



TRACK WORK & TRAINING GUIDELINES

RACING SEASON 2024

TRACKS & TRAINING FACILITIES AT CHAMP DE MARS (CDM). The herein mentioned guidelines are **enforceable** by the Horse Racing Organiser {HRO}.

The tracks and the training facilities at CDM comprise of the following and all the training and racing facilities and they are **Right**-handed: -

1. Racing Turf Track
2. Sand Track
3. Trotting Track
4. Medical Officer
5. Fully Equipped Ambulance
6. Veterinary Surgeon
7. Horse Trailer
8. Flood Lights for Track

The Clerk of the Course and the Course Manager and any other person nominated by the HRO must ensure that all the facilities are in place and have been checked before opening of the course and that they are **absolutely safe** for the Horses and the Riders.

1. RACING TURF TRACK

- a. The racing turf track is right-handed and will be used only for the purposes of racing unless as provided under these guidelines and are **subject to the weather conditions**.
- b. The outer portion of the grass track will be available on all Tuesdays for the purpose of the barrier trials subject to such request made by the Trainers to the HRO by noon on previous Sunday, which must be published by the HRO by 12 noon on the following Monday, in consultation with the Stipendiary Stewards.
- c. Following categories of horses will be permitted for the barrier trials.
 - i. Horses on starting gates ban/ embargo list of the Stipendiary Stewards.
 - ii. Horses which have not raced in Mauritius.
 - iii. Horses using blinkers for the first time in Mauritius.
 - iv. Any horse which requires a Veterinary repass where in veterinary ban/embargo specifically requires a trial on the turf track.
- d. The outer portion of the turf track will be available for fast work only for the horses taking part in the Graded and Championship races scheduled for the following week at the discretion of the Stipendiary Stewards.
- e. There is only one exit to get off the grass track, at the 1000-metre post. Every possible measure must be taken in order not to interfere with other horses on the track. Horses

may only be worked outside the cones placed around the grass track. No horse will be allowed to work on the grass track without the approval of the Stipendiary Stewards.

2. **SAND TRACK**

- a. The training track in Port Louis is open on week days from 5.00a.m. to 8.30a.m. Whenever there is a race meeting scheduled on a Sunday, the sand track will be open on the Saturday preceding that race meeting from 5:00 am to 7:00 am.
- b. Track work will be carried out in clockwise direction ONLY. No more than 2 horses will be permitted to work abreast.
- c. Trotting is restricted to the trotting track only. Riders trotting their horses on the road or any other area are subject to sanctions and they do so at their own risk. Cantering is prohibited in the trotting track. The sole exit from the trotting track is near the 'Tombeau Malartic'. Riders can then reach the sand track through the shoot at the 900m gate. On leaving the trotting track, riders should direct their mounts to the left and leave way on their right for horses carrying on with their trotting.
- d. The sand track is reserved for cantering and fast work only. Slow work must be carried out at all times on the outside of the sand track while fast work must be done on the inside.
- e. On all trackwork days, the sand track shall be closed temporarily at 6.30 a.m. for harrowing the track.
- f. Jockeys and Trainers will be informed 10 minutes before the tractor will proceed onto the track by the sound of a siren. When the tractor is on the track, all gates are closed and all horses must be directed to the trotting track. No horse shall be allowed on the track before the beacon lamp is switched off and the siren is sounded again.
- g. In case of bad weather, the Clerk of the Course and Track Manager decide if the track must be harrowed.
- h. There are two exits to get off the sand track – first one is at the 800-metres post and second exit is at the 700-metres post, will be available for exit from the sand track & **shall not be used for ENTRY** on the sand track under any circumstances.
- i. **Both the EXIT shall be marked appropriately.**
- j. The gate at the 1300-metre post cannot be used as an exit gate from the sand track or from the trotting track
- k. There is **NO** RIGHT or LEFT TURN to EXIT at 1100M crossing from sand track.
- l. The 1100 metre crossing can only be used to **turn right** to proceed on the sand track when approaching from direction of 'Tombeau Malartic' or for the horses to the **cross** the sand track which are stabled on Shakespeare Street or below the public stand.

