

Press release

The Horse Racing Division of Mauritius confirms that at an Inquiry held in its offices in Port Louis on 20 June 2022, Trainer S Mahadia was charged with a contravention of Rule 75(1)(f).

The particulars of the charge being that he was the Trainer of the horse GI Joe when a specimen which was taken from it on 6 May 2022, after it had collapsed and died during track work, disclosed upon analysis the presence of Ketamine which is a prohibited substance in terms of the Rules.

Mr Mahadia pleaded not guilty to the charge however, after considering the evidence in the matter which included that of Mr Mahadia's treating Veterinarian Surgeon and uncontested evidence presented during the hearing, the Stipendiary Stewards found Mr Mahadia guilty as charged.

In deciding the penalty to be imposed the Inquiry Board balanced all mitigating factors, which included that, this was an out of competition test, there was no evidence of skullduggery presented in the matter, it was Trainer Mahadia's first offence and that he had taken certain measures in his stable regarding controlling his horse's risk of exposure to prohibited substances, with the need to protect the integrity of the sport of horseracing in Mauritius. Following such consideration, the Inquiry Board imposed a penalty of a fine of Rs25 000 (twenty-five thousand) was imposed.

Mr Mahadia was advised of his right of appeal against the finding and the penalty imposed.

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