

THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB

PORT - LOUIS



MAURITIUS

CHAMP DE MARS

DIRECTIONS FOR SECURITY RACING SEASON 2020

S1. SECURITY

CCTV footage of common areas and yards is an extra service provided by the MTC. It does not in any way discharge trainers from their responsibilities regarding the security, supervision and control of their stable.

Horses nominated to race (residing at Floréal and other approved private centres) must arrive in Port Louis and be available to work on Thursday morning for a Saturday race meeting and for a weekend of racing (Saturday and Sunday) and on Friday morning for a standalone Sunday race meeting. Horses from unapproved centres must be on MTC premises a minimum of 30 days prior to declaration day unless the centre has been evaluated and a shorter time has been allocated to it.

A declared horse shall be under strict surveillance after it has been pre-race blood sampled. The trainer and the groom of each nominated horse shall place a lock of their own on the stable door. The MTC shall place a third lock. If a Trainer decides not to use his lock, his head-groom may use the lock or else the MTC will place a lock of its own. (Subject to change)

S2. INTEGRITY OF SAMPLE

Pre-race blood samples will be taken from declared runners as and when directed by the Administrators. Any horse being sampled shall be identified either by scanning of its microchip or by comparing its markings against its passport. Such samples are to be taken in the swab box facility and will be despatched to Quantilab forthwith.

Post-race urine/blood samples will be taken in the swab box facility and will be despatched to the Quantilab forthwith. The B sample (reference sample) will remain in the custody of the MTC until such time as required.

All the procedures stated above will be carried out under MTC CCTV camera.

Notwithstanding the above, pre-race or post-race urine samples may be taken at any time in a horse's respective stable upon the order of the Racing Stewards.

S3. GENERAL

- a) Any person entering any racing premises must not be in possession of any prohibited substance or syringe without official authorisation of the Racing Stewards.
- b) The MTC Security, Racing Stewards or anyone duly authorised by them may at any time search any stable yard, office and any premises under the control of the MTC and any person having access to any race horse registered on the MTC official list.
- c) The MTC Security or the Racing Stewards may at any time carry out routine checks and search any private centre which stable horses that are on the MTC official list of horses.
- d) New security measures may from time to time be implemented by the MTC and shall be communicated to all trainers. It shall be their duty to inform Stable members, their grooms and owners of such measures.
- e) The main gate of each Stable yard must remain closed at all times, except during training hours.
- f) At any time, samples of horse feed, hair, water, drugs, vitamins, bedding and/or nutrients may be taken for analysis.
- g) At any time, samples may be taken, in any centre from any horse that has been imported by the MTC.
- h) For security reasons, grooms are not allowed to travel in the horse float.
- i) The Chief Stipe, the Security Officer and/or the Clerk of the Course must be informed within 24 hours of any injury, major problem or the death of any registered horse, failing to do so will result in action being taken by the Racing Stewards.
- j) Any horse, which is on the MTC premises or in any private centre, must not leave such premises or centre unless the Security Officer has been informed. The Security Officer must be informed and must have approved any racehorse movement by private means. Any person found guilty under this Direction shall commit an offence and shall be liable to any penalties provided for under Rule 11 (d).
- k) Any change of groom when such groom is looking after a horse entered to race, must be recorded on a designated sheet provided by the MTC Security department, signed by the Head Groom, Groom, new Groom and Security Officer.
- l) Trainers should make arrangements for horses that come to gallop in Port Louis from other centres to leave Port Louis by 7.00 a.m. at latest on gallop days.

- m) No Owners will be allowed in the Stable Yard in the absence of the Trainer or the Assistant Trainer.
- n) No Owners will be allowed into the box of a carded runner until after the horse has run in a race.

S4. RACING

- a) Any person, who is not an Official or a Licensee of the MTC, entering a stable yard should be in possession of a visitor's pass, failing which action may be taken against him.
- b) Horses under surveillance must be locked by 9.00 a.m. in the morning and by 3.45 p.m. at latest in the afternoon.
- c) Where a horse is entered for competition, no person other than approved officials, trainers and grooms licensed by the Mauritius Turf Club, shall be allowed inside the horse's box.
- d) Approved vitamins and other nutrients to be used during the surveillance period must be fully sealed, labelled, their contents fully described and their use identified. The substances must be placed in the security storeroom before surveillance commences. Once surveillance has commenced, no new substances can be added in the security storeroom, unless approved by the Security Officer. Any amendments to this list must have prior approval of the Security Officer after consultation with the MTC designated Veterinary Surgeon.
- e) Treatments for vitamins and/or nutrients must remain consistent throughout the season. Major deviations must be reported to the Security Officer and the MTC designated Veterinary Surgeon.
- f) Deadline for administration of nutrients and vitamins is 3.45 p.m. on the eve of a race meeting, paste and oral administrations 9.00 a.m. on the eve of a race meeting. However, anti-bleeding treatment consisting of "Twyblid", if prescribed by a MTC licensed Veterinary Surgeon. Such treatment shall remain consistent throughout the season.
- g) Any product placed in the store room or in the Stable premises may be tested at any time.
- h) Last application of ice under any form should be done at latest at 9.00 a.m. on the day of the race.
- i) Vibratory massage systems may be used by latest 9.00 a.m. on the morning of the race day.
- j) All veterinary treatments on declared runners must cease by 10 a.m. on declaration day. Lasix (Furosemide) under any form that is authorized for use on officially

