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HOSPITALITY INFORMATION



INCENTIVES

The Hong Kong Jockey Club will offer travel incentives to selected horses and connections for seven of the 11 international Group 1 races staged in Hong Kong during the 2015/16 season. **ONLY** horses selected for the LONGINES Hong Kong Cup, LONGINES Hong Kong Mile, LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint, LONGINES Hong Kong Vase, Audemars Piguet QEI Cup, Champions Mile and Chairman's Sprint Prize will qualify for travel incentives. Please refer to the below sections for details about AIR TRAVEL, HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT SERVICE and HORSE SHIPMENT entitlement.

Owners of any overseas runners contesting the other four international Group 1 races (Stewards' Cup, Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup, Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup and Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup) and the three international Group 2 contests (LONGINES Jockey Club Cup, BOCHK *Wealth Management* Jockey Club Mile and BOCHK *Wealth Management* Jockey Club Sprint) will be responsible for all cost of travel and accommodation for themselves, their Trainer, Jockey and stable staff, as well as cost associated with horse transportation, quarantine, vet services and livery charge-HK\$430 per day, Feed and Bedding – actual consumption, roughly estimate HK\$400. For further details, please refer to the individual prospectus for each race.

AIR TRAVEL

OWNERS, TRAINERS & JOCKEYS

1. The HKJC will provide, on the selected carrier designated by the Club, return business class air tickets for the connections of each selected overseas horse as follows:
 - a) Owner – maximum 2 tickets
 - b) Trainer – maximum 2 tickets
 - c) Jockey – 1 ticket
2. Only the above-named are eligible for travel concessions. Under no circumstances will any additional concessions be reallocated, e.g. to a Jockey already in Hong Kong, to any person with an interest in more than one runner or who fulfils more than one role, etc.
3. In the event of a horse being jointly owned, the Club will request one owner only to be nominated as the recipient of the travel and accommodation concession.
4. To guarantee flight availability, Owners, Trainers and Jockeys need to confirm their travel schedules to the Club as early as possible and preferably at least two weeks before the race day.
5. Connections who purchase their own tickets must seek the prior approval of the Club. They may be reimbursed the amount equivalent to the Club's official travel agent's rate for business class travel, or the actual cost of their own tickets, whichever is the lowest and whenever necessary.

ASSISTANT TRAINERS, HEAD LADS, EXERCISE RIDERS & GROOMS

A maximum of two persons per horse can travel at the Club's expense. If either person is unable to travel with the horse due to seat unavailability, the Club will provide economy class air tickets, at its discretion.

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

OWNERS, TRAINERS & JOCKEYS

- 1. Hotel accommodation (room only) will be provided for a maximum of two persons per category at the HKJC's selected hotel as follows:
 - a) Owner – 4 nights (1 room)
 - b) Trainer – 4 nights (1 room)
 - c) Jockey – 4 nights (1 room)
- 2. Only the above accommodation concessions will be granted. Any extension of stay will be on each individual's own account. Any stay at a hotel other than the Club's selected hotel will also be on each individual's own account.
- 3. In the case of a horse being jointly owned, additional tickets and accommodation facilities can be secured with our designated carrier and hotel, subject to availability, and will be on the individual's own account.



ASSISTANT TRAINERS, HEAD LADS, EXERCISE RIDERS & GROOMS

- 1. A maximum of two persons per horse will be provided accommodation (one room each) at the Club's selected hotel in Sha Tin for the normal duration of the trip. A pre-determined daily allowance to cover in house expenses such as food and beverage, mini bar, transport, telephone/fax and internet as well as laundry will also be provided.
- 2. Any extension of stay will not be covered by the Club. Any stay at a hotel other than the Club's selected hotels will be on each individual's own account.

TRANSPORT SERVICE

The following transport services will be arranged by the Club:

OWNERS, TRAINERS & JOCKEYS

- 1. Airport transfer in Hong Kong.
- 2. Transport between the official hotels and Sha Tin Racecourse for morning trackwork.
- 3. Transport between the official hotels and the venues for official functions.

ASSISTANT TRAINERS, HEAD LADS, EXERCISE RIDERS & GROOMS

- 1. Airport transfer for those travelling with the horse only; airport bus fare in form of reimbursement to those making their own arrangements to the hotel.
- 2. Shuttle bus between the official hotels and the Quarantine Stables.
- 3. Transport between the official hotels and the venues for official functions.

HORSE SHIPMENT

- 1. The Club arranges and covers the **NORMAL** costs of return transport by road from home stable to departure airport, and return air transport for each selected horse, based on existing cargo routes. Any Owner or Trainer making horse shipment plans outside the Club's recommended travel route or carrier may incur additional charges at his or her own expense. The shipping arrangements of all horses will be organised by the Club and co-ordinated by its appointed shipping agents. The Club and its transport agents will not be liable for any death of or injury to any invited horses during transportation to and from Hong Kong, or while in Hong Kong.
- 2. Horses from the same region will:
 - a) As far as possible, travel on the same flights;
 - b) Need to share pallets on the basis of two horses for each pallet. Any additional cost incurred by a requested change from the Club's arrangement will be borne by the Owners.
- 3. An LD3/AKE container shall be provided for every two horses traveling on the same flight at the Club's expense; for any necessary horse gear, equipment and feed. Any additional cost incurred for excessive loads shipped, will be borne by the Owners.
- 4. For countries where there is no direct cargo service flying into Hong Kong or where quarantine protocols require that a charter flight is the best option; a travel subsidy will be provided to the owners to assist with shipment costs for horses. Please contact K L Cheng, Head of Racing Operations and Services for details.
- 5. Shipping agents are as follows :
 - a) **Australia / New Zealand / Singapore**
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- 6. **The Club strongly recommends to ship horses at least 8 days before the date of the race to allow for the recovery from and appropriate treatment of any potential travel related illness. Please note that medications used in the treatment of such horses, may be detected in samples taken from horses for much longer than a week. Early arrival requests exceeding 14 days before the date of race may be permitted by the Club, subject to availability of isolation stables in Hong Kong. However, it should be noted that Owners may be required to pay for all extra charges incurred for such early arrival arrangements.**
- 7. **All visiting runners, except those required to fulfil the**

pre-export quarantine requirements, should depart from Hong Kong within 7 days after racing. It should be noted that Owners may be required to pay for all extra charges involved for any extension of stay of their horses in Hong Kong.

