

BARBADOS TURF CLUB

REGULATIONS

(As revised November 2015)

- 1 All races are run under Rules of Racing (as revised July 2001 and as further amended) and Regulations of the Barbados Turf Club.
- 2 Unless specifically provided in the Conditions of a race, in weight for age races mares and fillies allowed 5lbs when meeting colts, horses and geldings; maidens allowed 7lbs when meeting winners Rule 82. In every race there must be a horse or horses that shall carry the full weight for age, except in the case of a mare or filly which shall be entitled to 5lbs. when meeting colts and geldings.
- 3 In handicap races no horse shall be allotted less than 110lbs., nor more than 145lbs.
- 4 (1) Subject to Regulation 1 (a) below where a race receives seven or less entries, the Stewards may declare the race null and void, or cause a new race to be framed in place thereof.
 - (a) In the event that the race be for horses with a handicap rating of 115 or above, the number of entries referred to in Regulation 4 (1) shall be six or less, however the Stewards shall not declare such race to be null and void unless the matter has first been referred to the Directors.
- (2) In the event of a race being made null and void pursuant to Regulation 4 (1), or 4 (1)(a) any of the horses that have properly taken entry for that race, may take entry in any other race on the programme for which the horse is eligible. Such entry must be received by 3.00p.m. on the same day on which the race has been declared null and void and must comply with all other conditions for entries, unless the Stewards state otherwise.
- 5 (1) The owners or authorized agent of any horse eliminated from the declared list of starters will be refunded that cost of entry including jockey insurance.
 - (2) In the event of a 'walk over', only half of the first prize money will be paid to the winner.
- 6 No horse shall run in more than one race on any race day. (Rule 36)

7 Declaration of Starters and Splitting of Races

(1) (a) In all races, declaration must be made at the Registry Office by 10.00a.m. two days prior to the scheduled day of the race, or at such other time and date as the Stewards may prescribe. Provided, however, that in any race where there are 20 or more entries, the Stewards, with the approval of the Directors may instruct, that the race be split. When splitting the race into two divisions :-

(aa) Any owner with two or more horses declared to start in a race that is to be split will be offered the opportunity by drawn lot to have a declared starter (s) in each section.

(bb) Any trainer with two or more horses declared to start in a race that is to be split will be offered the opportunity by drawn lot to have a declared starter (s) in each section.

(cc) Reserves will be determined for each section after the split has been completed.

(dd) Reserves which have been determined in accordance with the Regulations relating to "Elimination of Excess Entries" (Regulation 8) or in accordance with the conditions of the particular race as the case may be, and have been ranked and numbered in the usual manner, will be eligible according to their rank and number to fill vacancies in either of the split races in the order in which such vacancies arise.

(1) (a)(i) In all races, declaration of jockeys/apprentices must be made at the declaration office by 10.00a.m. on the day fixed for declaration to run or at such time and date as the Stewards may prescribe. The declaration of jockey/apprentice shall be accompanied by the prescribed fees and an engagement/retainer form which must be signed by a jockey or his agent and the trainer/owner authorized or registered agent and shall state the body weight at which the jockey contracts to ride (Rule 50 (c)(i)) (as amended July 30, 2013).

(1) (a)(ii) In any race where a horse is a reserve a rider need not be declared until such time as the horse becomes an assured runner. At this time the rider must be declared as soon as possible and the engagement/retainer form submitted to the registry office at the time of such declaration. If the Stewards consider that there has been any unreasonable delay in declaring a rider and submitting the engagement/retainer form they may deem the horse a non-starter.

(1) (a)(iii) No jockey/apprentice may be changed without the permission of the Stewards after 10.00a.m. or at such time as the Stewards may prescribe on the day fixed for declaration to run. As a condition of entry, the owners of all horses entered agree that in the event of a jockey/apprentice not having been declared by the aforesaid time and the engagement/retainer form not submitted the horse shall be deemed a non-starter.

(1) (b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Regulation 7 (1)(a) in the event of the postponement of the scheduled day of the race by Stewards, then the original declarations shall be void and new declarations must be made at the Registry Office by 10.00a.m. two days prior to the rescheduled day of the race and all other provisions of Regulation 7 (1)(a) shall apply to the said rescheduled day, unless the Stewards shall otherwise determine.

(2) Horses which are selected as reserves must be kept in readiness until one hour before the post time for the first race on the day. If a reserve does not get into a race by determined hour prior to the post time of the first race on the day it will automatically be scratched. The trainer shall be responsible for ascertaining whether his horse is to run from the Registry Office.

(3) At the time of declaration the use of blinkers, hood, visors, eye cover, eye shield, tongue strap, nasal dilator, cheek pieces or such other equipment as may from time to time be determined by the Stewards must be stated on the declaration sheet.

“Cheek pieces” means two strips of sheepskin or other similar material or devise which is attached to the cheek pieces of the bridle.

(4) A horse may be declared in more than one race on any day, but the order of preference shall be stated at the time of declaration to run and shall be binding: (e.g. preference 1, preference 2, preference 3 etc). In the event that the horse is eliminated from its first preference on the day of declaration, it shall be given a reserve number and if by 8.30 a.m. on the day of the race, it has not become eligible to race in its first preference, it shall race in its second stated preference, and so on.

