

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 2015 will commence on Saturday, 16th May 2015 and will conclude on Friday, 7th August 2015. Racing will be conducted over 26 days during the Meeting. Racing will be held on Saturdays and Sundays except during the last two weeks.

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

Category	Number
Bangalore Based Trainers	37
Bombay Based Trainers	07
Hyderabad Based Trainers	05
Kolkatta Based Trainers	04
Mysore Based Trainers	01
Indian Jockeys	100
Foreign Jockeys	nil

(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	12
	Karthik Ganapathy	04
	M.Narredu	09
	Altamaash Ahmed	05
	Nosher Cama	04
	D. Todywalla	04
	D.D.Pillai	01
Hyderabad	L.D'Silva	11
	L.V.R.Deshmukh	07
	D.Netto	06
	S.S.F.Hassan	04
	Laxman Singh	01
Kolkatta	Vijay Singh	04
	Bharat Singh	03
	F.A.Rodrigues (jr)	01
	Manvendra Singh	02
Mysore	Bipin V Salvi	01
Under the charge of "A" Licensed Trainers		06
Total		85

(c) About 950 racing horses including 85 outstation horses are stabled in the BTC premises and about 800 horses are expected to participate during the meeting, as against 745 during the previous summer meeting.

II. STATISTICAL INFORMATION:

Details of races and race days are as under:

Particulars	Summer 2015	Summer 2014
Number of race days	26	25
Number of races	220	200
Number of local horses	865	845
Number of outstation horses	85	72
Number of 3-year-olds (including outstation horses)	369	377

III. GRADED/CLASSIC RACES AND SPONSORSHIP:

- (a) Added money and the guaranteed stakes for the classic races to be run during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015 has been increased as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Classic Race	Added Money 2015	Added Money 2014
1.	Kingfisher Derby Bangalore(G-I)	14000000	12000000
2.	Colts championship stakes(G-I)	5000000	4000000
3.	Fillies championship stakes(G-I)	5000000	4000000
4.	Bangalore St. Leger (G-II)	2000000	1500000

- (b) THE KINGFISHER DERBY BANGALORE (GRADE I) will be sponsored as in last summer, with guarantee money of Rs. 250 lakhs, inclusive of the Club's contribution of Rs. 70.00 lakhs, and an equal contribution of Rs. 70.00 lakhs by the sponsors. It will be the second richest race in the year 2015, next only to Indian Derby.
- (c) The added money for the Fillies Championship Stakes (Grade I) and the Colts Championship Stakes (Grade I) will be Rs. 50.00 lakhs each. These races are expected to garner total stakes in excess of Rs. 75.00 lakhs each.
- (d) The Club is making efforts to source new sponsors.
- (e) The BANGALORE ST. LEGER (Grade II) confined to four year old horses all these years, will now be open to horses four years old and over from the year 2016.

IV. STAKE MONEY FOR ORDINARY RACES:

- (a) Stakes will be allocated in the ratio of 82.5%, 10% and 7.5% in favour of Owners, Trainers and Jockeys respectively for Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015, including sweepstake races, in lieu of the ratio of 79%, 12% and 9% respectively for Owners, Trainers and Jockeys during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2014.
- (b) Level of stake money has been increased by 3.7%, as compared to Bangalore Winter Meeting 2014-15 in respect of all ordinary races.

- (c) Stakes in ordinary races had been restructured in the ratio 100 : 50 : 30 : 12.5 : 6.25 : 3.125, as compared to 100 : 50 : 25 : 15 : 10 : 5, which was in vogue till Bangalore Winter Meeting 2014-15, with more weightage being given to third placed horses.

V. SWEEPSTAKE RACES:

Added Money in respect of the following Sweepstake Races is as under:

Sl. No.	Sweepstake Race	Added Money Rs.
1.	THE B.T.C ANNIVERSARY CUP (G-II)	2500000
2.	THE MAHARAJA'S GOLD CUP (G-II)	2500000
3.	THE KARNATAKA JUVENILE MILLION (G-II)	2000000
4.	THE KARNATAKA MILE CHAMPIONSHIP CUP (G-II)	2000000
5.	THE CHIEF MINISTER'S CUP (G-III)	1500000
6.	THE JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR CUP (G-III)	1500000
7.	THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S CUP (G-III)	1500000
8.	THE JUVENILE SPRINTERS' MILLION (G-III)	1500000
9.	THE BANGALORE CITY GOLD CUP (G-III)	1500000
10.	THE GOVERNOR'S CUP (G-III)	1500000
11.	THE BANGALORE SUMMER MILLION (G-III)	1500000
12.	THE NAWAB M.ARSHAD ALI KHAN MEMORIAL CUP	1000000