- 8. All horses must travel with their passport and any other official identification papers, which must be available for inspection and collection by the veterinary authorities upon their arrival at the isolation stables in Hong Kong. The documents will be endorsed and returned prior to the horses' departure from Hong Kong.
- 9. The Club will not be responsible for horse insurance. Connections should make their own insurance arrangements.
- 10. If the horse is withdrawn for reasons other than on veterinary grounds, the horses' connections are required to pay for all expenses such as shipping charges, etc.
- 11. Any quarantine costs outside of Hong Kong will be met by the Owner.
- 12. Any additional costs for bringing a companion horse with the visiting runner will be borne by the Owner.



MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

RACE DAY RULES

- 1. The Club is delighted to invite overseas and local Owners' and Trainers' children (under the age of 18) to attend Hong Kong's international races. It is the mission of the Club to provide our guests of all ages the best holiday experience possible. A specifically dedicated team will ensure all young guests' needs are satisfied at the pre-allocated dining and entertaining areas during the visit. Young guests will also be accompanied by our staff to visit the Parade Ring, and if required the Winners' Circle as well as attending the trophy presentation ceremony (if necessary) while bypassing all betting related areas.

Government Regulations for Underage (Under 18) Visitors attending Race Meetings:

- a. Underage persons attending any race meetings must remain in designated dining and entertainment areas.
 - b. Underage persons attending any race meetings are not allowed to visit any betting areas where betting devices and information are available.
 - c. Underage persons are not allowed to place bets themselves or assign anyone to place bets on their behalf whilst in Hong Kong.
- 2. Race-goers may use mobile phones in designated areas. Mobile phones must be switched to "SILENCE" or "VIBRATION" mode.

BADGES

All official visitors will be issued with badges. Badges must be worn and openly displayed at all appropriate times, including at race meetings and during track work.

STABLE VISITS

International runners are stabled in approved isolation premises. Due to Biosecurity Regulations, ONLY Trainers, Jockeys and accredited stable staff will be issued with a stable pass. This must be openly displayed to gain entry to the stables and must be worn at all times inside the stables compound. Any losses should be reported to a Security & Integrity Department representative immediately.

WEIGHING ROOM

Access to the Weighing Room and precincts will be strictly restricted to Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Travelling Head Lads, Jockeys and Club Officials.



TAX INFORMATION

Owners' earnings are tax free in Hong Kong whilst visiting Trainers' and Jockeys' earnings are subject to Hong Kong tax (currently at 10% of gross income). However, overseas connections are strongly advised to consult their tax experts/accountants in their home country about their respective country's tax liabilities.

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TRAVELLING TIPS

ELECTRICITY

Voltage in Hong Kong is 220 volts



BANKING

Banks Opening Hours:
Monday to Friday: 9 am – 5 pm (Normally)
*Saturday: 9 am – 12 noon

*Please consult your bank about its Saturday branch service as not all bank branches provide a Saturday service.

Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are available at both the Happy Valley and Sha Tin racecourses and at many locations throughout Hong Kong.

TIPPING

Most restaurants add a 10% service charge marked on the bill. When a service charge is not included, tipping 10% is appropriate.

AIRPORT PASSENGER DEPARTURE TAX

The airport passenger departure tax of HK\$120 per person will be paid for by the HKJC as it is included in the cost of the airline ticket.

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INSURANCE

All visiting horse connections (Owners, Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Travelling Head Lads, Exercise (track work) Riders and Grooms) are strongly recommended to arrange their own insurance to cover travel, work and non-work related injury and illness.

All visiting Jockeys will be covered for medical, personal accident and liability insurance under the Club's insurance policy upon licensing for injury arising out of their occupation within the Club's premises.



LICENSING

Licences for visiting Trainers and Jockeys will be issued on arrival. All Trainers and Jockeys who are granted a licence agree to be bound by the Rules of Racing and Instructions made by the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club ("the Rules") in force at the relevant time. The Club's Rules of Racing can be found at:

http://www.hkjc.com/English/racinginfo/racing_rules_instr.asp

Visiting Jockeys are required to arrive in Hong Kong at least one day prior to race day, unless alternative arrangements are approved by the Stipendiary Stewards in advance. A visiting jockey's licence will permit the holder to accept offers to ride in all races at Sha Tin on the day of the International race meeting. Jockeys invited to participate in the LONGINES International Jockeys Championship ("LONGINES IJC") conducted at Happy Valley Racecourse may also accept race riding engagements for any race conducted at that race meeting and further may accept riding engagements at the LONGINES Hong Kong International race meeting the following Sunday irrespective of whether they hold an engagement to ride an invited international horse or otherwise.

ADVERTISEMENTS & SPONSORSHIP MATERIALS

Unless otherwise approved by the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, no licensed person or member of stable staff is permitted to wear any item of clothing displaying any advertising material and no horse shall be equipped with gear displaying any advertising material. Only breeches approved by the Club which do not carry words, colour seams or sponsorship logos may be worn by Jockeys in races or in track work.

PRE-RACE MEETING

All Jockeys participating in any of the International races are required to attend a briefing with the Racing Stewards before the first race on the day of the race meeting in the Inquiry Room at Sha Tin Racecourse. Those Jockeys invited to participate in the LONGINES IJC are required to attend a meeting with the Stipendiary Stewards prior to that race meeting commencing.

RIDING CLEARANCE

All Jockeys are required to provide to the Stipendiary Stewards a clearance certificate from the racing jurisdiction in which they last rode notifying that they are not under any embargo which precludes them from accepting and fulfilling riding engagements in Hong Kong.



