

MTC SPORTS AND LEISURE LTD

PORT-LOUIS



MAURITIUS

CONDITIONS FOR FEATURE RACES

2021 RACING SEASON

A. Application of these Conditions

1. These conditions apply to Feature Races, as defined below.

B. Definitions

2. In these conditions -
 - (i) "3-year-old Championship Races" means the races mentioned in paragraph 16 below;
 - (ii) "4-year-old Championship Races" means the races mentioned in paragraph 20 below;
 - (iii) "Championship Races" means, together, 3-year-old Championship Races and 4-year-old Championship Races;
 - (iv) "Feature Races" means, together, the Group Races and the Championship Races;
 - (v) "GRA" means the Gambling Regulatory Authority;
 - (vi) "Group 1 races" means the races mentioned in paragraph 3 below;
 - (vii) "Group 2 races" means the races mentioned in paragraph 4 below;
 - (viii) "Group 3 races" means the races mentioned in paragraph 5 below;
 - (ix) "Group Races" means, together, Group 1 Races, Group 2 Races and Group 3 Races;
 - (x) "MTC SL" means MTC Sports and Leisure Ltd; and
 - (xi) "WFA Group Races" means, together, Group 1 Races and the Duchess of York Cup.

C. The Group Races

3. The following will be Group 1 Races: the Barbé Cup (over 1600m), the Maiden Cup (over 2,400m), the Duke of York Cup (over 1600m), the Princess Margaret Cup (over 1400m) and the Mauritius Derby (over 1850m).
4. The following will be Group 2 Races: The Duchess of York Cup (over 1400m), the Golden Trophy (over 2,200m), the Colonel Draper Cup (over 1500m), the Mauritius

Guineas Cup (over 1600m), The Bicentenary Cup (over 1500m), The Lightning Cup (over 990m) and La Coupe des Presidents (over 2,100m).

5. The following will be Group 3 Races: La Coupe du Cent Cinquantenaire (over 1500m), the Winter Stakes (over 1850m), the Derby Trial Cup (over 1400m), The Noble Salute Cup (over 990m), The Hinterland Cup (over 1400m) and the 175th Anniversary Cup (over 1850m).

D. General Conditions

6. The merit rating thresholds for open group races will be as set out in the GRA directions. It is noted that the following races are not 'open group races': (i) Championship Races; and (ii) the Duchess of York Cup.
7. The top weight in all Feature Races will be 61kgs, except that –
 - (i) the WFA Group Races will be run at weight-for-age; and
 - (ii) the top weight for 3-year-old Championship Races will be 60 kgs.
8. Except for WFA Group Races, the minimum weight in all Feature Races will be 52kgs. For handicap purposes, horses with the following minimum merit rating will be set to carry the minimum weight -
 - (i) in 3-year-old Championship Races: 30; and
 - (ii) in 4-year-old Championship Races: 40.
9. No riders' allowance will be claimed in Feature Races.
10. Priority in the starting stalls in Group Races will be strictly in the order of the merit rating of the horses qualified to run. If two or more horses have the same merit rating, priority will be given to the horse which has the lower draw.

E. The Duchess of York Cup

11. Subject to paragraph 12, the Duchess of York Cup is restricted to horses which have not raced in Mauritius prior to the 2021 season.
12. If, for any reason, the Duchess of York Cup is run in or after the 4th meeting of the 2021 season, a horse which has run in Mauritius in any preceding meeting of the 2021 season but has not raced in Mauritius prior to the 2021 season may participate in the Duchess of York Cup.
13. No rating threshold shall apply to the Duchess of York Cup.

F. The Golden Trophy

14. Horses are required to have won or have been placed (2nd, 3rd or 4th) over 1600m or further on or after 28 February 2019 to qualify to run in the Golden Trophy.

G. The Maiden Cup

15. Without prejudice to the merit rating qualification thresholds set out in the GRA directions, only the following horses will qualify to run in the Maiden Cup -
- (i) all horses that have won or been placed (2nd, 3rd or 4th) in Mauritius on 1850m or further after 28 February 2019 in a Group Race, a race with a merit rating of 50 or more or a race of Benchmark 61 or higher; and
 - (ii) all horses that have not raced in Mauritius before 01 January 2021 must have qualified under paragraph (i) above in a race in Mauritius during the 2021 season and/or must have won or been placed (2nd, 3rd or 4th) outside Mauritius over 1800m or further after 31 December 2019 in a group race, a listed race or a race with a merit rating benchmark of 90 or more.

H. 3-year-old Championship Races

16. The series will comprise of 3 handicap races which will be run over 990m, 1400m and 1600m respectively.
17. The 3-year-old Championship Races are restricted to horses which are aged 3 on 31 July 2021.
18. The 3-year-old Championship Races will be reserved to horses with a merit rating of at least 25.
19. Priority for participation in the 3-year-old Championship Races will be as follows:
- (i) the merit rating of the declared horses and the 1 runner per trainer principle shall be considered;
 - (ii) a trainer may declare a horse that is not his declared horse with the highest merit rating to fill an available place in the field, provided that, if he does so, every horse with a higher merit rating than the declared horse shall forfeit its priority;
 - (iii) after each trainer has one runner declared and accepted, all remaining places will be filled strictly in order of merit rating without applying the second runner per trainer principle; and
 - (iv) in the application of the criteria above, where two or more horses have the same merit rating, priority will be given to the horse which has the lower draw.

For the avoidance of doubt, the balloting conditions set out in the Directions for Racing will not apply to the 3-year-old Championship Races.

I. 4-year-old Championship Races

20. The series shall comprise of 3 races, namely:
 - (i) the Derby Trial Cup;
 - (ii) the Mauritius Guineas Cup; and
 - (iii) the Mauritius Derby.
21. The 4-year-old Championship Races are restricted to horses which are aged 4 on 31 July 2021.
22. The 4-year-old Championship Races will be reserved to horses with a merit rating of at least 35.

J. Amendments

23. Although the MTCSL will use its reasonable endeavours not to alter these conditions, unforeseen circumstances may warrant changes in the MTCSL's absolute discretion, but subject to the authorisation of the GRA. Any proposed change to a condition which applies to a Feature Race will be communicated to Trainers in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting on which that Feature Race will be run.
24. These conditions are subject at all times to directions made by the GRA under the applicable laws. In case of any conflict between these conditions and the GRA directions, the GRA directions will prevail.

Date: 17th March 2021