3. **BARRIER TRIALS**

- a. Barrier trials will normally be conducted on Tuesday mornings on the grass if the weather permits. In exceptional circumstances trials might be conducted on sand track. Trainers will be advised accordingly.
- b. Permission may be granted by the Stipendiary Stewards on recommendation of the Starter for schooling of unruly horses. Such permission will only be restricted for starting gates schooling on the sand track after track work on Thursdays.
- c. Barrier Trials will be carried out as from 6.30am. Trainers should respect the time and the batch they are programmed in. Failure to do so will result in their horses being left out of such intended trial.

- d. The jacket colours for the barrier trial must be used as published a day prior by the HRO. This is the responsibility of the trainers that their riders are in correct colours, any such breach must be reported by the Starter.
- e. Starter must ensure that all the barrier trials are governed by the same guidelines as followed by him on an actual race day.

4. **RIDING GEAR**

- a. All riders must be suitably attired, wearing proper track work riding boots and gear approved by the Stipendiary Stewards.
- b. Skull Caps must be fastened at all times.
- c. Wearing of a safety vest is compulsory.
- d. Safety vests must be zipped whilst riding.

5. **DISCIPLINE**

- a. The use of mobile phones, music devices and smoking whilst mounted is strictly prohibited.
- b. Jockeys, Apprentices and Track work Riders may be searched by the security staff or Police Officers at any given time during the track work on CDM. They may also be subjected to drug and alcohol testing.
- c. Riders must slow down their mounts to walk before arriving on the road in order to proceed to stables located at Shakespeare Street.
- d. Mounting and dismounting of horses, should be done as far as possible in the stable yards. For security reasons, riders are discouraged to dismount at any other place.
- e. Riders must always be dressed in proper riding and safety gear.

6. **SAFETY**

- a. The training tracks at CDM will automatically be closed upon a Class 2 (CI II) cyclone warning being in force in Mauritius.
- b. The presence of a loose horse on the track or racecourse will be signalled by a continuous alarm siren and flashing beacon till such horse is caught.
- c. Riders are required to produce a blood group certificate and proof of renewal of insurance before riding track work the first time during the racing season 2024.
- d. If either the grass track or the sand track is temporarily closed, riders must remain on the trotting track until permission is granted to leave.
- e. **Flood lights** around the tracks shall be provided for training of the horses till such time that adequate natural light is not present.
- f. If under any circumstances the tracks' lights are out of order, track work will start at daylight.
- g. Horses that are stabled, trained, raced, and treated are entirely at the risk of the Owners and Trainers. (The HRD/ HRO shall not be liable to any claim whatsoever.)
- h. For security reasons, more than **TWO HORSES** working side by side is forbidden on the sand track.

7. **SADDLE CLOTHS**

- a. A saddle cloth bearing the horse's name is compulsory for track work at CDM. Stable-provided saddle cloths must be of a design approved by the HRD. Horse names must be visible at all times.
- b. Failure to do so without prior permission shall be treated as a serious breach.

8. **PARKING**

- a. Port Louis - Shakespeare Street is a no parking zone during track work hours.
- b. The area used by horses for movement between CDM & Stables will be no parking zone.

9. **ENTRY & DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

- a. Only registered Owners will be granted access to the Stable yards. These Owners must wear their accreditation badge visibly at all times. Permission must be granted by the Security Manager to people accompanying Owners.
- b. Appropriate dress code is to be observed. Only fully closed shoes are permitted as foot wear for safety and hygiene reasons.
- c. Press represented by Racing Journalists are welcome and have access all public areas with display of their ID cards, however in case they want to visit any stable they must be accompanied by the concerned Trainer/ Assistant Trainer and the same must be informed to the Security Manager of such visit.

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