APPRENTICES

No apprentice weight allowance may be claimed by any apprentice jockey in any of the International Races. Furthermore, an apprentice jockey who has not ridden 20 winners in a recognized racing authority will not be permitted to ride in these races.

HELMETS / SAFETY VEST

Only helmets and safety vests complying to the following safety standards are approved to be worn by jockeys riding in Hong Kong, both in track work and in races:

Helmets	Safety Vests
BS EN 1384: 1996 onwards	ARB Standard 1.1998
PAS 015: 1994, 1999 or 2011 standard	(BS)EN 13158:2000 or 2009 standard
AS/NZS 3838 2003	
ASTM F 1163-01	
ASTM F 1163-04 (A) (11)	

Jockeys are entitled to a two pound allowance for the safety vest at the scales when weighing out for a race.

BREECHES

Jockeys participating in the LONGINES IJC are required to advise the International Racing Department of the size of the breeches they wear. The Club will provide a pair of breeches embroidered with the Jockey's name in both English and Chinese free of charge.

For Jockeys participating at the International Race meeting, each Jockey will be required to forward a pair of breeches so the Club can arrange for the embroidered name of the Jockey in both English and Chinese to be affixed to the breeches.

RIDING EQUIPMENT

Personal riding equipment (boots, whip, helmet, safety vest, etc.), or any tack used on any horse outside of Hong Kong, must be presented to either the HKJC Quarantine Stables Manager or Dr Peter Curl, Executive Manager, Veterinary Regulation ("EM, VR") for cleaning / disinfection prior to its use on any local horse.

TESTING OF JOCKEYS

The Rules provide for the selection of Jockeys to undertake and pass a breathalyser test for alcohol and to provide a urine sample for the purpose of testing for prohibited substances. All Jockeys are required to be in the Jockeys' Room, Sha Tin Racecourse at least one hour before the first race on the day of the race meeting, irrespective of the time of the first race in which the Jockey has a riding engagement. This arrangement is also in place for those Jockeys invited to participate in the LONGINES IJC conducted at Happy Valley Racecourse.



The following are Prohibited Substances (Jockey) under the Club's Rules:

- Alcohol – at or above a threshold of 22 micrograms of ethanol per 100 millilitres of breath, or 50 milligrams of ethanol per 100 millilitres of blood
- Amphetamines and amphetamine-like substances including the 'Ecstasy' group and excluding Pseudoephedrine, and Phenylpropanolamine
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines and Benzodiazepine-like substances (Please note: Sleeping tablets are known to contain these prohibited substances – refer below)
- Benzylpiperazine (BZP), 3-Trifluoromethylphenylpiperazine (TFMPP) and other similar piperazine-based substances.
- Cannabinoids – at or above a threshold of 15 nanograms of delta-9-tetrahydro-11-nor-cannabinol-9-carboxylic acid per millilitre in urine.
- Cocaine
- Ephedrine – at or above a threshold of 10 micrograms of ephedrine per millilitre in urine
- Methylephedrine – at or above a threshold of 10 micrograms of methylephedrine per millilitre in urine
- 4-Iodo-2,5-dimethoxy-N-(2-methoxybenzyl)phenethylamine (25I-NBOMe), 4-bromo-2,5-dimethoxy-N-(2-methoxybenzyl)phenethylamine (25B-NBOMe), and other psychedelic substituted phenethylamines.
- Ketamine and Tiletamine
- Lasix (Furosemide) and other diuretics
- Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD)
- Opioids excluding the normal use of Codeine, Dextromethorphan, Dihydrocodeine, Ethylmorphine, Pholcodine, Propoxyphene and Tramadol.
- Phencyclidine
- Synthetic Cannabinoids
- Masking agents
- Tryptamine derivatives

ELECTRONIC TRACKING SYSTEM

1. Every Horse when competing in a race shall carry an operational electronic tracking device as perscribed by the Club.
2. This device will be fitted into the assigned number cloth by a Club official prior to the time of weighing out however every Jockey and Trainer of a runner should ensure whenever possible, that this device is in place.

In particular, Jockey's should note the following:

- Lasix and other diuretics are deemed as prohibited substances.
- Sleeping tablets may contain substances which are prohibited under the Rules.
- Ephedrine and methylephedrine are prohibited substances when found in urine at or above a threshold of 10 micrograms per millilitre in urine. These substances are commonly available in cough and cold medications either prescribed by a medical practitioner or, in some instances, available in over-the-counter medications. Please ensure that any medication being taken at or around the relevant time does not contain either ephedrine or methylephedrine.
- It at all times remains the responsibility of each Jockey to be free of prohibited substances (jockey) when riding in races or in track work in Hong Kong.

JOCKEYS OVERWEIGHT ALLOWANCES

If a jockey intends to carry overweight the amount thereof must be notified at the time of declaration.

The following overweight allowances are permitted:

Horses weighted at	
113 lbs to 118 lbs inclusive	2 lbs overweight permitted at time of declaration
119 lbs	1 lb overweight permitted at time of declaration
120 lbs & above	No overweight allowance permitted

DRUGS & ALCOHOL TESTING –
TRACK WORK RIDERS

1. It is the Club's policy to carry out breath and urine testing of track work riders to ensure work safety and a drug free environment.
2. Testing may be undertaken by Stipendiary Stewards at any time during track work.
3. Any person, who has been found to have an alcohol reading above the prescribed level or to have prohibited substances in their system, will be stood down from all duties and will be instructed to leave the stable compound with immediate effect. Any further approval to ride track work may be withdrawn.
4. The following are prohibited substances in accordance with the Club's Prevention of Drugs and Alcohol Policy:
 - Alcohol — at or above a threshold of 22 micrograms of ethanol per 100 millilitres of breath, or 50 milligrams of ethanol per 100 millilitres of blood
 - Amphetamines and amphetamine-like substances including the “Ecstasy” group and excluding Pseudoephedrine and Phenylpropanolamine
 - Barbituates
 - Benzodiazepines and Benzodiazepine-like substances
 - Benzylpiperazine (BZP), 3-Trifluoromethylphenylpiperazine (TFMPP) and other similar piperazine-based substances.
 - Cannabinoids - at or above a threshold of 15 ng/ml of delta-9-tetrahydro-11-nor-cannabinol-9-carboxylic acid
 - Cocaine
 - Ketamine and Tiletamine
 - Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD)
 - Opioids excluding the normal use of Codeine, Dextromethorphan, Dihydrocodeine, Ethylmorphine, Pholcodine, Propoxyphene and Tramadol.

