



PENANG TURF CLUB

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

EARLY MARCH MEETING 2023

(RUN UNDER M.R.A. RULES OF RACING & REGULATIONS)

One Day - Saturday - 4 March 2023

#The Penang Early March Meeting 2023 is subject to approval by the Malaysian authorities.

THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF COVID-19 FOR HORSE RACING INDUSTRY WILL BE FOLLOWED STRICTLY. ALL MRA LICENSEES ARE REQUIRED TO KINDLY REFER TO THE SOP STATED IN PNTC CIRCULAR T10/22 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

1. ENTRIES

1.1 Classes/types of races catered for:

One day – Banded 62-89 (rating 62-89), Class 4 (rating 44 – 61) and Class 5 (rating 43 and below).

1.2 Closing of Entries

Entries for Penang Early March Meeting 2023 will be closed at **9:30am on Monday, 27 February 2023** at the Racing Department of Penang Turf Club.

Applications for Visiting Jockey's License for Penang Early March Meeting 2023 have to be submitted by **Monday, 20 February 2023** at the Racing Department of Penang Turf Club.

- 1.2.1 Entries must be made on M.R.A. entry forms. Trainers must state clearly on their entry forms the runs and distances of the races for which they are entering. Telephonic messages to withdraw or make additional entries or change the distances

of horses already entered must be confirmed in writing or by fax through an associated Club prior to closing of entries.

1.2.2 Entries received by the Racing Department **after 9:30am on the date of closing will not be accepted.**

1.2.3 Trainers or their representatives are required to verify their entries and revert to the Racing Dept within 24 hours after the release of the Entries and Training List. The Entries and Training List will be deemed as final if no feedback is received after the stipulated time.

1.3 Reduction of entries

1.3.1 In the event of excessive entries, **Penang Turf Club reserves the right to reduce the entries of the 3 clubs by different percentages each, as it deems fit.** Trainers will be allotted a set number of stalls for the race meeting. All entries will be accepted but trainers must nominate by **a time stipulated by the Club on the same day entries close ie Monday, 27 February 2023** respectively, horses to be handicapped for the meeting not exceeding his stall allocation. Failure to comply with this procedure by the given deadline may result in the club balloting out the required number regardless of the horses rating.

1.3.2 In the event of there being insufficient entries for a particular distance, the Committee reserves the right to cancel the race OR transfer such entries to the race(s) for the alternate distance.

2. CLASSES, DISTANCES AND STAKES

CLASSES	DISTANCES	STAKES	ENTRY FEES (per run)
	One Day (4 March 2023)		
BANDED 62 – 89 Rating: 62 – 89	1200M	RM40,000	RM150 + RM9 (6% SST)
CLASS 4 Rating: 44 – 61	1300M 1700M	RM35,500 * If a race that is framed for rating 55 and below the stakes money applied would be RM31,000.	RM150 + RM9 (6% SST)
CLASS 5 Rating: 43 and below	1200M 1600M	RM22,000 * If a race that is framed for rating 35 and below the stakes money applied would be RM18,000.	RM150 + RM9 (6% SST)
ENTRIES CLOSING DATE	Monday 9:30AM 27 Feb 2023		
FINAL SCRATCHING & JOCKEY DECLARATION	Wednesday 8:45am 1 March 2023		

Unless advertised in the programme, races of combined classes shall carry the stakes and entry fees of the higher class.

IMPORTANT:

All Entry Fees must be paid at the latest by 5:00 pm on the Friday before the weekend's races. Trainers are requested to settle all entry fees by the time and date mentioned below, failing which, their horses may be scratched without further notice and a penalty imposed. For Penang Early March Meeting 2023, all entry fees must be paid to the office of the Racing Department before 5:00pm on Friday, 3 March 2023 respectively.

2.1 BANDED 62 – 89

- (a) Race Type : Set – Weight
 (b) Ratings : 62 - 89
 (c) Distance : 1200M
 (d) Condition : **Only Apprentice Allowance Permitted.**
 (e) Minimum top weight : 59Kg.

