



# ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB, LTD

Race Course, Mahalakshmi, Mumbai – 400 034.

## Protocols For Closed Door Racing At The Mumbai Race Course

### GENERAL

This document contains strict protocols, which must be followed by all those who are permitted at race meetings held behind closed doors at the Mumbai Race Course.

These measures are to safeguard everyone's health and wellbeing during the current and continuing COVID-19 situation, to ensure that racing can continue in a safe and appropriate manner.

Patrons permitted (as per the list below) to attend a race day should ensure they have read and/or understood the protocols outlined. These protocols MUST be strictly followed.

As per the information provided by the Department of Health, COVID-19 spreads from person to person most likely with the following ways: -

- Close contact with an infectious person.
- Contact with droplets from an infected person's cough or sneeze.
- Touching objects or surfaces (like door-knobs or tables/surfaces) that have cough or sneeze droplets from an infected person, and then touching mouth/face/eye.

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.
- Maintain at least 1.5 metre distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- Practice respiratory hygiene - Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then appropriately dispose of the used tissue immediately and as soon as possible, thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water and avoid touching any surfaces until you have done so.
- Avoiding close contact with others.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth - Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.
- If you have any of the following **symptoms; fever, cough or difficulty in breathing**, seek medical care early - Stay home if you feel unwell.

### GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

- To prevent the spread of Covid -19 it is mandatory to comply with the guidelines and conditions issued by the government of Maharashtra from time to time.

**PERSONS WHO ARE PERMITTED ENTRY ON RACE DAYS:**

In view of the guidelines laid down by the government of Maharashtra/local authorities only the following persons will only be allowed entry into the Race Course on race days.

- Committee Members
- Stewards
- Members of Board of Appeal
- Owners
- Trainers
- Jockeys
- Officials
- Staff Members
- Workmen
- Jamadars/Syces of those horses participating.
- Police personnel, government officials on duty, if any.
- Press Reporters.
- Any other person not mentioned above with the special permission of the Stewards.

**Persons mentioned above will under no circumstances be permitted to bring their family & friends.**

**If anyone is experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms described above, should not enter the race course.**

**All entrants to the Race Course should note that wearing a Face Mask and maintaining social distance is mandatory. Further all Entrants must be inoculated against COVID-19.**

**PROTOCOL AT ENTRANCE**

- There will be “Q” markings in order to ensure social distancing.
- Inoculation Certificate is mandatory.
- Temperature to be checked of all entrants. Any person with an elevated temperature or showing any symptoms of Covid-19 will be denied entry. The decision of the Club’s Medical Officer in this regard will be final & binding.
- Ensure that everyone is wearing a mask without which no entry will be permitted.
- Sanitizer dispensers will be placed at all entrances.

**OWNERS**

- Owners based interstate are not permitted to attend unless they comply with the protocols laid down by the local authorities.
- Owners are not permitted to enter the weighing room (except if they wish to lodge an objection they may do so with the permission of the Secretary).
- No representative and/or authorized agents will be permitted to enter the race course on behalf or along with an owner.
- Family members are not permitted.

## **TRAINERS**

- If you are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms described above, do not attend the race course and contact Stipendiary Stewards/Medical Officer.
- Entry to paddock, weighing room will be limited to trainers with runners in that race and during the races they will be seated in the designated area in the Grand Stand.
- In the paddock trainers would be required to maintain social distancing with the Owners / jockeys at the time of instructions and the same will be applicable once the horses return to the paddock after the race.
- Family members are not permitted.
- Trainers are required to ensure that their race day staff who have been permitted to enter the race course maintain proper social distancing and are wearing a Face Mask.
- Trainers must report any symptom experienced by an employee or themselves to the clubs Medical Officer / Stipendiary Stewards. Under no circumstances should any participant experiencing COVID-19 symptoms attend any race meeting, track work or public gathering.
- Trainers are required to provide separate racing silks for each individual jockey.

## **JOCKEYS**

- If you are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms described above, do not attend the race course and contact Stipendiary Stewards.
- No Jockey/Apprentice jockey will be permitted into the Jockeys room other than those engaged to ride in the races.
- Upon arrival on course you must not enter the jockey's room until your temperature has been checked by the Club's Medical Officer.
- Should the rider's temperature be elevated he will not be permitted to enter the jockey's room and shall be required to leave the racecourse. A medical clearance will be required before riding again.
- Once in the jockeys' room, wherever possible, jockeys will be required to segregate a minimum of at least 1.5 metres apart. Jockeys' rooms shall be divided into multiple zones at the direction of the Stewards.
- All Jockeys/Apprentice Jockeys must wear a Face mask at all times and the same may be pulled down only after entering the starting stalls and for the duration of the race. Masks are recommended to have head/neck ties and not just ear loops, as these can fly off during the race.
- All gear should be cleaned/disinfected between races.
- Direct contact between other jockeys and persons should be avoided at all costs and maintain social distancing (1.5 metres apart) from all persons.
- Should you feel unwell or experience any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during the day, ensure to report to the club's medical officer.
- Once you have fulfilled your final engagement, thoroughly clean/disinfect gear, shower and leave the jockeys room and move to the designated holding area.
- In order to restrict the number of persons in the jockey room no attendant pass will be issued until further notice.
- The use of Sauna is prohibited until further notice.
- Jockeys shall park their vehicles in the Walking Ring area and enter the Jockeys Room through the Saddling Enclosure gate.

### **SADDLING ENCLOSURE**

- Only one groom/syce shall accompany the horse into the saddling Enclosure, however in case of fractious horses the trainer may seek prior permission for an additional person to accompany the horse.
- In addition to the trainer, maximum two support staff i.e. (Farrier/ Jamadar/ assistant) are permitted to enter the saddling area and must wear face masks at all times.
- Only persons who have a valid pass issued by the club are permitted to enter the enclosure.
- Trainers, Grooms, Jamadar and their respective stable staff must practice physical distancing when saddling.
- No owner is permitted into the saddling area.
- Stable staff will be required to leave the Saddling enclosure after their horses have run.

### **PADDOCK**

- As far as possible only one groom/syce shall accompany the horse into the paddock, however in case of fractious horses the trainer may seek prior permission for an additional person to accompany the horse.
- Once the horses leave the paddock their accompanying syces would need to proceed to the designated area (Jockeys Stand) earmarked for them.

### **STARTING GATES MANAGEMENT AND STARTING PROCEDURES**

- Starter to ensure all the safety protocols are adhered to at the starting gate.
- In view of the restricted number of handlers at the starting gates all jockeys are advised to cooperate with the starter and his staff.

### **SAMPLING YARD PROTOCOL IN VIEW OF COVID-19.**

- All persons in the sampling Yard to follow social distancing, wearing face mask & sanitization.
- Maximum of 2 persons /stable staff per horse sampled will be permitted in the sampling yard.

### **PROTOCOL IN-CHARGE**

- The Security Officer shall be In-Charge to monitor and ensure that the people within the race course follow all protocols which are in place.

### **MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE CLUB**

- The Club's Medical Officer will be present throughout the day.

(The above-mentioned norms are subject to alterations by the Committee/Stewards of the Royal Western India Turf Club Ltd)

By Order,

Secretary  
ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB, LTD