- Phencyclidine
 - Tryptamine derivatives
 - Such other drugs or substances as the Management of the Club shall direct from time to time
5. For avoidance of doubt, except for such drugs or substances in respect of which a threshold is specifically identified, presence of any quantity of a prohibited substance (or its isomers or their metabolites or markers) or the presence of alcohol exceeding the specified threshold in a sample shall constitute a breach of the Club's policy.



STABLING

1. The Quarantine Stables are located at Sha Tin Racecourse, around 45 minutes from Hong Kong International Airport.
2. The stable blocks are temperature controlled and rubber floored throughout.
3. The isolation stables compound includes rubberised horse walkers, sand rolls, weighing scales and an all-weather arena.
4. Two types of bedding are available: newspaper strips and wood shavings.
5. The stables' water supply is normal domestic drinking water through automatic water feeders. Alternatively, bottled distilled water will be provided upon request.
6. The Club imports fodder from Australia, China, New Zealand, South Africa, the UK and the USA. Large selections of proprietary feeds are available.
7. Importation of feed and water, subject to examination, is permitted within the limitation of aircraft space. However, the import of plant material, such as hay and chaff is subject to a valid Phytosanitary Certificate issued by the exporting country. Please note the Club has excellent stocks of Timothy Hay, Lucerne Hay and Chaffs.
8. Dietary supplements may contain unknown prohibited substances and all are used at the Trainer's own risk. Common supplements currently used by Trainers licensed by the Club will be made available to visiting Trainers, on request.
9. The Club's daily track work training schedule must be abided by all visiting Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Head Lads, Jockeys, Track Work Riders and Grooms.

EQUIPMENT

1. **Whips & Spurs**
Only padded whips may be used in races and in training and must be of a design which complies with the requirements of the Club's Stipendiary Stewards. No spurs may be worn in races or in track work.
2. **Nasal Dilators, Drop Nosebands and Other Unspecified Equipment**
Nasal dilators and drop nosebands are not permitted to be used on horses in Hong Kong. Any other unspecified equipment may not be fitted to a runner without prior permission from EM,VR and/or the Stipendiary Stewards.
3. **Bandages**
Trainers must ensure that bandages fitted to horses' legs are securely fastened for both racing and training. The use of cotton wool under bandages is not permitted.
4. **Equipment**
Blinkers, Hoods, Pacifiers, Visors, Sheepskin Nosebands/Shadow Rolls, Sheepskin Cheekpieces, Crossed Nose Bands and Tongue Ties, all of which must be of a design approved by the Stipendiary Stewards, must be registered on the declaration form and submitted before declarations close at 8:00 am on the Thursday preceding raceday.

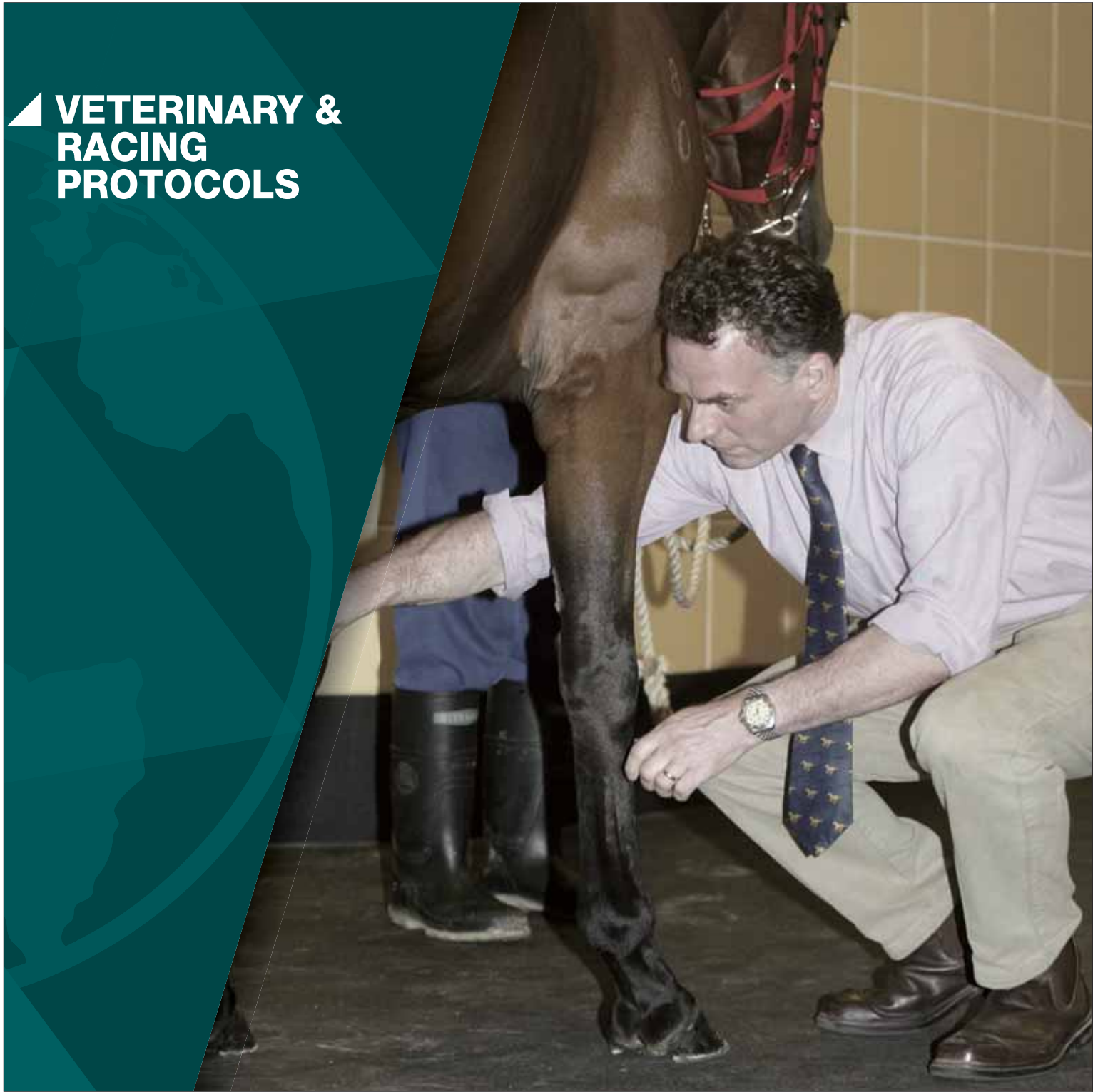
Any items of approved tack/gear which is to be worn in the Parade Ring and on the way to the start, but not in the race, must also be notified to the Stipendiary Stewards before declarations close at 8:00 am on the Thursday preceding raceday. Any item of approved tack/gear to be worn in these circumstances must have previously been approved to be worn by a Recognised Racing Authority.
5. Leather reins are not permitted to be used in races or in track work.
6. The Stipendiary Stewards, in conjunction with the Department of Veterinary Regulation (“DVR”), will conduct an examination of the equipment intended to be worn in races and/or in the Parade Ring by overseas runners in the week leading up to the International race meeting.

