

## 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.

At the very outset, we would like to thank the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka and the Addl. Chief Secretary and the Finance Commissioner of the Government of Karnataka for their gracious support in sanctioning license to conduct racing at Bangalore from 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

Bangalore Winter Meeting 2017-2018, comprising 15 race days, is scheduled to commence on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 and conclude on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Racing will be held mainly on Fridays and Saturdays. The Bangalore Derby (Grade I) is scheduled to be run on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

### PROFESSIONALS:

(a) 78 Jockeys including 17 jockeys claiming allowance and 1 foreign jockey namely David Allan, have been issued 'A' license and 72 Jockeys including 17 jockeys claiming allowance have been issued 'B' license. In all, 150 jockeys have been issued license during the year 2017-18 and about 100 jockeys are expected to ride during the Winter Meeting.

(b) 37 "A" licensed trainers are expected to take part in the Meeting. In addition, many 'B' licensed trainers are expected to run their wards in Graded and Classic races.

### CLASSIC RACES:

(a) Added Money for Classic Races during Winter Meeting 2017-2018 will be as under:

Particulars	2016-17 Rs.	2017-18 Rs.
Bangalore Derby (Grade I)	75,00,000	75,00,000
Bangalore Oaks (Grade II)	25,00,000	25,00,000
The Shapoorji Pallonji Oil & Gas Bangalore 1000 Guineas (Grade II)	25,00,000	25,00,000
The Shapoorji Pallonji Oil & Gas Bangalore 2000 Guineas (Grade II)	25,00,000	25,00,000

(b) M/s Manjri Stud Farm have kindly consented to sponsor both the 1000 and 2000 Guineas.

(c) Sincere efforts are being made to obtain sponsorship for the Bangalore Derby (Grade I) and other Races also.



(d) Prospectus of Classic Races to be run during the year 2018-19 will be published shortly.

**SWEEPSTAKES RACES:**

(a) Added Money for the sweepstakes Races during Bangalore Winter Meeting 2017-2018 are as detailed below:

	<b>Added Money</b>	<b>Guarantee Money</b>
The Bangalore Race Course 155 <sup>th</sup> Year Commemoration Trophy	-	-
The Bangalore Juvenile Million (Grade III)	Rs.12 lakhs	Rs.15 lakhs
The Sprinters Trial Stakes (Grade III)	Rs.12 lakhs	Rs.15 lakhs
The Bangalore Turf Club Trophy (Grade III)	Rs.12 lakhs	Rs.15 lakhs
The New Year Cup (Grade III)	Rs.12 lakhs	Rs.15 lakhs
The Stayers Trial Stakes	Rs.10 lakhs	-----
The Chief Minister's Trophy	Rs.10 lakhs	-----
The R.W.I.T.C. Trophy	Rs. 8 lakhs	-----
The Governor's Trophy	Rs.8 lakhs	Rs. 10 lakhs
The KRHOA Million	Rs.8 lakhs	Rs.10 lakhs

**PRIZE MONEY:**

(a) The level of prize money for all the categories during Bangalore Winter Meeting 2017-18 will be the same as that of Summer 2017.

(b) Aggregate of Prize Money, Cups, Incentives, subsidy and contributions for the Winter Meeting are detailed hereunder:

Particulars	(Rs. in lakhs)	
	Winter Meeting 2016-17 (Actual)	Winter Meeting 2017-18 (estimated)
Prize Money, including Cups & Contribution	1752.68	840.00
10% Additional Incentive	141.08	-----
Performance linked incentive	168.14	-----
Incentive for Karnataka bred horses	13.52	-----
Incentive to small owners	109.8	-----
Oats Subsidy to Trainers	56.90	40
<b>Total outlay</b>	<b>2242.12</b>	<b>880.00</b>



**NO. OF RACES AND HORSES:**

Particulars	Winter 2016-17 (Actual)	Winter 2017-18 (Expected)
Number of race days	29	15
Number of races	243	115
Number of 2-year-olds stabled	260	246
Number of horses stabled	960	880
Number of horses participated	788	700

(a) 15 Stables have been earmarked for allotment on a permanent basis to the following category of outstation horses to participate in Bangalore Races:

(1) Horses aged 4 years.

(2) Horses aged 5 to 7 years rated 50 and above under B.T.C Rules of racing.

**SALIENT FEATURES:**

(a) Number of races will be restricted to a maximum of seven on all race days at the option of the Stewards.

(b) Minimum number of acceptors has been retained at 6 with respect to races to be run over a distance of 1600 meters and more and in respect of races for horses rated 75 and above.

(c) Maximum number of acceptors in respect of ordinary races will continue to be 12 except the first four days and the Oaks and the Derby Day where the maximum number of runners will be 14.

(d) Five races including three races for Indian Jockeys claiming allowance have been reserved prohibiting the use of whip.

**GENERAL:**

(a) Jockeys will continue to be subjected to a breath analyzer test on every race day for detecting the presence of alcohol.

(b) A maximum of 690 betting terminals will be in operation, including 85 betting terminals at off-course betting centres located outside the racecourse.



## **BOARD OF APPEAL:**

Board of Appeal has been reconstituted as under for the period of 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018:

1. Mr.D. M. Kumaraswamy (Chairman)
2. Mr.K.R.Prakash
3. Mr.I.S.N.Prasad
4. Mr.Shivkumar Kheny
5. Mr. T.Suneel Kumar
6. Mr.V.L.Theagaraj

## **RACING MONITORING COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the order of the Hon'ble Government of Karnataka, the Government of Karnataka vide order FD 37 CRC 2017 dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 have constituted the Racing Monitoring Committee with the following as Members:

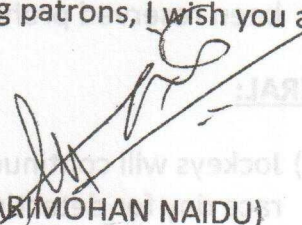
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| 1. Mr. B.K.Das, IAS, Chief Secretary (Retd)                                 | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. M.R.Kamble, IAS, (Retd)  | Member   |
| 3. Mr.T.Jayaprakash, IPS, (Retd)  | Member   |
| 4. Mr.A.B.Shamshuddin,<br>Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes(Retd) | Member   |

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

I thank you all for the help extended to Bangalore Turf Club in the past. On behalf of the Managing Committee, I seek your support in providing wide coverage for the Bangalore Winter Races 2017-18.

While seeking your cooperation and the support of racing patrons, I wish you and the racing patrons a successful season.

Bangalore  
Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

  
(V.HARIMOHAN NAIDU)  
CHAIRMAN & SENIOR STEWARD