

MTC SPORTS AND LEISURE LTD

PORT-LOUIS



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DIRECTIONS FOR SECURITY - RACING SEASON 2021

S1. SECURITY

Whilst the MTC Sports and Leisure (MTCSL) provides closed circuit vision in yards and perimeter control, including surveillance, it does not in any way discharge trainers from their responsibilities regarding the security, supervision and control of their stables.

“**Perimeter Control**” means the perimeter surveillance which will apply to surveillance for horses that have been carded to run in a race meeting. This perimeter surveillance will be in place from immediately after the carded horses have been tested for banned substances until all horses have participated in their respective races.

The perimeter Control shall include:

- 24-hour CCTV camera surveillance of common areas and access points to yards.
- 24-hour security monitoring of the CCTV camera surveillance by surveillance personnel.
- At least 2 security officers to patrol the perimeter of the stabling complex and common areas.
- MTCSL will enter into a contract with an independent security company to provide security back up in the event of an emergency or where a transgression of the rules of racing is suspected.

Horses nominated to race (stabled at Floréal and other approved private centres) must arrive in Port Louis and be available for trackwork on Thursday morning for a Saturday race meeting and for a weekend of racing (Saturday and Sunday). For a standalone Sunday race meeting horses should arrive in Port Louis on a Friday morning.

Horses from unapproved centres must be on MTCSL premises for a minimum of 30 days prior to declaration day unless the centre has been evaluated and a shorter time period has been approved by MTCSL.

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 that shall consist of **Sample A** and **Sample B** are to be taken in the swab box facility. Sample A will be despatched to Quantilab forthwith.

Post-race urine/blood samples will be taken in the swab box facility by a MTCSL licensed Veterinarian and will be despatched to Quantilab for testing forthwith.

The B sample (reference sample) will remain in the custody of MTCSL until such time as it is no longer required.

All the procedures stated above will be carried out under MTCSL CCTV camera surveillance or in the presence of MTCSL officials.

Notwithstanding the above, pre-race or post-race urine samples may be taken at any time in a horse's stable by 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 from the Racing Stewards.
- b) The MTCSL 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 MTCSL and any person having access to any race horse registered on the MTCSL official list.
- c) The MTCSL 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 MTCSL official list of horses.
- d) New security measures may from time to time be implemented by the MTCSL and shall be communicated to all trainers. It shall be the trainer's 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 blood, urine, saliva, feed, hair, water, drugs, vitamins, bedding and/or nutrients may be taken for analysis. (MTCSL Rule 254).
- g) At any time, samples may be taken, in any centre from any horse that has been imported by MTCSL.
- h) For security reasons, grooms are not allowed to travel in horse floats.
- i) The Chief Stip, the MTCSL Veterinarian, 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 MTCSL premises or in any private centre, must not leave such premises or centre unless the Security Officer has been informed. 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 MTCSL 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 MTCSL, entering a stable yard shall be under the responsibility of the trainer or his designated representative.
- b) Where a horse is entered for competition, no person other than approved officials, trainers and the groom of the horse licensed by MTCSL, shall be allowed inside the horse's box.
- c) Treatments for vitamins and/or nutrients must remain consistent throughout the season. Major deviations must be reported to the Security Officer and the MTCSL designated Veterinary Surgeon.
- d) Deadline for the administration of nutrients and vitamins is 3.45 p.m. on the eve of a race meeting. Paste and oral administrations may take place up until 9.00 a.m. on the eve of a race meeting. However, anti-bleeding treatment consisting of "Twyblid", if prescribed by a MTCSL licensed Veterinary Surgeon may be administered before 9 a.m. on a race day. Such treatment shall remain consistent throughout the season.
- e) Any product in the Stable premises may be tested at any time.
- f) Last application of ice in any form should be done at latest at 9.00 a.m. on the day of the race.
- g) Vibratory massage systems may be used by latest 9.00 a.m. on the morning of the race day.
- h) All veterinary treatments on declared runners must cease by 10 a.m. on declaration day. Lasix (Furosemide) in any form that is authorized for use on officially declared and suspected bleeders may be administered by latest Wednesday for Saturday and/or double meeting and Thursday for Sunday race meeting.
- i) 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 a minimum of 8 days prior to racing unless otherwise advised by the Course Veterinary Surgeon.
- b) No person other than MTCSL 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 119 of the MTCSL Rules of racing refers)
- c) All approved substances, new and partly used, must be securely stored by the trainer. Unapproved substances shall not be kept on stable premises.
- d) All treatments conducted at private centres must be reported by the attending Veterinary Surgeon to the MTCSL 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 conform with the provisions of the Pharmaceutical Act prior to being considered for approval by the MTCSL designated Veterinary Surgeon.
- 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 MTCSL unless s/he has been authorized by MTCSL and has made the Veterinary Council aware.
- j) Emergency treatments may only be administered with the consent of the MTCSL 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 MTCSL 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 MTCSL triplicate book.

- l) Acupuncture and mesotherapy cannot be performed on horses on the eve or day of the race that they are to participate in.

S6. FLORÉAL

- a) The main gate to the training centre should be closed by 10.30 a.m. and by 4 p.m.
- b) No person 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 & welfare of horses at all times.
- c) Examination of doubtful horses on day of declarations.
- d) Attending the starting stalls on a race day to monitor the safety & welfare 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 constraints.

- 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 where lameness or illness becomes apparent 1 or 2 days after racing, trainers are expected to report this condition in the horse in their custody, that might have affected its performance, to the Chief Stipe or Veterinary Surgeon.
- c) From time to time an Official Veterinary Examination (OVE) 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 MTCSL for the purposes of "B" sample analysis pursuant to Rule 244 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.

In the event of any conflict, the GRA Act and/or the GRA Directions will take precedence over the MTCSL Security Directions.

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