TRACK & WEATHER CONDITION

- 1. Horses run right-handed on an oval flat turf course 30.5 metres wide with a 430 metres (a little over 2 furlongs) homestretch.
- 2. Weather in Hong Kong
 - Nov/Dec/Jan:** Usually dry with temperatures averaging 14°C (57°F) to 19°C (66°F).
 - Mar/April/May:** Moderate humidity with temperatures averaging 17°C (62°F) to 25°C (77°F).
- 3. Going

RACES	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jockey Club Cup (G2)				
Jockey Club Mile (G2)	(Nov) Good to Firm	(Nov) Good to Firm	(Nov)	(Nov)
Jockey Club Sprint (G2)				
Hong Kong Cup (G1)				
Hong Kong Mile (G1)	(Dec) Good to Firm	(Dec) Good to Firm	(Dec)	(Dec)
Hong Kong Sprint (G1)				
Hong Kong Vase (G1)				
Stewards' Cup (G1)	(Jan) Good	(Jan) Good	(Jan) Good to Firm	(Jan)
Hong Kong Gold Cup (G1)	(Mar) Good to Firm	(Feb) Good	(Feb) Good	(Feb)
Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (G1)	(Mar) Good to Firm	(Mar) Good	(Mar) Good	(Feb)
Queen Elizabeth II Cup (G1)	(Apr) Good	(Apr) Good to Firm	(Apr) Good to Firm	(Apr)
Champions Mile (G1)	(May) Good	(May) Good	(May) Good to Firm	(May)
Chairman's Sprint Prize (G1)	(Feb) Good	(Feb) Good	(Feb) Good	(May)
Champions & Chater Cup (G1)	(May) Good	(May) Good	(May) Good to Firm	(May)





VETERINARY & RACING PROTOCOLS

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CRITICAL DATES

1. During the 90 days pre-export of the horse to Hong Kong (but not within 14 days) either complete a primary course of equine influenza vaccinations or administer a booster dose to a primary course.
2. During the 14 days pre-export of the horse to Hong Kong specific disease testing is to be performed.
3. No less than 10 days prior to a horse departing for Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at the time, the trainer must submit the First Medication Declaration Form (MDF1) to the Club on the official form provided.
4. Between six days (maximum) and three days (minimum) prior to the horse departing for Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at the time, a pre-travel veterinary inspection must be performed by a HKJC appointed veterinary surgeon. At the time of this inspection, the HKJC inspecting veterinary surgeon must obtain from the horse's trainer a completed and signed copy of the Medications Declaration Form Two (MDF2), which records any additional medications administered to the horse since the submission of the First Medications Declaration Form (MDF1).
5. All medications administered to the horse after the veterinary inspection until its arrival in Hong Kong must be reported in writing to the Club on the Medications Declaration Form Three (MDF3) provided.

***NB** - See the rest of the document and the Hong Kong SAR Government "Export Certificate for Horses Temporarily Imported into Hong Kong (Version: September 2011)", for provisions relating to vaccinations and disease testing involving multi-country travel.

The following standard official forms may be downloaded from the HKJC website at
http://www.hkjc.com/english/racinginfo/horsemen/handbook_medication.asp

- "Medication Declaration Form for Racehorses Travelling to Hong Kong to Compete in International Races" (MDF1)
- "Medication Declaration Update Form for Racehorses Travelling to Hong Kong to Compete in International Races" (MDF2)

- "Post-Arrival Medication Declaration Form for Racehorses Travelling to Hong Kong to Compete in International Races" (MDF3)
- "Pre-Travel Veterinary Inspection Form for Racehorses Travelling to Hong Kong to compete in International Races"

CRITICAL MATTERS

The following items must be very carefully read, understood and complied with:

1. Pre-travel Treatments
 - a) All racehorses must test free of prohibited substances on race day.
 - b) Trainers should be aware that advice given for the pre-race withdrawal periods of medications used in Hong Kong may be different from those used/recommended in other racing jurisdictions and also, they may well be more conservative.
 - c) It is the responsibility of the Trainer, in writing, to seek clarification, from EM, VR (Fax: +852 2602 3305 or email: peter.curl@hkjc.org.hk), regarding the recommended pre-race withdrawal periods used in Hong Kong for SPECIFIC medications, before they are administered to their horses.
 - d) Trainers are reminded that certain corticosteroids, hormones, procaine penicillin and other slowly-eliminating medications may be detected for several months and they will be held responsible for ensuring that their horses are free of all such substances.
 - e) In accordance with Article 6E of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering; any horse administered any of the substances listed as '*not to be administered to racehorses at any time in their career*' (<http://www.horseracingintfed.com/default.asp?section=IABRW&area=2#a6E>), including and especially anabolic steroids, will not be permitted to be entered in a race for a period of six months from the date of administration – irrespective of subsequent analytical test results and / or the country of residence at the time of the administration.



