

Press Conference BSM - 2012

PRESS CONFERENCE

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Members of the Managing Committee of the Bangalore Turf Club Ltd., I have great pleasure in extending a warm welcome to all of you to this Press Conference.

I. The Bangalore Summer Meeting 2012 will commence on Saturday, 19th May 2012 and will conclude on Friday, 10th August 2012. Racing will be conducted over 26 days during the Meeting. Racing will be held on Saturdays and Sundays except during the last two weeks. Concurrently, Summer Races are being held at Mysore spread over 15 days during the period between 24th May and 30th July 2012, mainly on Wednesdays.

- (a) Details of professionals expected to participate in the ensuing season are as under:

Category	Number
Bangalore based Trainers	35
Bombay based Trainers	09
Hyderabad based Trainers	04
Kolkata based Trainers	02
Indian Jockeys	125
Foreign Jockeys	02

- (b) Particulars of outstation trainers and number of horses under their charge are furnished in the table below:

Centre	Trainer	No. of horses
Mumbai	P.Shroff	10
	I.A.Sait	10
	G.Karthik	04
	Shyam Habbu	01
	M.K.Jadhav	06
	Altamash Ahmed	01
	M.Narredu	14
	Adhiraj Singh Jodha	02
	Nosher Cama	03
Hyderabad	L.D'Silva	08
	Deshmukh L.V.R.	08
	S.S.F.Hassan	02
	Shehzad Abbas	06
Kolkata	Vijay Singh	05
	Bharat Singh	03

Under the Charge of 'A' License Trainers		11
Total		94

- (c) About 925 racing horses including 94 outstation horses are stabled in the BTC premises and about 800 horses are expected to participate during the meeting as against 768 during the previous summer meeting.

II. STATISTICAL INFORMATION:

- (a) Details of races and race days are as under:

Particulars	Summer 2012	Summer 2011
Number of race days	26	26
Number of races	225	225
Number of local horses	831	805
Number of outstation horses	94	70
Number of 3-year-olds (including outstation horses)	371	380

- (b) Stake Money has been increased by 7.5% in respect of all ordinary races as detailed below, as compared to last Winter Meeting.

Category	1 st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Total
80 & above	264000	132000	66000	39600	26400	13200	5,41,200
60-85	231000	115500	57750	34650	23100	11550	4,73,550
40-65	198000	99000	49500	29700	19800	9900	4,05,900
20-45	165000	82500	41250	24750	16500	8250	3,38,250
00-25	132000	66000	33000	19800	13200	6600	2,70,600
3 years	264000	132000	66000	39600	26400	13200	5,41,200

- (c) Added Money for all the Sweepstake Races has been increased by 20%, as compared to Bangalore Summer Meeting 2011.
- (d) Added Money for the Bangalore City Gold Cup (Grade III) has been increased to Rs. 12.00 lakhs, as compared to Rs. 5.00 lakhs during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2011.
- (e) Value of Trophies has been increased to a minimum of Rs. 25,000/- , as compared to Rs. 10,000/- during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2011.

III. INCENTIVES:

- (a) The existing level of Performance Linked Incentives to owners has been enhanced by 32%, as compared to Bangalore Winter Meeting 2011-12:

Winner	:	Rs. 26,400
Second	:	Rs. 13,200
Third	:	Rs. 6,600
Fourth	:	Rs. 3,960
Fifth	:	Rs. 2,640
Sixth	:	Rs. 1,320

- (b) Payment of incentives on stakes earned by local horses in ordinary races, during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2012 has been enhanced to 15% as compared to 10% paid last year.
- (c) Payment of 10% incentive on stakes won by local horses bred in Karnataka will continue as in winter meeting 2011-12.
- (d) Payment of 20% incentive on stakes earned by local horses in ordinary races will continue on the same basis, as during the last winter meeting, in respect of owners not having interest in more than 5 horses.
- (e) Value of Trophy would be paid to the winner/s in respect of lower divisions from the ensuing Summer Meeting, as compared to the earlier practice of presenting Trophies for divisions.
- (f) **Estimated total outlay for the season would be Rs. 18.00 crores over 26 days covering stakes and incentives as compared to Rs. 15.40 crores paid during last summer over 26 days.**

IV. OUTSTATION HORSES:

The following category of horses alone are eligible for allotment of stables in order of priority subject to the availability of stables:

- (a) All 3 and 4 year olds that are entered for Bangalore Summer Classic 2012 and not struck out till the commencement of Bangalore Summer Meeting 2012.

