

## **BANGALORE TURF CLUB LIMITED**

### **PRESS CONFERENCE**

**Ladies and 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.

The Bangalore Winter Meeting 2023-2024, comprising of 22 Race Days, is scheduled to commence on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2023 and conclude on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 with races being conducted mainly on Fridays and Saturdays.

#### **PROFESSIONALS:**

- 70 Jockeys including 7 Jockeys claiming allowance have been issued 'A' License and 48 Jockeys including 7 Jockeys claiming allowance have been issued 'B' License. In all, 118 Jockeys were issued License during the year 2022-23 and about 100 Jockeys are expected to ride during the Bangalore Winter Meeting 2023-24.
- 24 'A' Licensed Trainers are expected to take part in the Bangalore Winter Meeting 2023-24.

#### **CLASSIC RACES:**

- Added Money for Sweepstakes Races during the Bangalore Winter Meeting 2023-24 are as follows:

<b>Sweepstakes Races</b>				
<b>SI No</b>	<b>Race Name</b>	<b>Added Money</b>	<b>Trophy Value</b>	<b>Guaranteed Money</b>
1	The Rajyotsava Trophy	₹ 10,00,000	₹ 60,000	₹ 12,00,000
2	The Bangalore Turf Club Trophy	₹ 8,00,000	₹ 60,000	₹ 10,00,000
3	The Ashoka Chakra Cup	₹ 8,00,000	₹ 50,000	
4	The Chief Minister's Trophy	₹ 8,00,000	₹ 50,000	
5	The New Year Cup (Grade III)	₹ 8,00,000	₹ 60,000	₹ 10,00,000
6	The Bangalore Race Course 161 <sup>st</sup> Year Commemoration Trophy	₹ 8,00,000	₹ 50,000	₹ 8,00,000
7	The Bangalore Winter Million	₹ 10,00,000	₹ 50,000	₹ 15,00,000
8	The Stayers Trial Stakes	₹ 8,00,000	₹ 50,000	
9	The Sprinters Trial Stakes	₹ 8,00,000	₹ 60,000	₹ 10,00,000
10	The Bangalore Juvenile Million (Grade III)	₹ 10,00,000	₹ 60,000	₹ 15,00,000
11	The Governor's Trophy	₹ 10,00,000	₹ 50,000	₹ 15,00,000

- Prospectus for Classic Races to be run during the year 2024-25 will be published shortly.

**SWEEPSTAKES RACES:**

Added Money for the Classics Races to be run during the Bangalore Winter Meeting 2023-24 are as detailed below:

Classic Races				
Sl No	Race Name	Added Money	Trophy Value <sup>±</sup>	Guaranteed Money
1	The Bangalore 1000 Guineas (Grade II)	₹ 12,50,000	₹ 80,000	₹ 25,00,000
2	The Bangalore 2000 Guineas (Grade II)	₹ 12,50,000	₹ 80,000	₹ 25,00,000
3	The Bangalore Oaks (Grade II)	₹ 12,50,000	₹ 80,000	₹ 25,00,000
4	The Bangalore Derby (Grade I)	₹ 75,00,000	₹ 2,00,000	₹ 1,00,00,000

**PRIZE MONEY:**

- The aggregate total prize money for the 22 Race Days Bangalore Winter Season 2023-24 is Rs.13.26 Crores.
- In respect of local horses, Performance Linked Incentive of 15% will be credited to the accounts of the Owner/s concerned.
- Category wise Prize Money and Cups for the Bangalore Winter Meeting 2023-24 are detailed as below:

Category	No of Races	Prize Money	Total Stakes	Cups
Horses Rated 70 & above	8	₹ 9,00,000	₹ 72,00,000	₹ 4,80,000
Horses Rated 60-85	12	₹ 7,00,000	₹ 84,00,000	₹ 1,75,000
Horses Rated 40-65	30	₹ 5,80,000	₹ 1,74,00,000	₹ 7,15,000
Horses Rated 20-45	35	₹ 4,60,000	₹ 1,61,00,000	₹ 70,000
2/3 years old	20	₹ 10,00,000	₹ 1,88,00,000	₹ 1,20,000
Horses Rated 00-25	13	₹ 4,00,000	₹ 52,00,000	₹ 35,000
<b>Total Ordinary Races</b>	<b>118</b>		<b>₹7,31,00,000</b>	
<b>Total Sweepstakes Races</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>₹ 3,04,40,000</b>	
			<b>₹ 1,27,60,000</b>	
			<b>₹ 11,63,00,000</b>	<b>₹ 15,95,000</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>₹ 11,78,95,000</b>	

Description	No of Trophies	Trophy Value
Trophies S/W & Classics	15	₹ 10,40,000
Trophies for Handicap Race	39	₹ 15,95,000
<b>Total Value of Trophies</b>		<b>₹ 26,35,000</b>

**SALIENT FEATURES:**

- Minimum number of acceptors has been restricted at 4 with respect to races to be run over a distance of 1800 Metres or more.
- In Races for horses rated 70 & above, the top weight has been capped at 65 kgs.
- Minimum number of acceptors has been restricted at 5 with respect to races for horses rated 70 and above and 6 with respect to 2 year olds in 2023 & 3 year olds in 2024.
- Maximum number of acceptors in respect of ordinary races will continue to be 12 except on Classic 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 is decided to test both blood & urine samples in respect of the first three placed horses in the Graded Races.
- Blood samples will be taken from at least 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the random samples for the horses stationed at BTC which will be tested for prohibited substances and not only for illicit substances.

**BOARD OF APPEAL:**

Board of Appeal has been reconstituted for the Bangalore Winter Meeting 2023-24 as under:

Mr. A.C.Satish Chandra [Chairman]

Mr. Atheeq L.K.

Mr. B.Dayananda

Mr. Kiran Basappa

Mr. S.K.Raghunandan

Mr. K.N.Shanth Kumar

**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 in providing wide coverage for the Bangalore Winter Races 2023-24.

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

Bangalore

Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023

*Arvind Raghavan*

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**CHAIRMAN & SENIOR STEWARD**