2. Medication Lists

- a) The Trainer must submit the horse's medication declaration using the supplied standard official form, to the EM, VR no less than 10 days prior to the horse departing for Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at the time, and the Club will acknowledge its receipt.
- b) The list must include **all** medications administered to the horse within one (1) month of the horse departing for Hong Kong and the last date of administration of all anabolic substances, long-acting corticosteroids, hormones, procaine penicillin and other slowly eliminated medications, including implants. This applies irrespective of which country the horse is located in prior to departing for Hong Kong.
- c) The Club appointed inspecting veterinary surgeon must, at the time of his/her inspection, be provided with an update of any medication administered to the horse since the first medication declaration and document this in writing on the supplied standard official form to be submitted to the EM, VR.
- d) Any medications administered to the horse between the pre-travel veterinary inspection and the horse's arrival in Hong Kong must be immediately declared, in writing using the supplied standard official form, to the EM, VR.

e) It is important to note that **all** medications administered to the horse must be declared, irrespective of whether or not they are considered as, or to contain, prohibited substances, under the Rules of Racing in any other racing jurisdictions.

3. Pre-travel Veterinary Inspection

- a) This compulsory inspection to evaluate veterinary aspects of the horse's suitability for travel and racing, **MUST** be performed between six (6) days (maximum) and three (3) days (minimum), prior to the horse departing for Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at the time, and the report **MUST** be made on the supplied standard official form.
- b) It is **ESSENTIAL** that the Club's appointed inspecting veterinary surgeon sends his / her inspection report **AND** the updated medication list to the EM,VR at least three (3) days prior to the horse departing for Hong Kong. The Club will acknowledge receipt of the veterinary report. Failure to submit the forms on time may prevent approval being given for the horse to travel to Hong Kong.

4. Equine Influenza Vaccination

- a) Advance planning of racehorse vaccination programmes is essential as some countries' veterinary authorities may have differing and/or additional vaccination requirements for re-entry.
- b) No horse shall be accepted for emplaning unless it is certified by a qualified registered Veterinary Surgeon to be correctly vaccinated against equine influenza as follows:

During the 90 days immediately prior to export from its country of permanent or usual residency, but not within 14 days of export, the horse was administered:

EITHER

A primary course of approved vaccinations against equine influenza comprising of at least 2 doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks or according to the terms of vaccine registration with the relevant government authority.

OR

A booster vaccination against equine influenza which was given within 12 months of a primary course, or within 12 months of a booster vaccination where it, and any other previous booster vaccinations, had been administered annually within a regular 12-month period since the primary course (which consisted of at least 2 doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks or according to the terms of vaccine registration with the relevant government authority).

- c) Please study the "Veterinary Guidelines for Horses Travelling Temporarily to Hong Kong" later in this document for further details.

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5. Pre-travel Tests

- a) Equine infectious anaemia (EIA) and equine piroplasmosis tests **MUST** be performed within 14 days of export to Hong Kong.
- b) Equine influenza test **MUST** be performed within 48 hours prior to departure in the exporting country.
- c) Please study the "Veterinary Guidelines for Horses Travelling Temporarily to Hong Kong" later in this document for further details.



PRE AND POST-TRAVEL INSPECTION, HEALTH PROCEDURES, MEDICATION AND TESTING

1. The equine health protocols for the temporary importation into Hong Kong of registered racehorses for international races is available at the Hong Kong Government website:

http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua_ie/qua_ie_ipab/qua_ie_ipab_ihea/qua_ie_ipab_ihea.html

Further information may be obtained from:

Dr Kenneth Lam
Consultant, International Veterinary Liaison
The Hong Kong Jockey Club
Sha Tin Racecourse, New Territories
Hong Kong SAR, China
Tel: (+852) 2966 6617
Fax: (+852) 2602 3305
Email: kenneth.kh.lam@hkjc.org.hk.

And / or the Club's horse shipping agents in each country.

It is essential that, prior to embarking on any journey, the racehorse's connections make appropriate enquiries of the veterinary authorities of all countries to be visited, including the country of final destination, to ensure that they have fulfilled all their equine import requirements.

2. It is **strongly recommended** that every invited horse has a thorough veterinary clinical examination (including blood tests and endoscopy), performed by its usual veterinary surgeon, prior to travelling to Hong Kong, to ensure that it is suitable to embark on very long road and air journeys and to reduce the risks of the horse being affected by "travel sickness". A mild clinical or sub-clinical respiratory infection will undoubtedly be exacerbated by travel and could jeopardise a horse's chance of competing in the race and adversely affect its future health.

3. All invited horses will be subject to a stringent pre-travel veterinary inspection by the Club's appointed veterinary surgeons before its departure to Hong Kong, irrespective of the country in which the horse is located at this time. The purpose of this inspection is to ensure that the horse is not suffering from any obvious problems, which could possibly:

- jeopardise its chances of competing in its race
- have an adverse effect on its performance in its race
- cause it to finish lame or "break down" during the race
- adversely affect its health during travel

The inspection will (inter alia) require the horse to be trotted-up in-hand on a firm flat surface and undergo palpation of its locomotor structures.

4. A Pre-travel Elective Urine Testing Service is available through the HKJC to assist the connections of horses to determine whether or not their horses are free of previously administered therapeutic medications. Please note that this is an advisory service only, the official samples are those collected in Hong Kong. Details of this service may be obtained from the EM, VR.

5. If a Trainer has more than one groom / representative for his / her horse or horses, then ALL accompanying grooms / representatives will be deemed to be able to represent that Trainer's interest in respect of ALL sample collection procedures, unless written notification to the contrary is provided to the Club by the Trainer.

