

## DIRECTIONS FOR TRACK WORK

### RACING SEASON 2016

#### 1. TRACKS

##### SAND TRACK

- 1.1 The training track in Port Louis is open on week days from 5.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. except on Wednesdays from 6 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. It will be open on Saturdays from 5 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. during the racing season only on the eve of Sunday race meetings.
- 1.2 Track work will be carried out clockwise. Horses of a stubborn or unruly nature should be worked at the end of the session and may be granted permission to work anticlockwise.
- 1.3 Trotting is restricted to the set trotting tracks. Riders trotting their horses on the road will be doing so at their own risk. Cantering must be avoided in the trotting area. The sole exit from the trotting track is near the "Tombeau Malartic". Riders can then reach the sand track through either the 900m gate or the 800m gate. On leaving the trotting track, riders should direct their mounts to the left and leave way on their right for horses carrying on with their trot.
- 1.4 The sand track is reserved for cantering and fast work. **Slow work** is to be carried out on all days and at all times on the **outside** of the sand track while **fast work** is to be done **on the inside**. Except for Mondays, the sand track shall be closed temporarily at 6.00 a.m. at the sound of a siren and the lighting of a beacon lamp to allow MTC employees to re-grade the track. In the meantime, jockeys may direct their horses to the trotting area but will not be allowed on the track until the beacon lamp is switched off. In case of bad weather, the Track Manager will decide if the track is to be re-graded.
- 1.5 There is one exit to get off the sand track.
  - (i) At the 800m post and through the YMFA football ground in the middle of the racecourse to get to the 1000m gate.

**Please note that for safety reasons, the gate at the 1300 metre-post cannot be used as an exit gate from the sand track or from the trotting track, unless a special permission is granted by the Stewards for an unruly horse.**

- 1.6** For security reasons, any rider failing to stop his mount by the gate near the 2050 metre-post must not trot back to reach the said gate, he must canter round back to the 800m gate in a clockwise direction.

800m gate: The limit is the **2050m** post.

When working in an anticlockwise direction, riders should not exceed the following limits:

800m gate: The limit is the 800m post

1000m gate: The limit is the 1000m post

## **1.7 GRASS TRACK**

(a) There is only one exit off the grass track, at the **1300 metre**-post.

(b) Riders must complete the remaining part of the track if they pull up at the 1850m post after a grass gallop. All possible measures must be taken in order not to interfere with other runners on the track. Horses may only be worked outside the cones placed around the grass track. No horse will be allowed to work on the grass track without permission being granted by the Stewards.

## **2. BARRIER TRIALS**

**2.1** Barrier trials will be conducted on Tuesday mornings on either the grass or sand track except as advertised. These trials will be restricted to unraced horses in Mauritius, previous bleeders, horses seeking permission to race in blinkers or clearing an embargo. These horses will be restricted to ONE trial, unless a REPASS notice is given by the Chief Handler or a special permission is obtained or directed by the Stewards.

**2.2** Entries for barrier trials will close at NOON the day before.

**2.3** Permission may be granted by the Stewards or the Starter for schooling of unruly horses in the starting gates after Barrier Trials.

**2.4** Barrier Trials will be carried out at these times: 6hr15, 6hr30, 6hr45, 7hr00.

Trainers should respect the time and the batch they are programmed in. Failure to do so will result in their horses being left behind.

## **3. RIDING GEAR**

**3.1** A saddle cloth bearing the horse's name is compulsory for track work in Port Louis and Floréal. Stable-provided saddle cloths must be of a design approved by the MTC. Horse names must be visible at all times.

