

THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB

PORT – LOUIS



MAURITIUS

CHAMP DE MARS

DIRECTIONS FOR TRACKWORK

RACING SEASON 2020

1. TRACKS

SAND TRACK

- 1.1 The training track in Port Louis is open on week days from 5.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. Whenever there is a race meeting scheduled on a Sunday, the track will be open on the Saturday preceding that race meeting from 5:00 am to 7:30 am.
- 1.2 Track work will be carried out clockwise. Horses of a stubborn or unruly nature must be worked at the end of the session and may be granted permission to work anticlockwise.
- 1.3 Trotting is restricted to the set trotting track. Riders trotting their horses on the road 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 trot.
- 1.4 The sand track is reserved for cantering and fast work. 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. Except on Mondays, the sand track shall be closed temporarily at 6.00 a.m. for harrowing. Jockeys and Trainers are 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. In case of bad weather, the Track Manager decides if the track must be harrowed.
- 1.5 There are two exits to get off the sand track -

At the 800-metre post and through the YMFA football ground in the middle of the racecourse to get to the 1000-metre gate.

At the 700-metre post and along a new walkway leading to the YMFA football ground

in the middle of the racecourse to get to the 1000-metre gate.

Please note that for safety reasons, the gate at the 1300-metre post cannot be used as an exit gate from the sand track or from the trotting track, unless a special permission is granted by the Stewards for an unruly horse.

- 1.6 For security reasons, any rider failing to stop his mount by the gate near the 1950-metre post must not trot back to reach that gate, but must canter round back to the 800-metre gate in a clockwise direction.

800-metre gate: The limit is the 2050-metre post.

700-metre gate: The limit is the 1950-metre post.

When working in an anticlockwise direction, riders should not exceed the following limits:

700-metre gate: the limit is the 800-metre post

800-metre gate: the limit is the 800-metre post

1000m gate: the limit is the 1000-metre post

GRASS TRACK

There is only one exit off the grass track, at the 1000-metre post.

Every possible measure must be taken in order not to interfere with other runners 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 Racing Stewards.

2. BARRIER TRIALS

- 2.1 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. Trials are restricted to horses (i) that have not raced in Mauritius, (ii) seeking permission to race in blinkers for the first time in Mauritius, (iii) clearing a vet embargo, (iv) authorized by the Racing Stewards upon their trainers showing cause. Those horses will be restricted to ONE trial, unless a REPASS notice is ordered by the Chief Handler or a special permission is obtained or directed by the Racing Stewards.

Entries for barrier trials will close at NOON the day preceding the Trials.

- 2.3 Permission may be granted by the Racing Stewards or the Starter for schooling of unruly horses in the starting gates after Barrier Trials.
- 2.4 Barrier Trials will be carried out as from 6am.
Trainers should respect the time and the batch they are programmed in. Failure to do

so will result in their horses being left behind.

3. RIDING GEAR

- 3.1 A saddle cloth bearing the horse's name is compulsory for track work in Port Louis and Floréal. Stable-provided saddle cloths must be of a design approved by the MTC. Horse names must be visible at all times.
- 3.2 All riders must be suitably attired, wearing proper track work riding boots and gear approved by the Racing Stewards.
- 3.3 Skull Caps must be fastened at all times.
- 3.4 Wearing of a safety vest is compulsory.
- 3.5 Safety vests must be zipped whilst riding.
- 3.6 Advertisement on breeches and/or jackets must be approved and any required fees must be paid.

4. DISCIPLINE

- 4.1 The use of mobile phones, music devices and smoking whilst mounting is strictly prohibited.
- 4.2 Eating and drinking are prohibited in the paddock.
- 4.3 Jockeys, Apprentices and Track work Riders may be searched by the security staff or Police Officers at all times. They may also be subjected to drug and alcohol testing.
- 4.4 Riders must slow down their mounts to walk before arriving on the road to enter the tunnel leading to the paddock.
- 4.5 Mounting and dismounting of horses, should be done as far as possible in the stable yards. For security reasons, riders are not allowed to dismount in the paddock.
- 4.6 Riders must always be properly dressed, fancy jeans not allowed and T-shirts must always be fitted inside the breeches.
- 4.7 All Riders must sign the DAILY PRESENCE SHEET and write down their Time In and Time Out.
- 4.8 All Riders must attend track work at least 4 times a week excluding race days, unless permission is given by the Racing Stewards or their respective trainers to take a day off. Riders are to inform the Racing Stewards in case they cannot attend trackwork for any reason.

5. SAFETY

- 5.1 The training tracks at Port Louis and Floréal will automatically be closed upon a cyclone warning CLASS TWO being in force in Mauritius.
- 5.2 The presence of a loose horse on the track or racecourse will be signaled by an alarm siren and flashing beacon lamp (Girophare) placed on the top of the grand stand.
- 5.3 Riders are required to produce a blood group certificate and proof of renewal of insurance before riding track work the first time.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 If the tracks' lightning is out of order, track work will start at daylight.
- 5.6 Jewelry must not be worn during track work.
- 5.7 Horses are stabled, trained, raced, and treated on the premises of the MTC entirely at the risk of the Owners and Trainers. The Club shall not be liable to any claim whatsoever.
- 5.8 Stirrup leather, girth leather, leather reins, surcingle as well as leather bridles are not allowed to be used during track work and in races.
- 5.9 For security reasons, three horses working side by side is forbidden.

6. PARKING

- 6.1 **Port Louis**
Shakespeare Street is a no parking zone during track work hours. Parking is available in the members parking area where MTC staff will be posted from 5h00 a.m. Parking inside the stand is restricted to Officials and Employees.
- 6.2 **Floréal**
Parking on the premises is reserved for Officials and Trainers.

7. ENTRY & DRESS REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1 Only registered Owners will be granted access to the Stable yards, the paddock the Club's stand and premises. These Owners must wear their accreditation badge ostensibly at all times. Permission must be granted by the Security Manager to people accompanying Owners.
- 7.2 Appropriate dress code is to be observed. Pants and shoes are compulsory to be allowed in the paddock.

8. TRACKWORK AT FLOREAL

- 8.1 The Training track at Floréal is open from Monday to Saturday from 6 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. in. MTC staff will dictate for either clockwise or anticlockwise track work to be carried out.
- 8.2 Except for Mondays, the track shall be closed temporarily at 8.45 a.m. for harrowing. Jockeys and Trainers are going to be informed 10 minutes before the tractor will proceed onto the track by the sound of a siren.
- 8.3 Fast work is prohibited (Recommended time for a lap: not less than 70 secs).
- 8.4 Working of horses side by side is prohibited.
- 8.5 Wearing of a fluorescent jacket by inexperienced riders is compulsory.
- 8.6 Trotting and hack canter are restricted in the 'Manège' either clockwise or anti clockwise.
- 8.7 Access to the middle of the training track is restricted to Officials, Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Stable Supervisors and Riders only.
- 8.8 Owing to climatic conditions, the sand track may be closed while the trotting track remains available.
- 8.9 Owners are not allowed in the Stable yards unless in the presence of their Trainers or of a representative of the Trainer or permission has been obtained from the Training Centre Manager.



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