6. Upon arrival at the isolation stables in Hong Kong, all horses will be required to provide blood and urine samples for analysis for prohibited substances. Any sample reported positive to any prohibited substance as a result of this test and which is not consistent with the information declared on the pre-travel medication forms or with treatments documented to have been administered during travel (as declared in writing immediately upon the horse's arrival in Hong Kong), may be withdrawn at the absolute discretion of the Stipendiary Stewards any time prior to racing. If the horse is withdrawn under these circumstances, the travel subsidy and declaration fee may be forfeited at the discretion of the Stewards of the Club.

7. In accordance with the Rules of Racing, it is a requirement that each trainer must as soon as practicable, report to a Veterinary Officer or Veterinary Surgeon of the Club any condition, abnormality, injury or sickness that may have the potential to affect, or might have affected, a horse's performance in a race.

8. All racehorses in Hong Kong are required to pass a pre-race veterinary inspection conducted after track work the day before they race.

Further information on medication of racehorses is available on the Club's website
http://www.hkjc.com/english/racinginfo/horsemen/handbook_medication.asp
or on request from the Club's DVR.



VACCINATION AND QUARANTINE

1. Certified documentary evidence of all vaccinations that have been administered to the horse must be available for inspection by the Club and Government Officials.

2. Visiting horses will be allocated specific isolation stables, training times and places, and all notices and instructions (written and verbal) issued by Club and Government officials relating to these matters must be strictly complied with. Since all overseas racehorses, which are temporarily visiting Hong Kong, will be of equivalent health status, they shall, unless otherwise advised, be permitted to use the training tracks at the same time as each other, but at different times to local horses. Access to the isolation units is strictly restricted to authorised persons only and all such persons must be registered with the Club's Security & Integrity Department.

MEDICATION AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

1. The Rules are based upon participation free of prohibited substances and, therefore, all racehorses in Hong Kong are tested pre-race for such substances. Selected horses will also be tested post-race.
2. The Rules provide that *“The Stewards shall have the power to withdraw at their discretion any declared runner if a pre-race test taken from such horse is reported by the Chief Racing Chemist or other chemist authorised by him as positive or potentially positive for the presence of any prohibited substance.”*
3. The Trainer may also be punished for breaching the Rules, in the event that a horse which has been declared to start in a race, is found to have been administered or been exposed to a prohibited substance.
4. Whilst in Hong Kong no treatment of any sort may be given to any racehorse without prior permission from the Club's veterinary surgeons who are the only persons authorised to administer all treatments. If in doubt about treatment of any sort, the horse's Trainer, or his authorised representative should contact one of the Club's veterinary surgeons. There are many specific Rules and Instructions concerning treatment of racehorses in Hong Kong and you should be aware that on the day it is to race, no horse shall receive any treatment which includes any substance administered by injection, by stomach tube, by paste, by dose syringe, by topical application or by inhalation. Furthermore, the performance of manipulative therapy is not permitted on race day prior to the horse running in its scheduled race. No horse is permitted to be subject to a endoscopic examination on the day on which it is to race until after having competed in its race without the express approval of the EM, VR. The use of ice, ice packs or cold water treatment on a horse's limbs within two (2) hours of the scheduled time of the race is strictly prohibited.

5. It must be noted that any person providing veterinary services in Hong Kong must, as a statutory requirement, under the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance, be registered with the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong. To obtain such registration may take several weeks. Should a horse's connections anticipate that they may require the services of their own, or a specialist veterinary surgeon, then application to the Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong must be made at least four (4) weeks prior to such services being required.
6. It should be emphasised that all treatments given to, or procedures carried out on, a horse by a visiting veterinary surgeon, who has been properly registered in Hong Kong, shall be supervised by a Club veterinary surgeon.
7. The prohibited substances under the Club's Rules are:
- a) Substances capable at any time of causing an action or effect, or both an action and effect, within one or more of the following mammalian body systems:
- the nervous system
 - the cardiovascular system
 - the respiratory system
 - the digestive system
 - the urinary system
 - the reproductive system
 - the musculoskeletal system
 - the blood system
 - the immune system except for licensed vaccines against infectious agents
 - the endocrine system
- b) Endocrine secretions and their synthetic counterparts
- c) Masking agents
- d) Oxygen carriers
- e) Agents that directly or indirectly affect or manipulate gene express.

Prohibited substances below the following thresholds are not actionable:

Threshold name	Threshold
Arsenic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0.3 microgram total arsenic per millilitre in urine
Boldenone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0.015 microgram free and conjugated boldenone per millilitre in urine from male horses (other than geldings)
Carbon dioxide	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 36 millimoles available carbon dioxide per litre in plasma
Cobalt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0.1 microgram total cobalt per millilitre in urine
Dimethyl sulphoxide	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15 micrograms dimethyl sulphoxide per millilitre in urine, or• 1 microgram dimethyl sulphoxide per millilitre in plasma
Estranediol in male horses (other than geldings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0.045 microgram free and glucuroconjugated 5α-estrane-3β,17α-diol per millilitre in urine¹ <p>¹ When, at the screening stage, the free and glucuroconjugated 5α-estrane-3β,17α-diol exceeds the free and glucuroconjugated 5(10)estrene-3β, 17α-diol in the urine.</p>
Hydrocortisone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 microgram hydrocortisone per millilitre in urine
Methoxytyramine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 micrograms free and conjugated 3-methoxytyramine per millilitre in urine
Salicylic acid	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 750 micrograms salicylic acid per millilitre in urine, or• 6.5 micrograms salicylic acid per millilitre in plasma
Testosterone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0.02 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from geldings, or• 100 picograms free testosterone per millilitre in plasma from geldings, or• 0.055 microgram free and conjugated testosterone per millilitre in urine from fillies and mares (unless in foal)
Theobromine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 micrograms theobromine per millilitre in urine, or• 0.3 microgram theobromine per millilitre in plasma

The conjugated substance is the substance that can be liberated from conjugates.