**3.2** All riders must be suitably attired, wearing proper track work riding boots and gear approved by the HRA (Horse Racing Authority)

**3.3** Skull Caps should be fastened at all times.

**3.4** Wearing of a safety vest is compulsory.

**3.5** Safety vest should be zipped whilst riding.

**3.6** Advertisement on breeches and/or jackets must be approved and any required fees must be fees paid.

#### **4. DISCIPLINE**

- 4.1 The use of mobile phones, music devices and smoking whilst mounting is strictly prohibited.
- 4.2 Eating and drinking are prohibited in the paddock.
- 4.3 Jockeys, Apprentices and Track work Riders may be searched by the security staff or Police Officers at all times. They may also be subjected to drug and alcohol testing.
- 4.4 Riders must slow down their mounts to walk before arriving on the road to enter the tunnel leading to the paddock.
- 4.5 Mounting and dismounting of horses **is not allowed** in the paddock, should be done as far as possible in the stable yards.
- 4.6 Riders must always be properly dressed, fancy jeans not allowed and T-shirts must always be fitted inside the breeches.
- 4.7 All Riders must sign the **DAILY PRESENCE SHEET** and write down their **Time In** and **Time Out**.
- 4.8 All Riders must attend track work at least 4 times a week excluding race days, unless permission is given by the Stewards or their respective trainers to take a day off.

#### **5. SAFETY**

- 5.1 The training tracks at Port Louis and Floréal will automatically be closed upon a cyclone warning **CLASS TWO** being in force in Mauritius.
- 5.2 The presence of a loose horse on the track or racecourse will be signaled by an alarm siren and flashing beacon lamp (Girophare) placed on the top of the grand stand.
- 5.3 Riders are required to produce a blood group certificate before riding track work the first time.
- 5.4 If either the grass track or the sand track is temporarily closed, riders must remain on the trotting track until permission is granted to leave.
- 5.5 If the tracks' lightning is inoperable, track work will start at daylight.
- 5.6 Jewelleries must not be worn during track work.
- 5.7 Horses are stabled, trained, raced, and treated on the premises of the MTC entirely at the risk of the owner and Trainers. The Club shall not be liable of any claim whatsoever.
- 5.8 Stirrup leather, leather girth, surcingle as well as leather bridles are not allowed to be used during track work and in races.
- 5.9 For security reasons, three horses working side by side will not be allowed.
- 5.10 Whilst riding track work, it is compulsory for a rider to:
  - a) wear at all times a safety vest, which is of a standard approved by the Stewards.
  - b) wear at all times a skull cap, which is of a standard approved by the Stewards.
  - c) wear proper riding boots, no gumboots will be allowed.

#### **6. PARKING**

- 6.1 Port Louis  
Shakespeare Street is a no parking zone during track work hours. Parking is available behind Perdrau and Allet Stables where MTC staff will be posted from 5hr00 a.m. Parking inside the stand is restricted to Officials and Employees.
- 6.2 Floréal  
Parking on the premises is reserved for Officials and Trainers.

## **7. ENTRY & DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

- 7.1** Only registered owners will be granted access to the Stable yards, the paddock the Club's stand and premises. These owners must wear their accreditation badge ostensibly at all times. Permission must be granted by the Security Manager to people accompanying owners.
- 7.2** Appropriate dress code is to be observed. Pants and shoes are compulsory to be allowed in the paddock.

## **8. TRACKWORK AT FLOREAL**

- 8.1** The Training track at Floréal is open from Monday to Saturday from 6 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. in summer and from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. in winter. MTC staff will dictate for either clockwise or anticlockwise track work to be carried out.
- 8.2** Fast work is prohibited (Recommended time for a lap: **not less than 70 secs**).
- 8.3** Working of horses side by side is prohibited.
- 8.4** Wearing of a fluorescent jacket by inexperienced riders is compulsory.
- 8.5** Trotting and hack canter are restricted in the "Manège" either clockwise or anti clockwise.
- 8.6** Access to the middle of the training track is restricted to Officials, Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Stable Supervisors and Riders only.
- 8.7** Owing to climatic conditions, the sand track may be closed while the trotting track remains available.
- 8.8** Owners are not allowed in the Stable yards unless in the presence of their Trainers or of a representative of the Trainer or permission has been obtained from the Training Centre Manager.

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