

## RACING CALENDAR 2023

### 1. Rule 29.4 – Specification of Whips

1.1 Unless otherwise approved by the Stipendiary Stewards, whips carried in trackwork riding and in all races shall conform to the following specifications: -

1.1.1 the maximum length allowed for a whip is 68cm;

1.1.2 the minimum diameter for a whip is 1cm;

1.1.3 the overall weight of a whip may not exceed 160g;

1.1.4 the contact area of the shaft (“paddle”) must be smooth, with no protrusion or raised surface, and covered by shock absorbing material throughout its circumference;

1.1.5 there must be no binding within 17cm of the end of the paddle/shaft;

1.1.6 only padded/shock absorbing whips which have not been modified in any way may be carried by a rider at any time.

### 2. Rule 42.7.1.3 – Loading processes for horses

When loading is completed and the Chief Handler is satisfied that all the back gates are securely shut, he shall, from his position at the rear of the stalls, indicate accordingly to the starter by raising his hand. Thereafter the starter, having satisfied himself that there are no handlers in front of the stalls shall instruct any handlers in the stalls to raise their hands and shall start the race. No handler shall assist a horse to leave the stalls.



### **3. Rule 45.1 – Procedure for awarding of Prizes**

3.1 Prizes shall be awarded to winners and place getters in accordance with current Horse Racing Division policy where: -

3.1.1 money or prizes have been paid or awarded by the Horse Racing Organiser to an owner or trainer who is subsequently found not to be entitled thereto, by reason of the disqualification of his horse or otherwise, the money or prize shall be recoverable from the recipient by the Horse Racing Organiser on behalf of the owner or trainer who becomes entitled thereto;

3.1.2 the owners of dead-heating horses cannot agree as to who of them is to have a cup or other prize which cannot be divided, the question shall be determined by lot;

3.1.3 a horse has been entered under the name of more than one owner, any cup or other prize which cannot be divided shall be awarded to the owner whose name appears first in the Certificate of Registration, lease or Syndicate as the case may be, unless the owners amicably agree otherwise;

3.1.4 two horses run a dead-heat for first place, all prizes to which the first and second horses would have been entitled, shall be divided equally between them, and the same principle shall be applied whatever the number of dead-heaters and whatever the place for which the dead-heat is run;

3.1.5 any money or prize due in respect of such horse may be withheld pending the result of the inquiry the Stipendiary Stewards shall-

3.1.5.1 institute an inquiry, the findings of which may affect the placing of a horse; or



3.1.5.2 take or are about to take any action which, in their opinion, may lead to such an inquiry.

3.1.6 For the purpose of calculating the value of races “won” outside Mauritius, the prevalent rates of exchange for the various currencies at the time of entry shall be valid.

3.1.7 If a race be never run or be void entrance money, stakes and forfeits shall be returned. A race may be declared void if no qualified horse covers the course according to the Rules.

#### **4. Rule 49.1 - Program of Vaccinations**

4.1 All horses shall be vaccinated by a Veterinarian Surgeon against any equine influenza between the dates of December and February of the following year unless otherwise directed by the Chairman of Stewards.

#### **5. Names and Rule 55.1.1 – Conditions for Change of Name of an Imported Horse**

5.1 In special circumstances, the name of an imported horse may be changed: -

5.1.1 with the permission of the Stipendiary Stewards and subject to such conditions as they think fit to imposed; and

5.1.2 subject to the approval of the Stud Book Department of the country where the horse was foaled.

5.2 No horse with a name similar to a previous Horse of the Year and/or classic winner in Mauritius shall be imported without the approval of the Stipendiary Stewards who may then decide, with the consent of the Stud Book Department of the country where the horse was foaled, whether to change or vary the name.



- 5.3 The Stipendiary Stewards may refuse to register any horse name it deems undesirable, for any reason.
- 5.4 The Stipendiary Stewards may cancel any horse's registered name for any reason it thinks fit.
- 5.5 Unless approved by the Stipendiary Stewards, a horse cannot be registered with the same name as any other horse previously registered in Mauritius until the later of:
- 5.5.1 15 years of the birth of the horse with the same name; or
  - 5.5.2 20 years after the birth of the youngest produce of the horse with the same name;
  - 5.5.3 They are the names of public person, without that person's or their family's permission or names of commercial significance without the appropriate permission;
  - 5.5.4 They are suggestive or have a vulgar, obscene or insulting meaning; names considered in poor taste or names that may be offensive to the religious, political or ethnic group;
  - 5.5.5 They are followed by numbers;
  - 5.5.6 They are made up entirely of initials or includes, figures, hyphens, full stops, comas, signs, exclamation marks, inverted comas, forward or back slash, colon and semi-colon;
  - 5.5.7 In pronunciation, they are identical or similar to a protected name or a name registered for a horse whose year of foaling is within ten years of the horse in question;



- 5.5.8 They have more than eighteen characters, including signs or spaces; and
  - 5.5.9 They start with any other sign than a letter. The HRD may refuse to accept Entries for races in respect of horses whose names do not confirm to the above provisions.
- 6. Rule 61.2 - Prescribed Forms for entries, declarations or forfeit, acceptance, non-acceptance and Scratching**

6.1 Entry Form



STABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRIES FOR RACE MEETING: \_\_\_\_\_

RACE NO	HORSE	GEAR	SILK COLOURS	OWNERS
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

Entry/ Entries is/are made by me and when accepted by the HRD, will be accepted subject to the Rules of Racing & Conditions of the HRD and the General Conditions published in the programme of the Meeting for which the entry/entries is/are made.

Name & Signature of Trainer:.....

Date:.....

Mezzanine Floor, Happy World House, Sir William Street, Port Louis  
Telephone No. (230) 214 9800 | Email: info@hrd.intnet.mu

6.2 Declaration form



Stable: ..... Declaration For Race Meeting: .....

RACE	Horses withdrawn on Veterinary Grounds
RACE 1	
RACE 2	
RACE 3	
RACE 4	
RACE 5	
RACE 6	
RACE 7	
RACE 8	
RACE 9	
RACE 10	

Race No	Horse	RP	Jockey	T: Twyblid	I: Infiltration	
					If Yes, Please specify	
1	1.					
	2.					
	3.					
2	1.					
	2.					
	3.					
3	1.					
	2.					
	3.					
4	1.					
	2.					
	3.					
5	1.					
	2.					
	3.					
6	1.					
	2.					
	3.					
7	1.					
	2.					
	3.					
8	1.					
	2.					
	3.					
9	1.					
	2.					
	3.					
10	1.					
	2.					
	3.					

RP: Where a horse has been entered and declared to run in more than one race, the trainer must declare his preference by adding 1 or 2 in the RP

Trainer's Name:.....

Signature:.....

Date:.....



**7. Rule 82.6 - Process for Determining the Payment of Keep Fee**

- 7.1 An Owner shall be liable to pay keep in proportion to his percentage of ownership unless a special agreement has been entered into and the terms of such special agreement has been approved by the HRC.