8 **Elimination of Excess entries**

Where more than 12 horses are eligible for a race the following procedures for elimination shall apply to such races as stated below:-

1.1 **Applies to Maiden, Condition, Allotted, Weight for Age, (except where the conditions of the race stipulate an elimination procedure) and other Non-Handicap races.**

Elimination shall occur in the following sequence:

- (i) Horses with the least number of points having regard to its performance in its last three starts (based on Table X below) shall be eliminated first sequentially in ascending order.
- (ii) Where it is necessary to eliminate some but not all horses on the same number of points, random balloting (e.g. drawn lot) shall apply.

TABLE X		
Win	-	4 points
Second	-	2 points
Third	-	1 point
Fourth	-	½ point

1.2 **Protection from Elimination**

In the category of races mentioned in paragraph 1.1 above, horses shall be protected from elimination in the following order:

- (i) A horse which has never previously raced in its career.
- (ii) A horse eliminated in its last race from a Non-Handicap shall be protected from elimination in its next race in which entries are invited for races which have similar entry conditions as the race from which it was eliminated.
- (iii) In the event that the total number of horses which are protected from elimination exceed the number of horses which are eligible to start, random balloting (e.g. drawn lot) shall apply in order to determine the horses to be eliminated.

1.3 **Loss of protection from elimination in a race in this category.**

- (i) A horse which has been eliminated from a race in this category and has taken entry and become eligible to run in its next race in this category and does not run (i.e. scratched), that horse loses (forfeits) its protection from elimination.
- (ii) No horse will be protected from elimination after 6 months from the day on which it was eliminated.

2.1 **Applies to Handicap races**

Elimination shall occur in the following sequence:

- (i) Horses with the lowest handicap rating will be eliminated first sequentially in the published ascending order.
- (ii) Where it is necessary to eliminate some but not all horses with the same handicap rating, random balloting (e.g. drawn lot) shall apply.

2.2 **Protection from elimination in a Handicap race.**

- (i) A horse which has been eliminated from a Handicap race shall be protected from elimination in its next Handicap race provided that its weight in that race (when converted from its handicap rating) is not more than 20lbs. from the top weight at the time of entry.

- (ii) A horse which has been eliminated twice from successive Handicap races shall be protected from elimination in its next Handicap race provided that its weight in those races (when converted from its handicap rating) was not more than 20lbs. from the top weight at the time of entry.

2.3 Loss of protection from elimination in a Handicap race.

- (i) A horse which has been eliminated from its previous Handicap race and has taken entry and becomes eligible to run in its next Handicap race and does not run (i.e. scratched), that horse loses (forfeits) its protection from elimination.
- (ii) No horse will be protected from elimination after 6 months from the day on which it is eliminated.

3.1 Applies to 3 Year old Classic Races e.g. The Guineas, Pinnacle (or other name) Derby, Fillies Guineas, Oaks and other 3 year old races so designated by the Directors.

Elimination shall occur in the following sequence:

- (i) Horses with the least number of points having regard to its performance in all of its starts (based on Table Y below) shall be eliminated first sequentially in ascending order.
- (ii) Where it is necessary to eliminate some but not all horses on the same number of points, random balloting (e.g. drawn lot) shall apply.

<u>TABLE Y</u>				
	<u>Points for</u>			
	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>
<u>2 Y.O races at 1000 or 1100 metres</u>				
Maidens (H/C, W/A, C/R)	2	1	½	¼
Open (H/C, W/A, C/R)	3	2	1	½
S/G	5	3	2	1
<u>2 Y.O races at 1570 metres</u>				
Maidens (H/C, W/A, C/R)	3	2	1	½
Open (H/C, W/A, C/R)	4	2½	1½	1
S/G	6	4	2½	1½
<u>3 Y.O races at 1000 or 1100 metres</u>				
Maidens (H/C, W/A, C/R)	3	2	1	½
Open (H/C, W/A, C/R)	4	2½	1½	1
S/G	6	4	2½	1½
<u>3 Y.O races at 1570, 1800 or 2000 metres</u>				
Maidens (H/C, W/A, C/R)	4	2½	1½	1
Open (H/C, W/A, C/R)	5	3	2	1½
S/G	9	6	4	3
<u>Key</u>				
S/G	Subscription / Graded			
H/C	Handicap			
W/A	Weight for Age			
C/R	Conditional Race			

4.1 Elimination of excess entries in Graded Races (unless the conditions of the race otherwise provide).

The same provisions that apply for Handicap races (2.1 above), shall apply to these races.

5.1 Persons authorised to Carry Out Elimination Procedures.

The elimination procedures herein shall be carried out by the Racecourse Stewards of the Day or any of them, or the Secretary whose decision on the elimination of excess entries shall be final.

