

**[ PRC NOTICE, APRIL 10, 2002, April 10, 2002 ]**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE RACING RULES**

Please be informed that the Philracom Board, in its meeting held on March 22, 2002, after due deliberation, resolved to approve the following amendments to the Horseracing Rules and Regulations.

1. SECTION 8.3.0 — Public Announcement of Suspension. — Public announcement of suspension or other penalties shall be made by the Board of Stewards, through the public address system, as well as the television and radio coverages.

Any incident or suspension meted to a horse or a jockey considered as 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th favorite in the race must be properly announced to the betting public.

2. SECTION 20 — Racing Days. — Subject to existing laws or decrees and in accordance with the calendar of races for a year, previously approved by the PHILRACOM, a person, racing club, or other entities duly licensed by the PHILRACOM may hold races on days authorized by the PHILRACOM.

3. SECTION 21.0 — Eligibility of Entries. — Horses, in order to be eligible as entries:

a. Must be two (2) years old based from Northern Hemisphere breeding;

4. SECTION 21.2 — IMPORTED HORSES. — Imported horses may be allowed by PHILRACOM to participate in races held in the Philippines on the following conditions:

a. Only imported horses who are four (4) years old and below shall be allowed;

b. Must satisfy the conditions stated in the above SECTION 21.0 b, c, d, & e;

c. Shall only be allowed to run for a period of not more than three (3) years from its first official race in the Philippines.

5. DELETION OF THIRD PARAGRAPH — SECTION 21.3 — Every Horse in a Race  
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If a horse shall be found unruly, the veterinarian/starter on duty shall forthwith give his report and recommendation, and every assistance shall be given that horse to start the race. However, that horse shall be suspended in accordance with existing rules and shall not be allowed to run in another race until the PHILRACOM has determined that the horse, after proper schooling is fit to run again.

6. REWORDING OF SECTION 25.2 — REQUEST FOR LAST TO ENTER THE STARTING GATE SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED.

7. SECTION 27. — DECLARATION. — The declaration of participating horses shall be signed by the owners, trainers and jockeys or their designated representative to be delivered to the Racing Manager of the club concerned at the following time:

a. Every declaration day as authorized by the PHILRACOM from 8.00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

b. For holidays and other authorized races, on the day and at the time fixed by the Racing Club concerned in the presence of the trainer and jockey concerned or their authorized representative.

8. SECTION 28.0 ERRONEOUS WEIGHT IN THE RACING PROGRAM. — If the handicap weight assigned to the horse is erroneously stated in the racing program, the assigned weight shall be posted by the Racing Manager on bulletin boards visible to the public and announced through the public address system, including the radio and television coverage before the race concerned.

9. SECTION 29. — PARADE AND START OF THE RACE. — Upon signal by the Board of Stewards, the horses shall be mounted simultaneously by their respective jockeys, leave the saddling enclosure or paddock, and parade in numerical order before the judges' stand on the way to the starting apparatus. A horse may be allowed not to be mounted during the parade at the discretion of the Board of Stewards when the circumstances warrant but however, be penalized in accordance with Section 45.0 A. Immediately thereafter, the gates shall be closed and the horses shall enter their assigned places without delay. A distinctive marker posted thirty (30) meters away from the starting apparatus shall indicate the boundary beyond which the participating horses cannot cross before the start of the race.

10. DELETION ON THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 31. — FORMS OF BETTING.

11. SECTION 33. NUMBER OF HORSES IN A RACE. — In case there are only two (2) horses in a race, the race will be cancelled.

12. SECTION 36.2 — PROCEDURE FOR SAMPLES. — Two (2) sampling containers per selected horse shall be taken before or after the race by the authorized personnel. The samples will then be sealed and countersigned by and in the presence of the representatives of the Racing Clubs, owner, trainer, or their duly-licensed representative. Failure on the part of the horseowner and/or trainer to be present or to designate an official and licensed representative in writing, shall be taken as a waiver of the right to be present.

13. SECTION 42 — ACTS AND/OR OMISSIONS BY JOCKEYS. — SECTION 42.0 — BEFORE THE RACE:

k. for failure to report for medical check up before the first race and before the second half of the scheduled raceday if he has a horse to ride, shall be penalized as follows:

for the 1st Offense	-	fine of P500.00
for the 2nd Offense	-	fine of P1,000.00
for the 3rd and succeeding offense thereafter	-	fine of P2,000.00