VI. INCENTIVES:

- (a) Performance linked incentives in respect of Bangalore based horses has been increased by 5.5%, as detailed under, compared to the previous year:

Winner	-	Rs. 30,000	(Rs. 28,000)
Second	-	Rs. 15,000	(Rs. 14,000)
Third	-	Rs. 9,000	(Rs. 7,000)
Fourth	-	Rs. 3,750	(Rs. 4,200)
Fifth	-	Rs. 1,875	(Rs. 2,800)
Sixth	-	Rs. 940	(Rs. 1,400)

- (b) 10% incentive would continue to be paid on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th stakes earned in ordinary races during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015 in respect of horses bred in Karnataka, as during the previous year.
- (c) 20% incentive would continue to be paid on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th stakes earned in ordinary races during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015 and it will be credited on a pro-rata basis to the concerned Owner/s of local horses, provided such Owner/s has/have no interest in more than five local horses excluding 2-year-olds (Foaled in 2013) owned either individually and/or jointly and/or by a syndicate, as during the previous year.
- (d) Additional incentive (summer incentive) of 15% on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th stakes earned in ordinary races during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015 will be credited to the respective Owners Accounts in respect of local horses, as during the previous year.

VII. CATEGORY WISE STAKE MONEY IS AS UNDER :

80 & above	Owner	Trainer	Jockey
Winner	264000	32000	24000
Second	132000	16000	12000
Third	79200	9600	7200
Fourth	33000	4000	3000
Fifth	16500	2000	1500
Sixth	8250	1000	750

60 & above	Owner	Trainer	Jockey
Winner	231000	28000	21000
Second	115500	14000	10500
Third	69300	8400	6300
Fourth	28875	3500	2625
Fifth	14440	1750	1310
Sixth	7220	875	655

40 to 65	Owner	Trainer	Jockey
Winner	198000	24000	18000
Second	99000	12000	9000
Third	59400	7200	5400
Fourth	24750	3000	2250
Fifth	12375	1500	1125
Sixth	6190	750	560

20 to 45	Owner	Trainer	Jockey
Winner	165000	20000	15000
Second	82500	10000	7500
Third	49500	6000	4500
Fourth	20625	2500	1875
Fifth	10310	1250	940
Sixth	5155	625	470

00 to 25	Owner	Trainer	Jockey
Winner	132000	16000	12000
Second	66000	8000	6000
Third	39600	4800	3600
Fourth	16500	2000	1500
Fifth	8250	1000	750
Sixth	4125	500	375

3 Yrs	Owner	Trainer	Jockey
Winner	264000	32000	24000
Second	132000	16000	12000
Third	79200	9600	7200
Fourth	33000	4000	3000
Fifth	16500	2000	1500
Sixth	8250	1000	750

VIII. TOTAL PAYOUT:

It is expected that pay out during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015 would be around Rs. 20.88 crores for 220 races, covering 26 race days, as compared to Rs. 19.59 crores during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2014 for 200 races, covering 25 race days.

IX. STABLING:

- (a) Under the local category, horses aged 3 to 8 years rated 00 and above will be eligible for allotment of stables.
- (b) Restriction has also been placed in respect of **NON-PARTICIPATING AND NON-PERFORMING HORSES** to the following effect:

“Horses aged 4 years old and over which have not raced since 1st May 2014 and horses aged 4 years old and over which have not placed First, Second, Third or Fourth in their last ten starts will not be permitted to participate in Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015. However, if the Owner/s of such horses prefer to race such horses, a service charge of Rs. 25,000/- per horse will be levied.”

- (c) The following category of outstation horses will be eligible for allotment of stables for Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015, with deposit of Rs. 20,000/- hitherto charged having been waived:

- (1) All 3 and 4 year olds that are entered for Bangalore Summer Classics 2015 and not struck out till the date of stable allotment.
- (2) 3 and 4 year olds that are entered for at least THREE Sweepstake Races to be run during Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015.
- (3) Horses aged 3 to 8 years rated above 65.

- (d) Outstation horses will not be permitted to participate in races earmarked for horses rated 00 to 25.

- (e) Outstation horses aged 3 years and horses aged 4 to 6 years rated 50 and above will be entitled for permanent stabling under the charge of 'A' licensed Trainers, subject to certain conditions, on the line permitted during the Bangalore Winter Meeting 2014-15.