BANDED 62 - 89			
Ratings	Weights	Ratings	Weights
89	59.0	75 - 76	55.5
87 - 88	58.5	73 - 74	55.0
85 - 86	58.0	71 - 72	54.5
83 - 84	57.5	69 - 70	53.5
81 - 82	57.0	67 - 68	53.0
79 - 80	56.5	65 - 66	52.5
77 - 78	56.0	62 - 64	52.0

3. ENTRY FEES

3.1 All horse entry fees shall be determined and notified by the Club from time to time. (Amended 1/4/17)

3.2 **Distribution Of Entry Fees**

Malayan Racing Association will retain RM40 from each entry and the remaining sums will be credited to the Club conducting the race meeting to defray its expenses. (Amended 1/4/17).

3.3 **Refund Of Entry Fees**

A refund of entry fees less the charge of RM50 (+6% SST) will be made only when the horse is withdrawn by order of the Racing Stewards or is a scratching on veterinary grounds. (Amended 1/4/17)

3.4 **Penalty**

Trainers are reminded that the horses they have entered for any Penang meeting (confirmed by being handicapped) **CANNOT BE SCRATCHED** unless they are Veterinary Scratchings or Stewards' Withdrawals, with the exception on Clause 5 – Note(ac) and (ad). A horse that is scratched without a Veterinary Certificate or is not a Stewards' Withdrawal will have to pay the full entry fees and also a penalty of RM500.00. In addition they will also have to reimburse the Club for all expenses incurred.

4. FIELD SIZES

After Final Acceptance

For 1100m & 1600m races - limited to 12 runners plus a maximum of 3 EA's.

For 1200m, 1300m, 1400m & 1700m races – limited to 14 runners plus a maximum of 3 EA's.

For all other distances– limited to 16 runners plus a maximum of 3 EA's. (Amended 18/1/18)

5. EMERGENCY ACCEPTORS

When the size of a field has exceeded the limit the Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of acceptors and determine an order of Emergency Acceptors as follows:-

5.1 A trainer will be limited to a maximum of 3 horses in a race card. This is inclusive of same owner or individual owner. Should a trainer or owner exceed the numbers, the excess horses shall be given an EA status determined by the ratings from lowest upwards over recent form and distances. It applies to all races unless otherwise mentioned in the programme.

5.2 **In Feature Races And Races With Special Conditions**

- i. The field will be selected by the Panel of Handicappers based on the horses' rating in conjunction with recent form over appropriate distances.
- ii. Emergency Acceptors from these races shall be exempted from any ballot that may be conducted for the alternate race on the same day.
- iii. Emergency Acceptors which are scratched from these races shall not be permitted to start in the alternate race.
- iv. Emergency Acceptors eliminated from these races shall be permitted to start in the alternate race.

5.3 **Term Races (Including Restricted Maiden Races)**

Emergency Acceptors will be determined strictly by ballot for all horses.

The following categories of horses will be exempted, where possible, from Emergency Acceptor status:-

- i. Any horse which was a last start winner will be assured of a run. (Not applicable to Restricted Maiden races)

5.4 **All Other Races**

The order of Emergency Acceptors will be determined by ratings from the lowest upwards. In the event of similar ratings a ballot will be conducted.

The following categories of horses will be exempted, where possible, from Emergency Acceptor status:-

- i. Any horse which was a last start winner will be assured of a run.
- ii. Any horse which has been placed 2nd or 3rd in its previous start, and;
- iii. Any horse prevented from starting due to capacity field i.e. EA1, EA2 and EA3 in the last race for which it was entered.

The Club reserves the right to amend/alter the above conditions relating to Clause 5 without assigning any reason thereof. The Club's decision shall be final.

Note

- aa) All Emergency Acceptors will be included in the barrier draw. All fees payable in respect of such race shall be paid for Emergency Acceptors as required by the Rules and /or Conditions if such Emergency Acceptors be permitted to start.
- ab) Emergency Acceptors shall be withdrawn from the race if there are no vacancies **three hours** before the advertised time of the first race of the day.
- ac) All trainers are allowed to scratch their horses which are Emergency Acceptors 4, 5 and above at time of declaration without the RM500.00 penalty. The RM50.00(+6% SST) administrative fee remains payable.
- ad) Outstation Trainers only (PRTC and SLTC trainers) are also allowed to scratch their horses which are Emergency Acceptors 1 to 3 at time of declaration without the RM500.00 penalty but with the nominal charge of RM50.00 (+6% SST) administrative fee.