9 Except with the Consent of the Stewards

(1) No declaration may be altered after the time of declaration. (Rule 50 (b))

(2) The Clerk of the Scales shall announce the time for saddling twenty minutes before each race and a bugle may be blown or other signal given twelve minutes (or such other time as the Stewards may prescribe) afterwards for horses to be mounted. All horses starting in a race must parade in the ring provided for that purpose fifteen

minutes before the time appointed for the race in which it is intended to start, or at such earlier time as may be prescribed by the Stewards. All horses will then leave the paddock in line in saddle cloth numerical order when ever possible, when instructed to do so by the Clerk of the Parade Ring and parade by the stands at a walk before going to the post.

- (3) No body-wash or liniment of any description may be used on any horse.
- 10 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the said Rules of Racing, the withdrawal of a horse from racing for any reason within 30 minutes of the declared time of the race, shall not affect the weights of horses as already declared for such race. (Rule 90 B)
- 11 Trainers are responsible for ensuring that their horses are shod in accordance with the requirements of Rule 91(g).
- 12 Grooms are prohibited from handling their horses at the start without special permission from the Starter.
- 13 The Stewards have power to cause the saliva and/or urine and/or sweat and/or any other sample which they may consider necessary to be taken from any horse starting at this meeting for analysis by the government analyst or such other analyst, whether in Barbados or elsewhere, as the Stewards may direct and they may also require examination to be made of any or all the horses which start at this meeting. For their powers generally see Rule 6 (i), 7, Appendices 2 etc.
- 14 All winning horses, after being unsaddled, must immediately be taken to the appointed stall for the purpose of having their saliva and/or urine and/or sweat and/or any other sample taken in the presence of the Official appointed on the instructions of the Stewards and must be accompanied by the owner, trainer, authorized agent or other representative who must remain there until the sample has been taken and placed in a bottle, which will be sealed and stamped in his presence.
- 15 Within half an hour of a race after a horse (for which a urine sample is required by the Stewards) has been weighed in the trainer, or someone authorized by him, must offer his horse water to the satisfaction of the Official appointed by the Stewards to supervise the obtaining of the urine sample once directed by such Official. It is the duty of the trainer, or someone authorized by him, to depute the groom of the horse to catch the sample of urine.
- 16 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said Rules of Racing, the owners of all horses entered shall agree that in the event of the Club's veterinary officers being unable to collect a urine sample from a winning horse, or any other horse as directed by the Stewards of the Meeting, within a reasonable time (approximately four hours) after the said horse or horses has or have raced, the said veterinary officers shall be empowered to

administer a small dose (150mg) of furosemide (Lasix) to facilitate collection of a urine sample as recommended by the Club's analyst.

17 In the event that a sample of saliva and/or urine and/or sweat and/or any other sample of a winning or placed horse be found to be positive of any drug after analysis by the analyst appointed by the Stewards, whether in Barbados or elsewhere, the stake and all other monies and trophies which would have been payable to the owner of such horse may, at the discretion of the Stewards, be withheld from the owner of the horse which was next in order.

18 Provisions relating to Bleeders are set out in Rule 43 of the Rules of Racing and in accordance therewith, bleeders will be penalized as follows:-

First report/observation -Trainer issued with warning

Second report/observation -Debarred from taking entry or racing for six weeks from date of report

Third report/observation -Debarred from taking entry or racing for twelve weeks from date of report

Fourth report/observation -Indefinite ban and removed from ratings list

If a report/observation is received after one year from the date of the last report/observation, such will be treated for these purposes as a first report, notwithstanding the previous record of the horse.

The Barbados Turf Club has directed that one of the race day veterinary officers will be posted at the entrance to the paddock after each race, with the specific duty of observing horses seen to be bleeding and to perform an examination to determine whether such is from epistaxis or from a superficial injury: a copy of the report shall be attached to the Stewards' Report when submitted to the Club.

19 Owner, trainers, licensed jockeys, grooms and attendants of horses will be admitted into the paddock or other restricted areas on the premises as may from time to time be designated provided they display their official badge or ticket authorizing them to do so.

20 All applications for the rating of horses must be received by the Secretary three days prior to the date of closing of entries and no application for rating will be entertained after that date. All applications for registration for the purpose of being placed on the rating list must be received by the Secretary at least seven days prior to the date fixed for the closing of entries in respect of any meeting.

21 The starting of the races will, at the absolute discretion of the Stewards of the Meeting, be conducted by the use of starting stalls or such other means as the said Stewards may determine.

- 22 Any owner, trainer, authorized or registered agent indebted to the Club and in arrears for more than 45 days, is liable to have his entry refused and shall be liable to have his name placed in the official forfeit list.
- 23 The Stewards wish it to be understood that while they have taken and will continue to take, measures to improve security in the paddocks on race days and otherwise, the responsibility for safeguarding horses still remains with the trainer.
- 24 Any horse declared to start in any race can only be withdrawn by consent of the Race Course Stewards. However, after 8.30 a.m. of the day of the race, a veterinary certificate must accompany such a request. **ALL** requests under this condition must be made **IN WRITING** addressed to the said Stewards or Secretary of the Club.
- 25 Copies of these Regulations will be available at the offices of the Barbados Turf Club, The Garrison, St. Michael, Barbados.
- 26 All Rules and Regulations not included in the above are to be found in the Rules of Racing (July 2001 Edition and as further amended).

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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