- (f) However, service charges for non-participation in respect of outstation horses has been made more stringent to the effect that in case a horse fails to complete **three runs**, service charges as detailed below will be debited to the account of the Owner concerned:

(1) If the horse does not race at all	-	Rs. 50,000/-
(2) If the horse runs once	-	Rs. 25,000/-
(3) If the horse runs twice	-	Rs. 12,500/-

X. SPECIAL RACE DAYS:

Details of special race days are as under:

Second Day, Sunday, 17 th May 2015	-	JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR CUP (GRADE II)
Fourth Day, Sunday 24 th May 2015	-	KARNATAKA JUVENILE MILLION (GRADE II)
Sixth Day, Sunday 31 st May 2015	-	CHIEF MINISTER'S CUP (GRADE III)
Eighth Day, Sunday 7 th June 2015	-	KARNATAKA MILE CHAMPIONSHIP CUP (GRADE II)
Tenth Day, Sunday 14 th June 2015	-	FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES (GRADE I)
Eleventh Day, Saturday 20 th June, 2015	-	CHIEF JUSTICE'S CUP (GRADE III)
Twelfth Day, Sunday 21 st June, 2015	-	COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES (GRADE I)
Fourteenth Day, Sunday 28 th June 2015	-	JUVENILE SPRINTERS' MILLION (GRADE III)
Sixteenth Day, Sunday 5 th July 2015	-	MAHARAJA'S GOLD CUP (GRADE II)
Seventeenth Day, Saturday 11 th July 2015	-	B.T.C. ANNIVERSARY CUP (GRADE II)
Eighteenth Day, Sunday 12 th July 2015	-	KINGFISHER DERBY BANGALORE (GRADE I)
Twentieth Day, Sunday 19 th July 2015	-	BANGALORE ST. LEGER (GRADE II)
Twenty-second Day, Sunday 26 th July 2015	-	BANGALORE SUMMER MILLION (GRADE III)
Twenty-fourth Day, Friday 31 st July 2015	-	BANGALORE CITY GOLD CUP (GRADE III)
Twenty-sixth Day, Friday 7 th August 2015	-	GOVERNOR'S CUP (GRADE III)

XI. GENERAL:

- (a) Following the hearing of the Special Leave Petitions filed by the Bangalore Turf Club Ltd. and the Karnataka Racehorse Owners Association in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in matters pertaining to the tenure of the existing Racecourse on 25th March 2015, leave has been granted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter.
- (b) Revised Rules governing Medication and Treatment of Horses in Training and Racing have been notified, so as to be effective from 16th May 2015.
- (c) Alongside, revised Rules have been published in regard to use of Anabolic Steroids and Sex Hormones, so as to be effective from 16th May 2015.
- (d) The following qualifying conditions have been stipulated in the norms for licensing Trainers to be in force for the period 1st May 2015 to 31st March 2018:
 - (1) Total number of placed horses (1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th) shall be equivalent to at least 75% of the total strength of number of horses under the charge of a Trainer (average of 12 months / period of license).
 - (2) Total number of wins shall be equivalent to at least 20% of the total strength of number of horses under the charge of a Trainer (average of 12 months / period of license).
- (e) The existing qualifying conditions in respect of licensing Jockeys will continue to be in force for the period 1st May 2015 to 31st March 2018:
 - (1) A Jockey should have ridden at least in twenty races during the previous year i.e. from 1st April to 31st March.
 - (2) A Jockey should have ridden at least three horses, which have placed first, second or third during the above said period.
- (f) With seeding of new grass in progress, the movable railings would be gradually shifted out from 1600 metres up till 5 metres at the 1000 metres.
- (g) Live streaming services would be on pay per view mode of broadcasting with effect from 23rd May 2015 on advance payment of Rs. 4,500/- per annum.
- (h) A giant video screen would be in operation on all Bangalore Race Days.
- (i) 630 betting terminals are currently in operation, including 120 betting terminals being operated at nine off-course betting centres.
- (j) Rating book has been published as in the past.
- (k) 18 Bookmakers will be in operation in the First Enclosure.

XII. BOARD OF APPEAL:

The Board of Appeal has been constituted as under effective from the commencement of Bangalore Summer Meeting 2015:

Mr. H.Kumara Swamy (Chairman)

Mr. Y.Jagannath

Mr. I.S.N.Prasad

Mr. M.N.Reddi

Mr. N.Harindra Shetty

Mr. Suresh Kumar Sharma

XIII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I thank you all for the help extended to the Bangalore Turf Club in the past. 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: 14th May 2015


(V.HARIMOHAN NAIDU)

CHAIRMAN & SENIOR STEWARD