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THE JAMAICA RACING COMMISSION ACT

2019 (AMENDMENTS) TO THE JAMAICA RACING COMMISSION
RACING RULES (1977)

By the powers conferred on the Jamaica Racing Commission by section 22 of the Jamaica Racing Commission Act (No. 2/1972) the following amendments are hereby made to the racing rules (1977) as amended:

1. Rule 34: Revise paragraph (4) to read as follows:

(4) In any handicap, the allotment of weight in respect of the highest weighted horse declared to start in the race shall not be more than 59.0 kg for races run up to 1400 metres or less, or more than 57.0 kg for other races (winning penalties conditions excepted) and the allotment of weight for the lowest weighted horse declared to start in the race shall not be less than 46.0 kg.

PROVIDED however that the maximum weight allotted under this paragraph to horses in races run at 1400 metres or less shall only apply where the weights carried by other horses in such race are adjusted upwards under Rule 34(5) and then only to the extent that adjustments made to the top-weight are equal and proportionate to the adjustments made to the weight allotments to other horses under Rule 34(5).

2. Rule 34(5): A new paragraph (5) is added next following paragraph (4) as follows:

(5) Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph (4) of this Rule where:

- (a) in any handicap a horse is allotted a weight of 44.0 kg or less and must carry 46.0 kg by virtue of the provision of paragraph (4) of this Rule, then the weights carried by each horse in the race shall be adjusted upward by two (2) KG, so however that the top-weight shall not exceed the weights specified in paragraph (4) of this Rule.
- (b) in any handicap a horse is allotted a weight of 45.0 kg and must carry 46.0 kg by virtue of the provision of paragraph (4) of this Rule, then the weights carried by each horse in the race shall be adjusted upward by one (1) KG, so however that the top-weight shall not exceed the weights specified in paragraph (4) of this Rule.

3. Rule 55A(3): Re-letter sub-paragraph 3 of Rule 55A as sub-paragraph "3A".

4. New Rule 55A(3B): The following new sub-paragraph "3A" is inserted next following sub-paragraph 3A as follows:

" 3B. In particular, where the horse is declared to race with a tongue tie, the Commission's Veterinarian shall conduct a visual inspection of the tongue tie before the horse enters the racetrack. Where, upon such inspection, the Commission's Veterinarian shall order that the horse's tongue tie be re-tied, the Trainer of such horse shall expeditiously carry out such order to the satisfaction of the Commission's Veterinarian."

5. Rule 73: Delete Rule 73 and replace with the following:

" 73. The top weight to be allotted in a handicap to be run over distances greater than 1400 metres shall not be more than 57.0 kg. The top weight to be allotted in a handicap race to be run over 1400 metres or less shall not be more than 59.0 kg. This top-weight of 59.0 kg shall however only be applicable where the weight carried by other horses in such race are adjusted upwards as provided under Rule 34(5) and any such adjustment to the top-weight allotted shall only be made to the extent that it is equal and proportionate to the adjustments made to the weight allotments to other horses under Rule 34(5).

Winning penalties conditions of meetings may however be added to each of these top-weights."

6. Rule 92(D): Rule 92D is deleted and replaced with the following:

“ 92D. Claims are irrevocable and are at the risk of the Claimant. Title to a claimed horse shall be vested in the successful claimant from the time when the horse enters the saddling ring for the race and the said claimant shall then become the owner of the horse subject only to the following:

- (i) A claim shall be voided if a horse is a starter as determined by the Stewards of the Meeting and the horse dies on the racetrack; or suffers an injury which requires the euthanasia of the horse as determined by the Commission's or Track Veterinarian while the horse is on the racetrack for or resulting in the race from which the horse is claimed; does not finish the race and is vanned-off the track at the direction of the Commission's or Track Veterinarian;
- (ii) A claim shall be voided if a horse is declared a Non-Starter at any time after the horse enters the saddling enclosure or the racetrack up to a point immediately before the start of the race as determined by the Commission's or Track Veterinarian;
- (iii) A claim may be voided by the Stewards provided that the new owner or the Trainer making the claim on behalf of the new owner makes such a request in writing to the Stewards during the period of one (1) hour after the race is made official where the horse claimed is a starter and is determined by the Commission's Veterinarian to be lame or unsound after the race.

A claimed horse shall run in the interest of and for the account of the owner from which claimed.”.

7. Rule 86: Re-letter Rule 86 as Rule 86A:

8. New Rule 86B: The following new Rule 86B is inserted next following Rule 86A:

“ 86B. Not more than two (2) claims may be made by the same Trainer in any race provided that the claims are not for the same horse.”.

9. Rule 113(9)(c)(iii): Delete and replace with the following:

“ Where a horse has been declared to run in a tongue-tie/ tongue strap it shall be fitted prior to entering the parade ring and shall be worn on the way to the start and during the race. If the tongue-tie/ tongue-strap comes loose before the start of the race and cannot be re-fitted the horse shall not run, if the Trainer has, as a condition of entry, declared that the horse shall not run in the event that the tongue-tie/ tongue strap becomes loose after the horse has entered the racetrack. Otherwise for the purpose of this Rule the horse shall run. If the tongue-tie becomes loose during the race this shall not disqualify the horse.”.

10. Rule 175: Delete Rule 175 and replace the following:

“Rule 175:

(1) The top weight to be carried in a condition race run over distances greater than 1400 metres shall not be more than 57.0 kg as yielded by the condition.

(2) The top weight to be carried in a condition race to be run over 1400 metres or less shall not be more than 59.0 kg where the conditions applicable to the race cause adjustments to be made to all horses in the race to permit the bottom weighted horse to run with no less than 46 kg, such condition adjustment to the top weighted horse being made only to the extent that it is equal and proportionate to the adjustments made to the weights carried by other horses in the race.

(3) No horse shall carry less than 46.0 kg in any race unless an apprentice allowance is claimed.”

These 2019 Amendments to the Racing Rules (1977) are approved to take effect on March 1, 2020.

Dated this 31st day of December, 2019.

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