declared and suspected bleeders by latest Wednesday for Saturday and/or double meeting and Thursday for Sunday race meeting.

- k) The weight of all horses whose names appear on the race card will be taken before they exercise on the eve of the race day.

S5. VETERINARY TREATMENT

- a) In relation to horses entered to race, the deadline for any intra-articular and phenylbutazone preparation is the previous Friday (8 days prior) for Saturday and double meeting and Saturday for standalone Sunday race meeting. (Rule 80 B of the MTC Rules of racing refers)
- b) No person other than MTC approved and registered Veterinary Surgeons shall administer any medicine or substances to a horse other than what is considered to form part of the normal diet of a horse, except in life threatening situations. (Rule 80 A of the MTC Rules of racing refers)
- c) All approved substances, new and partly used, must be securely stored by the trainer.

Unapproved substances must not be kept on stable premises.

- d) All treatments conducted at private centres must be reported by the attending Veterinary Surgeon to the Club Security Service within 48 hours for record completion. The veterinary treatment register must be signed by the Veterinary Surgeon, the groom and the person authorizing the treatment.
- e) All substances used must be approved by the attending Veterinary Surgeon and certified to be properly sealed and labelled.
- f) Veterinary inspections of horses entered to race may be made during working hours. The observations of the Veterinary Surgeon must be noted and signed at the back of the form provided by the Security officer. However, arrangements will be made in exceptional circumstances when Veterinary Inspections are needed after working hours.
- g) All medication and nutritional supplements for administration to racehorses must be in conformity with the provisions of the Pharmaceutical Act prior to being considered for approval by the MTC designated Veterinary Surgeon. Copies of the respective importation permits for any products introduced from other countries must be kept on file and be available for inspection at any time. Non-compliance with the foregoing might lead to sanctions under Rule 11 (d) of the MTC Rules of racing.
- h) Elective tests may be requested at the expense of the Stable concerned. Completed application forms must be submitted to the Security Officer in order for results to be available before declarations. Applications for elective tests will close

at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays for Saturday meetings and/or double meeting and at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays for Sunday meetings.

- i) No visiting Veterinary Surgeon or other horse specialist may attend or treat any race horse registered with the MTC unless s/he has been authorized by the MTC and has made the Veterinary Council aware.
- j) Emergency treatments during surveillance may only be administered with the consent of the MTC Official Veterinary Surgeon and the Chief Stipendiary Steward.
- k) Veterinary treatment is to be given during grooms' working hours (except race days and Sundays). Every treatment is to be done in the presence of the MTC security officer and of the groom concerned. All substances used must be unadulterated, sealed, properly labelled and shown to the groom and the security officer for the exact recording thereof in the approved MTC triplicate book.
- l) Acupuncture and mesotherapy cannot be performed on horses that are under strict surveillance.

S6. FLORÉAL

- a) The main gate should be closed by 10.30 a.m. and by 4 p.m.
- b) No Owners will be allowed in the restricted areas of the training centre in the absence of the Trainer or the Assistant Trainer.
- c) The Head Groom should ensure that before he leaves the yard:
 - all horses have been fed;
 - all padlocks are properly secured;
 - all grooms, when they have finished work, either stay in their respective yards or vacate the training centre. NO groom shall be allowed to stay in the yard after working hours except when performing extra duties, i.e. veterinary treatments, gallops, farrier etc.
- d) No one other than the groom and head groom of a horse being treated in the Veterinary treatment rooms will be allowed near the treatment room.

S7. OFFICIAL RACEDAY DUTIES OF THE VETERINARY SURGEON DULY APPOINTED BY THE ADMINISTRATORS

- a) Collection of pre-race, post-race blood for analysis.
- b) Monitoring the health & Security of horses at all times.
- c) Examination of doubtful horses on day of declarations.
- d) Attending the starting stalls to monitor the safety & Security of horses and decide upon horses' suitability to race.
- e) Examination post-race of all runners to detect injuries and conditions that may have affected their racing performance and report to the Racing Stewards.

