

BANGALORE TURF CLUB LIMITED

PRESS RELEASE

On behalf of the Members of the Managing Committee/Stewards of the Bangalore Turf Club Ltd., I have great pleasure in sharing this Press Release.

BTC is completely dedicated to the sport of horse racing and we are extremely delighted to announce that the Bangalore Summer Meeting - 2021 is in all readiness to "gallop" off the blocks. The racing track of the Bangalore Turf Club will once again resonate with the thundering of hooves and the familiar adrenaline rush associated with the thrill of horse racing. The most eagerly anticipated Bangalore Summer Meeting promises all that and much more.

The BTC is pleased to share that the Government of Karnataka has been considerate in granting the necessary approvals to conduct racing.

RACING

The Bangalore Summer Meeting - 2021 will commence on Saturday, 7th August, 2021 and will conclude on Saturday, 25th September, 2021. We are pleased to announce the aggregate total prize money of Rs.6.7 Cr for the 10 Race Days.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had significant impact financially on many industries and horse racing is no exclusion. BTC also faces its share of economic challenges owing to the adverse impact of the pandemic, we believe with the support of the members, the government and other patrons, the Club will be able to address the difficult situation and welcome race goers back to enjoy horse racing in a safe and secure environment.

The BTC has taken all permissible measures to safeguard all the personnel, all the SOP's are in place by the Club in accordance with the Government guidelines and these will continue to be strictly adhered to.

We thank the Government, all our personnel, patrons and well-wishers for their patience and understanding given the challenging practical circumstances and providing us the strength and support for a successful commencement of the racing season.

SWEEPSTAKES RACES:

Added Money for the Classics and Sweepstakes Races are as detailed below:

Name of Sweepstakes Race	Added Money	Trophy Value
The Fillies Championship Stakes (Grade I)	Rs. 25,00,000	Rs. 1,25,000
The Colts Championship Stakes (Grade I)	Rs.25,00,000	Rs. 1,25,000
The Bangalore St.Leger (Grade II)	Rs. 12,50,000	Rs. 80,000
The Kingfisher Ultra Derby Bangalore (Grade I)	Rs. 1,60,00,000	Rs. 3,00,000
The Monsoon Cup	Rs. 5,00,000	Rs. 50,000
The Racing Patrons Cup	Rs. 5,00,000	Rs. 50,000
The Silicon Valley of India Cup	Rs. 5,00,000	Rs. 50,000

However, the guaranteed money for the Fillies Championship Stakes, Colts Championship Stakes, Bangalore St.Leger and the Kingfisher Ultra Derby Bangalore is Rs.40,00,000/-, Rs.40,00,000/-, Rs.15,00,000/- and Rs.2,50,00,000/- respectively.

PROFESSIONALS:

- 30 'A' Licensed Trainers are expected to take part in the Bangalore Summer Meeting 2021. About ten 'B' Licensed Trainers from other centres are expected to participate for the Classics/Sweepstakes Races.
- 60 Jockeys including 14 Jockeys claiming allowance have been issued 'A' License and 25 Jockeys have been issued 'B' License. In all, 85 Jockeys have been expected to participate during the Bangalore Summer Meeting 2021.

CLASSIC RACES:

- Two sweepstakes races are framed for the horses rated 85 and above, 4 years old and over.
- One sweepstakes race has been framed for 4 years old and over.
- The Classics races are scheduled as below:

Sl No	Name of the Race	Day	Date
1	The Fillies Championship Stakes (Grade I)	Sunday	22 nd August, 2021
2	The Colts Championship Stakes (Grade I)	Saturday	28 th August, 2021
3	The Bangalore St.Leger (Grade II)	Saturday	11 th September, 2021
4	The Kingfisher Ultra Derby Bangalore (Grade I)	Sunday	19 th September, 2021

SALIENT FEATURES:

- Number of races will be restricted to a maximum of eight races on each race day.
- Minimum number of acceptors has been restricted at 4 with respect to races to be run over a distance of 1800 Metres or more.
- Maximum number of acceptors in respect of ordinary races will continue to be 12 except on the Classic Race Days where the maximum number of runners will be 14.

GENERAL:

- Jockeys will continue to be subjected to a breath analyzer test on every race day for detecting the presence of alcohol.
- It was decided to test both blood & urine samples in respect of the first three placed horses in the Graded Races.
- Urine/Blood Sample will be collected compulsorily from winner of all races.

BOARD OF APPEAL:

Board of Appeal has been reconstituted effective from the commencement of Bangalore Summer Meetings 2021 as under:

Mr. V.Vijayendra Velu (Chairman)

Mr. Kamal Pant

Mr. Kenneth Pinto

Mr. Kiran Basappa

Mr. I.S.N.Prasad

Mr. S.K.Raghunandan

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I thank you immensely for all the help extended to Bangalore Turf Club in the past and during the tough time of COVID-19 pandemic by the Government of Karnataka, Owners, Trainers, Jockeys and all of the people concerned. On behalf of the Managing Committee/Stewards, I request your support and your co-operation in providing wide coverage in the media for the Bangalore Summer Meeting - 2021.

I wish you and the racing patrons a successful racing season.

Bangalore

Date: 5th August, 2021



(D. VINOD SIVAPPA)

CHAIRMAN & SENIOR STEWARD