

THE MAURITIUS TURF CLUB

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MAURITIUS

CHAMP DE MARS

TO: **JOCKEYS, APPRENTICES AND TRAINERS**

SEASON 2021

FROM: RACING STEWARDS

GUIDELINES FOR BODY PROTECTORS AND WHIPS – RACE RIDING AND TRACK WORK

1. BODY PROTECTORS

It will become compulsory for all riders to only utilise the Body Protectors approved by the Racing Stewards that meet one of the standards below. Failure to do so will be an offence in terms of the Rules of The Mauritius Turf Club

(BS) EN 13158:2000 or 2009 standard; or

SATRA Jockey vest Document M6 Issue 3; or

ARB Standard 1.1998

For ease of reference, listed below are a few suppliers who carry a stock of Body Protectors/vests which meet the approved standards.

Vipa, Racesafe, Zilco Racelite, some models of Excalibur, Jack Ellis, Equinno and Airowear

Please note, that in order to be considered an approved Body Protector/vest, the manufacturer's label stating that it meets one of the above standards must remain attached. Furthermore, there must be no alterations to the manufacturer's original. Body protectors without the manufacturer's label and/or body protectors which have been altered, may be confiscated by the Stipendiary Stewards.

Penalties will be imposed for any use of any unapproved or modified Body Protector.

2. WHIPS:

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

- (i) the maximum length allowed for a whip is 68 centimetres;
- (ii) the minimum diameter for a whip is 1 centimetre;
- (iii) the overall weight of a whip may not exceed 160 grams;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) there must be no binding within 17 centimetres of the end of the paddle/shaft;
- (vi) only padded/shock absorbing whips which have not been modified in any way may be carried by a rider at any time.

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