S7.1 CONDITIONS TO BE ASSESSED BY THE VETERINARY SURGEON WITH REGARD TO THE SUITABILITY OF A HORSE TO RACE

- a) Will racing exacerbate any pre-racing injury, condition?
- b) Will the injury, condition affect the racing performance?
- c) Will the injury, condition endanger the safety and welfare of the horse or jockey?

S7.2 VET DECISION MAKING AT THE STARTING STALLS

- a) Sometimes, decision making at the starting stalls has to be performed under difficult conditions and under tight time constraint.
- b) When, upon examination, the Veterinary Surgeon is of the opinion that a horse, after an incident in the stalls, is unfit to race, s/he will recommend to the Racing Stewards that the horse be withdrawn.
- c) The Veterinary Surgeon will generally adopt a conservative approach when assessing the suitability of a horse to race following an incident in the stalls.

S7.3 POST RACE INSPECTION

- a) The Racing Stewards may request an extensive veterinary examination to be performed on specific horses.
- b) In cases of lameness or illness only becoming apparent 1 or 2 days after racing, trainers are expected to report to the Chief Stipe or Veterinary Surgeon any condition detected in the horse under their custody that might have affected its performance.
- c) OVE: From time to time an Official Veterinary Examination of a horse shall be ordered. Please find an explanation in the annexed form on OVE's.

The following laboratories which are all 150/1EC/17025 accredited have been designated by the Club for the purposes of "B" sample analysis pursuant to Rule 200 of the Rules of Racing:

- (i) Hong Kong Jockey Club Racing Laboratory
- (ii) LCH « Laboratoire des courses hippiques, Paris ».

For any matter on security that is not covered in this document, please contact the undersigned.



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25 June 2020

THE OFFICIAL VETERINARY EXAMINATION

1. When is an Official Veterinary Examination required for a racehorse?

An OVE is issued by the Chief Stipendiary Steward or the Chief Veterinary Surgeon whenever:

A horse returns an unacceptable racing performance attributable to a veterinary problem.

A significant veterinary problem is diagnosed during a post-race examination.

The Chief Veterinary Surgeon is advised by the stable Veterinary surgeon of the diagnosis of a significant injury or medical condition in a horse.

2. Why are Official Veterinary Examinations requested?

- Unacceptable racing performances are investigated so that any veterinary problem may be identified to explain the poor performance.
- A horse suffering from a condition that may impact on its racing performance is investigated, treated and demonstrates its suitability to race satisfactorily.

3. What is the procedure for conducting an OVE?

- a) The Trainer of the horse is notified that his horse requires an OVE.
- b) Examination of the horse by the Club Veterinary Surgeon, the stable vet and the Trainer or his representative.
- c) Following the first OVE and according to the findings, a management plan is worked out for the horse by the trainer & stable vet, in consultation with the Club Vet.
- d) When the horse is fit to race again, the trainer or his representative will arrange for the horse to undergo another OVE.
- e) Prior to conducting the OVE, the Chief Vet will review the horse's treatment records and observe the latter during a gallop or barrier trial.
- f) If a horse passes the second OVE, it may enter a race. If it fails the examination, it will be referred to the trainer and stable vet for further treatment.

COMMON VETERINARY CONDITIONS THAT MAY BE MENTIONED IN STIPES REPORTS.

LAMENESS

'Not striding out freely':

Usually indicates low-grade lameness apparent under the pressure of galloping but often not apparent in trotting, Terms often used by jockeys.

'Scratchy Action':

Lame. stiff and uneven in its action: Terms often used by jockeys.

'Stiff':

It is often associated with muscle soreness or generalized arthritic frequently changes in older horses.

'Jarred Up':

Often associated with painful joint & inflammation problem which may resolve in a few days.

'Lame':

When a horse obviously favours a leg which implies more significant injury.

RESPIRATORY DISORDERS**Mucopus**

A common post-race finding. Usually implies an infection of the upper airway.

Bleeding

Exercise induced pulmonary haemorrhage.

"Roarers "

Due to paralysis of a structure of the larynx.

Soft Palate Conditions

Condition that occurs in the upper airway by which horses are deprived of air causing them to lack air and stop. Often reported by Jockeys as "choked down in running".

Heart Irregularities

The commonest arrhythmias. (no rhythm to the heart beat). It causes a poor racing performance.

Sub clinical Infections

The signs of infection are mild and difficult to detect. These infections can have significant effect on racing performance.