

## 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.

Bangalore Winter Meeting 2018-2019, comprising of 26 race days is scheduled to commence on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018 and conclude on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019. Racing will be held mainly on Fridays and Saturdays. The Bangalore Derby (Grade I) is scheduled to be run on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

### PROFESSIONALS:

(a) 78 Jockeys including 12 jockeys claiming allowance have been issued 'A' license.

In all about 100 jockeys are expected to ride during this 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 2018-2019 will be as under:

Particulars	2018-19 Rs.
The Catalyst Properties Bangalore Derby (Grade I)	75,00,000
Bangalore Oaks (Grade II)	12,50,000
Bangalore 1000 Guineas (Grade II)	12,50,000
Bangalore 2000 Guineas (Grade II)	12,50,000

(b) Prospectus of Classic Races to be run during the year 2019-20 will be published shortly.

### SWEEPSTAKES RACES:

(a) Added Money for the sweepstakes Races during Bangalore Winter Meeting 2018-2019 are as detailed below:

	Added Money	Guarantee Money
The Rajyotsava Trophy	-	Rs. 10 lakhs
The Bangalore Juvenile Million (Grade III)	-	Rs. 10 lakhs
The Sprinters Trial Stakes (Grade III)	-	Rs. 10 lakhs
The Bangalore Turf Club Trophy (Grade III)	-	Rs. 10 lakhs
The New Year Cup (Grade III)	-	Rs. 10 lakhs
The Governor's Trophy	-	Rs. 10 lakhs
The Ravi Aggarwal Memorial Bangalore Winter Million (Grade III)-	Rs. 8 lakhs	Rs. 10 lakhs
The Bangalore Race Course 155 <sup>th</sup> Year Commemoration Trophy	-	Rs.8 lakhs
The Stayers Trial Stakes	-	Rs.8 lakhs
The Chief Minister's Trophy	-	Rs.8 lakhs
The R.W.I.T.C. Trophy	-	Rs. 8 lakhs
The Royal Calcutta Turf Club Cup	-	Rs. 8 lakhs
The Ashoka Chakra Cup	-	Rs. 8 lakhs

### PRIZE MONEY:

- (a) The level of prize money for all the categories during Bangalore Winter Meeting 2018-19 will be the same as that of Summer 2018.
- (b) Aggregate of Prize Money, Cups, Incentives, subsidy and contributions for the Winter Meeting are detailed hereunder involving a total outlay of about Rs. 15.50 crores:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Particulars	Winter Meeting 2017-18 (Actual)	Winter Meeting 2018-19 (estimated)
Prize Money, including Cups & Contribution	1075.08	1376.04
10% Additional Incentive	-----	-----
Performance linked incentive	-----	-----
Incentive for Karnataka bred horses	-----	-----
Incentive to small owners (15%)	-----	75.00
Oats Subsidy to Trainers	56.00	100.00
Total outlay	1131.08	1551.04

**NO. OF RACES AND HORSES:**

Particulars	Winter 2017-18 (Actual)	Winter 2018-19 (Expected)
Number of race days	17	26
Number of races	130	200
Number of 2-year-olds stabled	250	225
Number of horses stabled	950	850
Number of horses participated	611	750

- (a) 20 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 3 years.
  - (2) Horses aged 4 to 6 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 eight 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 1800 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 Classic Days where the maximum number of runners will be 14.
- (d) Track is in good condition and ready for the season.

**GENERAL:**

- (a) Jockeys will continue to be subjected to breath analyzer tests on every race day for detecting the presence of alcohol.
- (b) About 640 betting terminals will be in operation, including 100 betting terminals at off-course betting centres located outside the racecourse.

**BOARD OF APPEAL:**

The following will be the Members of the Board of Appeal for the Winter Season 2018-19.

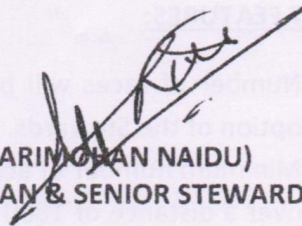
Mr. V.Vijayendra Velu (Chairman)  
Dr. J.Alexander  
Mr. B.K.Das  
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Mr. T.Suneel Kumar

**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 2018-19.

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

Bangalore  
Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2018

  
(V.HARIMOHAN NAIDU)  
CHAIRMAN & SENIOR STEWARD