SHOEING

1. All horses must race shod with four aluminium plates (shoes).
No horse shall be permitted to race unshod.

2. The Club's farriers will be available for shoeing if required.

3. Trainers are advised that the approval of the EM, VR must first be obtained for the plating of horses for racing in any way other than with a nailed-on plain shoe. The use of any substance between the plate and the hoof, such as wedges, leathers, etc. also requires inspection and the approval of the EM, VR.

4. Glue-on aluminium racing plates are permitted if necessary and must be approved by the EM, VR. It must be noted that it is not permitted for glue-on shoes to be applied or re-applied less than two (2) hours prior to the start time of the horse's race.
5. Calks, toe grabs or other devices, which may represent a danger to other horses, are not permitted under the Club's Rules.

6. Connections may use the services of their own farrier providing that the EM, VR is notified in writing at least three (3) days prior to the intended arrival of the farrier at the Club's racehorse isolation stables.



VETERINARY CLINICAL SERVICES

1. Veterinary surgeons from the Club's Department of Veterinary Clinical Services will provide routine veterinary care for all horses while they are resident in Hong Kong.
2. Any questions regarding the clinical care of your horse may be addressed to the Head of Veterinary Clinical Services ("HVCS"):

Dr Christopher M Riggs
BVSc, PhD, DEO, DipECVS, MRCVS
Head of Veterinary Clinical Services
Department of Veterinary Clinical Services
The Hong Kong Jockey Club
Sha Tin Racecourse, New Territories
Hong Kong SAR, China
Tel: (+852) 2966 6891
Fax: (+852) 2966 6622
Email: christopher.m.riggs@hkjc.org.hk

3. You are encouraged to contact the HVCS before travelling to Hong Kong if you anticipate any particular veterinary requirements for your horse.

BARRIER PRACTICE

Visiting overseas Trainers who wish to give their horse(s) a jump out or barrier practice on the turf or all-weather track must obtain permission from one of following Club Officials.

- **Mr Tony McGovern**
Starter

T (852) 2966-6024
M (852) 9027-1794

• **Mr Kim Kelly**
Chief Stipendiary Steward

T (852) 2966-8761
M (852) 6792-6181

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PRE-RACE PARADE
RING SCHOOLING

The Club provides visiting trainers with the opportunity to aschool horses in the Parade Ring prior to the International race meeting.

Overseas horses may be schooled on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday prior to the International race meeting between 8.45am and 10.30am. Schooling sessions can be arranged by contacting the Quarantine Stables Manager.



VETERINARY GUIDELINES FOR HORSES TRAVELLING TEMPORARILY TO HONG KONG

Scheduled countries / places for temporary import into Hong Kong	Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Macau SAR, Peninsular Malaysia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, the Republic of Ireland, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom (Great Britain & Northern Ireland) and the United States of America.
Pre-export isolation requirements	Nil
Pre-export testing requirements	<p>The sample for each test must be taken within 14 days of export to Hong Kong:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equine Infectious Anaemia (EIA) (Coggins - Immunodiffusion test) • Piroplasmosis (IFAT- Indirect Fluorescent Antibody Test - for <i>Babesia caballi</i> and <i>Theileria equi</i>) <p>A nasopharyngeal swab for Equine Influenza test must be collected within 48 hours prior to the horse's departure in the exporting country/Macau and a negative result subjected to one of the following tests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A polymerase chain reaction test for influenza A • The Directigen Flu A or Flu A+B test kit manufactured by Becton, Dickinson and Company USA (BD) • The ESPLINE Influenza A and B-N kit manufactured by Fujirebio Inc
Vaccination requirements	<p>Equine Influenza: During the 90 days immediately prior to export from its country/ place of permanent or usual residency, but not within 14 days of export, the horse MUST have been administered:</p> <p>EITHER a primary course of approved vaccinations against equine influenza comprising of at least 2 doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks or according to the terms of vaccine registration with the relevant government authority.</p> <p>OR a booster vaccination against equine influenza which was given within 12 months of a primary course, or within 12 months of a booster vaccination where it, and any other previous booster vaccinations, had been administered annually within a regular 12-month period since the primary course (which consisted of at least 2 doses with an interval of 4 to 6 weeks or according to the terms of vaccine registration with the relevant government authority).</p>

***Special Vaccinations Requirements for Australian Horses:**
 Please note that Australia has different requirements for equine influenza and Japanese B encephalitis vaccination and testing for re-entry and these should be obtained from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF). A waiver may be required from the Hong Kong Government.

***Return/Onward Journey Requirements:**
 For returning to the original country of export or onward journey to another country, additional pre-export quarantine period, vaccination, treatment(s) (e.g. deworming, insecticide spray) and health testing requirements may apply. Please consult your shipping agent for details and advice in your advance travel planning.

1. These guidelines are only to assist horses' connections with their travel planning and conditions are subject to change. Please refer to HK AFCD website for details of importation.

http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/quarantine/qua_ie/qua_ie_ipab/qua_ie_ipab_ihea/qua_ie_ipab_ihea.html

REMINDER: All registered horses on temporary importation into Hong Kong must be accompanied by duly completed "Export Certificate for Horses Temporarily Imported into Hong Kong (version: September 2011)" and signed by the official veterinarian of the country/place of dispatch.
2. Testing requirements may vary from time to time with an individual country's ability to certify freedom from the required disease for specific periods.

3. Horse shipping agents and local animal health authorities will have the most current information.
4. Official government health certification must be complied with for entry of horses into Hong Kong and re-entry into their country of origin or country of next destination, which will vary according to the itinerary of the horse.

5. Providing that all tests required for importation of horses into Hong Kong from the country of origin are completed in that country, then no further testing will be required in the cases of multiple country itineraries, providing that such horses are isolated from local horses and those not of equivalent health status, except during their races.

6. Please note that no vaccines may be administered within 14 days of import into Hong Kong.

7. Please note that no pregnant mare is allowed for temporary import into Hong Kong.