General Manager or Secretary of the Club holding the race meeting may make a report to the Police regarding the offence.
- (11) For the purpose of this Rule, the Trainer is deemed to be in control of the horse in question and is under the duty to ensure that the Rules relating to **Prohibited and/or Specified Substance(s)** are observed by all persons whether in any way connected with the Trainer or not.
- (12) The Association and the Committees of the Associated Clubs through their authorised officials shall have power to enter and search any premises owned, used or controlled by any of the Associated Clubs including its race course stables and any vehicle found in such premises, and to take such action as is deemed appropriate for any offence detected under these Rules. Trainers shall provide access for such search and in other respects provide all possible assistance to facilitate the search.

MRA REGULATIONS

HORSES

Maiden/Restricted Maiden Races

Regulation 7.1 [Amend regulation]

The conditions for Maiden/Restricted Maiden races are as follows:

(a) Malaysia

- (i) All horses which have not won a race, both newly registered imports and horses already registered with the Association will be eligible to run in Maiden races which will be held under Handicap conditions. Unraced two (2) and three (3) year old horses (with the exception of Malaysian-bred horses) must have **two race** starts in Restricted Maiden or Term races to be allocated an official MRA rating before becoming eligible for any race held under handicap conditions.

- (ii) All unraced horses registered to race in Malaysia and turning four (4) years old that have not **won or completed two race starts in** Restricted Maiden or Term races will be allocated a **MRA** rating of not less than 44 points
- (iii) All Malaysian-bred horses are qualified for handicaps with an initial rating of not less than thirty eight (38) points.

(b) **Singapore**

- (i) All horses which have not won a race, both newly registered imports and horses already registered with the Association will be eligible to run in Maiden races which will be held under Handicap conditions. Unraced two (2) and three (3) year old horses (with the exception of Malaysian-bred horses) must have three race starts in Restricted Maiden or Term races to be allocated an official MRA rating before becoming eligible for any race held under handicap conditions.
- (ii) All unraced horses registered to race in Singapore and turning four (4) years old that have not won or completed three race starts in Restricted Maiden or Term races will be required to complete three race starts before being allocated a **MRA** rating.

Regulation 7.6 [Amend regulation]

All newly registered imported raced horses must meet the requirements of Rule 78 before being allowed to race while all newly registered unraced horses must meet the requirements of Regulation 9 before being allowed **to race**.

Official Race Trials

Regulation 9 [Amend regulation]

- .2 All unraced horses will be required to pass an Official Race Trial before they can be declared to race. The results of the Official Race Trial will be valid for a period of two months preceding the date of **being declared** for the race meeting.
- .4 A horse will not be eligible to be **declared** for a race until it has passed the required Official Race Trial conducted by a testing Official whose decision shall be final.

PERSONS : LICENSED OR REGISTERED

Owners

Regulation 28 [Amend regulation]

- .1 A transfer of ownership will be registered only if the application is accompanied by a confirmation from its Trainer that no training fees are owed by the Owner.
- .2 The Owner registration fee must be paid to the Association in the January of each year.
- .3 If an Owner does not pay his registration fee by 31 January of each year, **his owner's licence may not be renewed.**
- .4 Managers are responsible for their partners' registration fees and if these are unpaid by **31 January** of any year, horses jointly owned by members of such partnerships **may** not be accepted or declared for any race.
- .5 An Owner who is also an Ordinary Member of any of the Associated Clubs can deduct S\$20/RM40 from the registration fee for each Associated Club which he belongs to.
- .6 An Owner who is an Ordinary Member of all the Associated Clubs is exempted from paying any registration fee to the Association.
- .7 A registered Owner who subsequently has no registered horse must return his 'Owner Badge' to the Association. A refund on a monthly pro-rated basis for the remaining months of his current annual registration fee will be made provided that his badge is surrendered within three months of the de-registration of his horse.
- .8 An Owner wishing to withdraw his registration must notify the Secretary of the Association in writing, failing which he is liable for a year's fee.
- .9 Owners Registration Criteria
 - .1 Applicants for registrations as Owners must be above 21 years of age. They should be in good financial standing and not bankrupt.
 - .2 Such applications shall be in the form as provided in Appendix 3, as may be modified from time to time and notified by the Association. Applicants are required to confirm that:

- (a) They do not have any criminal record at the time of application;
and
 - (b) The information stated in the application is true and correct.
- .3 A person who has a record of disqualification under these Rules **may not be registered for a period of five (5) years from the date of completion of the disqualification;**
- .4 A person whose application is not recommended by the Associated Club nearest to his place of residence as shown in his National Registration Identity Card or Passport, may not be registered;
- .5 Any person who does not authorise or give consent to the Association to check on his relevant records or to seek other information relevant to the application, shall not be registered.