6. **DECLARATIONS, SCRATCHINGS AND "JOCKEY OVERWEIGHT REQUEST"**

Declarations, Scratchings and "Jockey Overweight Request" form must be placed in the respective Declaration or Scratching boxes provided at the Scales Area before the date and time stipulated for the close of acceptances. Declaration, Scratching or Jockey Overweight Request via telephone or fax will not be accepted.

However, outstation trainers whose horses are scheduled to arrive at the Club after the scratching/declaration time are permitted to fax their scratchings and declarations to the Club. Their faxes must reach the Club's Racing Department by 5:00 pm, a day preceding the Official Scratching/Declaration day and they must call up before this time to confirm with the Racing Department that all their scratching or declaration forms have been received in good order. Failure to comply may result in their horses to be scratched without notice and a penalty imposed.

7. **SCHEDULE OF RACING**

The Committee will decide on the number of divisions into which each class will be divided and will then publish a schedule of racing.

8. **STAKES DISTRIBUTION**

- 8.1 The distribution for all stakes and for all classes unless otherwise advertised in the Official Programme, will be as follows:-

PLACING	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	TOTAL
1 ST	50.50%	6.00%	5.00%	61.50%
2 ND	18.00%	2.50%	1.50%	22.00%
3 RD	9.00%	1.50%	0.50%	11.00%
4 TH	4.50%	0.75%	0.25%	5.50%
TOTAL	82.00%	10.75%	7.25%	100.00%

9. **JOCKEY'S RIDING FEES**

Payment of these fees will be the responsibility of the Club.

10. **HORSES DUE AT PENANG TURF CLUB**

Horses must arrive at the Club at the respective time according to the race meeting as follows:

If it is 1 day race day on Saturday – before 12:00noon on the Friday of the week.
 If it is 1 day race day on Sunday – before 12:00noon on the Saturday of the week.
 If it is 2 day race weekend on Saturday **and** Sunday – before 12:00noon on the Friday of the week.

Failure to comply may result in the horse being scratched by the stipendiary stewards and a penalty imposed.

11. **PRE-RACE BLOOD TEST AND WEIGHING OF HORSES**

- a. All horses must be brought to the Holding Area **2 hours** before the advertised time of their races to enable blood samples to be collected and tested as well as for them to be weighed and their weights declared.
- b. Trainers must ensure that the syce/employee who is in charge of the horse and who signs on the pre-race blood collection form is the **one and same person** that accompanies and is responsible for the horse during post-race blood and urine collections. Special permission must be sought in writing from the Chief Stipendiary Steward should there be a non-compliance of this directive. Failure to comply with this directive may result in a penalty being imposed.
- c. Trainers are requested **not to allow** their horses from the stable to proceed to the Pre-Race Weighing Scales & Holding Area **earlier** than the stipulated **2 hours** before the commencement of the race.
- d. If for any reason a Trainer, his 'B' Trainer or his Supervisor whose horse(s) is/are already within the Holding Area, the person concerned may be allowed to enter the Holding Area by the Security Guard on duty, provided he produces his MRA pass. The Security Guard on duty will record the MRA Pass number, the time of entry into the Holding Area, and time of departure of the person concerned.

- e. Inside the Holding Area, the **horse(s) Passport, the vaccination and deworming status** will be checked, pre-race blood collected and a stall allocated to each horse, where it will remain until instructed to move to the saddling stalls by an authorised official.
- f. Trainers must ensure that horses under their charge and stabled within the Turf Club premises are vaccinated regularly. A horse may not be permitted to start in a race if its original Passport is not available or its vaccination status is **not current** at the time the weight of the horse is taken. A horse is **NOT ALLOWED** to race with a Temporary Passport.
- g. **Food, drinks, medication, smoking, pouches and hand phones are strictly prohibited in the Holding Yard.** Body search may be carried out by the security guard on duty.
- h. Trainers must ensure that their syces who are in charge of their horses must witness the collection process and sign the **Pre-Race Blood Collection Form.**
- i. Trainers must ensure that their syces accompanying horses **display prominently** the valid **MRA or Club passes** on their person, failing which **entry into the Holding Area will be denied.**
- j. On occasions when due to the change of time of the races **resulting in a delay** in releasing the horses, Trainers or their representatives will be informed of the period of delay by an Official of the Holding Centre.
- k. Horses entered to race will be released from the Holding Centre to the Saddling Area (Paddock) at the discretion of the Official at the Holding Centre as soon as the **Saddling Area is free of horses.** Trainers are requested to brief their authorised employees accordingly.
- l. Trainers should ensure that except for employees directly involved in the saddling process, no other unauthorised person is allowed into the saddling stall(s).
- m. Once a syce is inside the Holding Area, he/she will not be permitted to leave the area at anytime other than when he/she is required to lead the horse to the Saddling Area.
- n. Trainers with horses requiring two syces to lead a horse to the Holding Area are requested to obtain prior written permission from any of the Stipendiary Stewards. The authorisation letter should be handed over to the Security Guard on duty at the Holding Area.

