

Press release

With regard to Race 7 (The Mother's Racing Day Cup) for Race Meeting 12, to be run at Champ de Mars racecourse on Saturday, 3 June 2023, the Stipendiary Stewards of the Horse Racing Division have used their powers in terms of the Rules and the Racing Guidelines at the declarations stage on Thursday, 01 June 2023, in order to permit PRINCE OF VENICE to run and the field size to be 4 (four) runners.

In making the above determination the Stipendiary Stewards considered the following:

- The minimum number of runners for a Protected Race is 3;
- The reason this race was not a Protected Race was due to PRINCE OF VENICE which holds a rating of 48;
- In the event that PRINCE OF VENICE was not accepted at the declarations stage, the race would remain valid as the three (3) remaining runners have a rating greater than 50; and
- The purpose of the Racing Guidelines is in order to ensure the best interests of horseracing;

After factoring in each of the above, it became apparent to the Stipendiary Stewards that a strict application of the Racing Guidelines would create a lacuna in the system as, a race would only be valid if another horse and its stakeholders were denied a run. Consequently, the Stipendiary Stewards exercised their discretionary powers in terms of the Rules and Racing Guidelines in order to allow this race to stand with four (4) runners despite the rating of PRINCE OF VENICE.

Thursday, 01 June 2023