- (b) 3-year-olds that are entered for at least FIVE Sweepstakes races to be run during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2012.
- (c) 3-year-olds which have won at least one race.
- (d) 4 year olds rated 60 and above & 5, 6, 7 years rated 80 and above.

However, outstation horses will not be permitted to participate in races earmarked for horses rated 00 to 25.

V. SPONSORSHIP:

- (a) THE KINGFISHER DERBY BANGALORE (GRADE I) will be sponsored as in last summer, with added money of Rs. 100 lakhs, inclusive of the Club's contribution of Rs. 50.00 lakhs, and an equal contribution of Rs. 50.00 lakhs by the sponsors.
- (b) The total stakes for this race is expected to be in excess of Rs. 2.00 crores and it will be the second richest race in the year 2012, next only to Indian Derby
- (c) The Club guarantees stakes of Rs. 1.00 crore to the winner in the above race.
- (d) The added money for the Fillies Championship Stakes (Grade I) and the Colts Championship Stakes (Grade I) will be Rs. 25.00 lakhs each as during last Summer Meeting and efforts are being made to secure sponsorship for these races.
- (e) THE NANOLI STUD JUVENILE MILLION (GRADE II), carrying an added money of Rs. 12.00 lakhs, plus Trophy value Rs. 60,000/-, inclusive of the Club's contribution of Rs. 6.30 lakhs, will be sponsored by M/s. NANOLI STUD FARM.
- (f) THE NOVOTEL MAHARAJA'S CUP (Grade II) carrying added money of Rs. 18.00 lakhs plus Trophy valued at Rs. 1.00 lakh will be sponsored by NOVOTEL BENGALURU TECH PARK with a contribution of Rs. 9.50 lakhs, with the Club contributing an equal amount.

VI. GENERAL:

- (a) The norms earlier in force in respect of Jockeys will be valid for the year 2012-13. Norms for granting licenses to Trainers have been

revised with effect from 16th May 2012 and the following represents the changes effected for the year 2012-13:

- (1) To grant a maximum period of 120 days or up till the date of renewal of license, whichever is later, for recouping the strength of horses, in the event of the number of horses under a trainer falling below the minimum stipulated number of five horses.
 - (2) To restrict the number of licenses to Trainers ('A' License) at:
 - (i) Bangalore to a maximum of 40 with effect from 1st November 2012;
 - (ii) New licenses will be granted only with effect from 1st November 2012; and
 - (iii) Mysore to a maximum of 21 and to further reduce to 20.
 - (3) To limit the number of racing horses per trainer at Bangalore to a maximum of **forty five** at any given point of time during the period of license **with effect from 1st November 2012** in respect of Bangalore based trainers, with a restriction that the maximum number of racing horses in any age group would not exceed **sixteen with effect from 1st November 2012.**
 - (4) To limit the number of non-racing two-year-olds to a maximum of **sixteen** in respect of Bangalore based trainers **with effect from 1st November 2012.**
- (b) From 27th April 2012 till date, the Club has received rain fall of 4½". The race track is in good condition and the 'going' as of now is good.
- (c) With a view to enhancing the video coverage of running of races, following action has been taken:
- (1) Two additional cameras have been installed at 1600 and 550 metre markers.
 - (2) Three cameras have been re-positioned at 900, 650 and 400 metre markers.
- (d) 485 betting terminals are currently in operation, including 103 betting terminals being operated at off-course betting centres. Additional 50 new betting terminals will be installed by 10th June 2012.
- (e) Rating book has been published as during the previous years.

VII. BOARD OF APPEAL:

The Board of Appeal has been constituted as under effective from the commencement of Bangalore Summer Meeting 2012:

Mr. K.R.Prakash (Chairman)
Mr. B.G.Jyothi Prakash Mirji
Mr. L.V.Nagarajan
Mr. Hajee Abdul Sattar Sait
Mr. M.Lokesh
Mr. V.L.Theagaraj

VII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I thank you all for the help extended to the Bangalore Turf Club in the past and particularly for the support extended in conducting the Golden Jubilee Indian Turf Invitation Cup Weekend Races in March 2012, in rather challenging circumstances. On behalf of the Managing Committee, I seek your support once again in providing wide coverage for the Summer Races.

While seeking your cooperation, I wish you and the racing public a successful Meeting.

Bangalore
Dated: 17th May 2012

(DR.K.M.SRINIVASA GOWDA)
CHAIRMAN & SENIOR STEWARD