NOTE:

Action may be taken against anyone contravening the above-mentioned conditions and procedures.

12. PRE-RACE LAMENESS TEST

Horses will be tested when they come out of their Holding Areas into the Saddling Paddock area about half an hour before their respective races. The horses are required to trot in the Saddling Paddock area in an orderly manner as directed by the Club's personnel before being led into their saddling stalls.

- 13. SUBMISSION OF EMPLOYEES LIST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL**
Trainers must submit to the Club's Security Department a "KKM Working List - PNTC" (stating full name, new NRIC number and contact number in MS Excel format) of their employees who require entry into the stables area and during race operation for the race meeting at least 24 hours before their arrival. Any changes to the list may be reported to the Security Office upon the employees arrival. Non-compliance may result in a penalty and/or the workers being denied entry into the stables. This is an additional protocol required by the National Security Council.

Security Office Tel. Number : 04- 2385299
Security Office Fax Number : 04- 2385140

14. TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will not be provided by the Club for outstation horses entered and raced at the meeting.

15. STABLING ACCOMMODATION

Stabling accommodation will be provided by the club for all outstation horses entered and raced at the meeting. If, in the opinion of the Club Veterinary Surgeon, any horse entered left its centre unfit to race, no allowances will be paid by the club and the trainer will have to reimburse the club for all expenses incurred.

The stables will be available as follow:

For Race Meeting On:	Availability
4 March 2023	Tuesday, 28 Feb 2023

16. RACING COLOURS

MRA Rules of Racing No. 57, 65 and 66. Trainers are required to declare their horses to run in the **colours of their registered owners** failing which a penalty may be imposed.

Trainers who use Club colours will be charged a sum of RM50.00 (+6% SST) for each use.

17. OFFICIAL TRAINING

All horses entered for the meeting must display their respective training saddlecloth numbers as published in the Training List respectively during official training.

18. PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

The winning trainer and jockey of a classic/feature/special/sponsored race with a prize presentation ceremony after the race are required to present themselves at the ceremony, unless, due to extenuating circumstances they are unable to do so. In such instance, they are expected to nominate their representatives to act for them. Failure to comply may result in a penalty being imposed.

19. REGULATIONS

The Meeting will be held under M.R.A. Rules of Racing, Regulations and Notices.

20. ALTERATIONS TO PROGRAMME

The Committee reserves the right to make any alteration to this programme, to divide/combine, transfer entries between classes/divisions/distances, add, cancel or postpone any race(s) before or after the closing of entries.

21. TOTALISATOR INVESTMENT

All Totalisator investment will be deemed to have been made in accordance with the rules of the Totalisator Board, which are available for inspection on request.

22. SETTLING DAY

The settling day will be on Monday, 3 weeks after the race meeting.

23. OFFICE

Address : Penang Turf Club, Batu Gantong Road, 10450 Penang.

Telephone

Administration	- 04 – 2385288
Racing Dept.	- 04 – 2385228
Race Course Office	- 04 – 2385233 (during races on race days)
Security Department	- 04 – 2385299
Veterinary Department	- 04 – 2385266

Fax

Administration Department	- 04 – 2385111
Racing Department	- 04 – 2385119
Race Course Office	- 04 - 2385244
Security Department	- 04 – 2385140
Veterinary Department	- 04 – 2385187

16.2.2023

By Order Of The Committee
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