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## ROYAL SABAH TURF CLUB



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(Subject to alteration)

### 1) Entries

A horse may be entered for any race for which it is eligible at the time of entry.

No horse can be entered for more than one race for race meetings for which entries close on the same day except for feature races.

Entries may only be accepted subject to the horse satisfactorily completing all embargoes and tests prior to it being declared to race.

### 2) Cancelled Races, Additional Entries and Divided Races

After closing of entries, any race or division of a race which has attracted fewer entries than the maximum allowed field may be cancelled or any race with or without an additional division may be reopened for a further period at the discretion of the Club.

### 3i) Selection

For feature races, races with separate conditions and conditions races, the field will be selected by the Panel of Handicappers from horses entered based on the horses' ratings, current form and subjected to the handicappers' discretion. The Club reserves the right to reject the entry of any horse, which in its opinion does not warrant inclusion in the race.

### 3ii) Balloting Conditions (Selecting emergency acceptors and ballot out horses)

#### All norm races except feature races

The selection of horses to participate in the above races will be based on the following criteria in order of preference:

1. Horses that were balloted out (including emergency acceptors that were scratched due to capacity fields) from their previous entry
2. Horses making their first start in Royal Sabah Turf Club
3. Horses which have won their last start but not promoted from lower class and did not raced in last RSTC's meeting.
4. Horses which have won in their last 3 starts but not promoted from lower class and did not raced in last RSTC's meeting.
5. Horses which are placed (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>) in their last 3 starts but not promoted from lower class and did not raced in last RSTC's meeting.
6. Ballots will be taken from horses that run in the last RSTC meeting then from the lowest rated horse upwards

### 4) Rating Bands

The rating bands for Class races will be as follows:

CLASS	RATING
Class 1	84 and above
Class 2	67 – 83
Class 3	41 - 66
Class 4	20 - 40
Class 5	9 - 19
Initiation	4 - 8
Novice	0 - 3

The advertised benchmark serves as an entry point for the Benchmark races and entries will be open to horses at and below the advertised benchmark only

### 5i) Weight for Handicap Races

The weights for handicap races except for FEATURE RACES held under handicap conditions will be allocated using the following guidelines.

Class	Conditions
Class 1	Set/Handicap/Condition Weight
	<b>60kg downwards</b> to 49kg minimum bottom weight for if highest rating in the field is 97 and above
	<b>58kg downwards</b> to 49kg minimum bottom weight for if highest rating in the field is 96 and below
	<b>Maximum Weight including overweight claims will be capped at 65kg for race distance of 1400m and below and capped at 63kg for distance of above 1400m before apprentice allowance, if any.</b>
Class 2 / Class 3	Handicap weight at <b>0.5kg per 1 rating point</b>
	Weight allocation from <b>58/57kg (Top weight) downwards</b> to 49kg minimum bottom weight
Class 4	<b>0.5kg</b> per rating point
	Weight allocation from 57kg (Top weight) downwards until minimum weight of 49kg
Class 5	<b>1.0kg</b> per rating point
	Weight allocation from 57kg (Top weight) downwards until minimum weight of 49kg
Initiation	Weight assignment are based on horses' abilities with reference to the average timing from past races and the discretion of the handicappers. Weight allocation from 57kg (Top weight) downwards until minimum weight of 49kg
Novice	Weight assignment are based on horses' abilities with reference to the average timing from past races and the discretion of the handicappers, Weight allocation from 57kg/56.5kg/56kg (Top weight) downwards until minimum weight of 49kg

- The handicappers reserved the right to adjust the top weight in events like after long spelling, very hard or soft track condition or during very dry season where the top weight for horses need to be adjusted to minimize injury sustainable from the hard ground.
- Minimum weight shall not be less than 49kg.
- Handicappers reserved the rights to assign horses with higher weights based on last performance of the horses or if there are sufficient jockeys that are eligible to ride particular horses.

### 5ii) Classes and Weight Assignment

CLASS	RATING	RANGE	WEIGHTS ASSIGNMENT	Remarks
Class 1	80 and <b>above</b>	~	Capped at 65kg (including overweight claims)	<p><b>Set/Handicap/Condition Race</b></p> <p>Bottom weight will be adjusted by the Handicapper if horse(s) is/are assigned with handicap weight of less than 53kg.</p> <p>Weight Saddle Pad must be used for horses that carry heavy weights of <b>58kg</b> and above.</p> <p>(Lead weights are strictly not allowed unless approved by the Racing Stewards)</p>

Class 2	67 - 83	17	0.5kg per point	Handicap Race Bottom weight will be adjusted by the Handicapper if horse(s) is/are assigned with handicap weight of less than 53kg.
Class 3	41 – 66	26	0.5kg per point	
Class 4	20 – 40	21	0.5kg per point	
Class 5	9 – 19	11	1.0kg per point	
Initiation	4 - 8	5	Newly demoted horses from Class 6 and higher classes (Never raced in Initiation) will carry the top weight and up to maximum of 57kg  Weight assignment are based on horses' abilities with reference to the average timing from past races and the discretion of the handicappers	Handicap Race
Novice	0 – 3	4	Weight assignment are based on horses' abilities with reference to the average timing from past races and the discretion of the handicappers	

**If the highest weight at Final Declaration is less than 57kg (Except Initiation and Novice), then top weight will be raised to 57kg and all others accordingly.**

**CONDITIONS FOR SELECTION AND WEIGHT ALLOWANCE FOR HORSES IN INITIATION/NOVICE CLASS:**

**Selection Conditions:**

1. Horses in Initiation and Novice classes will be ranked from the weakest to strongest in term of their abilities with reference from past performances as well as their current form.
2. Selection of horses and grouping in a race field will be done by the Racing Team based on their ratings, closest abilities and level of competitiveness from the reference of the average time from previous racing since 30 August 2020.

**Weight Allocation:**

1. Weight allowance will be subjected to the discretion of the Handicappers and the Racing Team where horses of stronger abilities will carry a heavier weight.
2. Minimum weight shall not be less than 49kg.
3. **Rider Allowance for apprentice apply**

The race timing of every horse in the initiation class will be recorded except horses that finished in distant margins (photo finish system does not provide race timing for distant margins). These timing will be tabulated to derive the average timing of each horse. Horses that finish distant margin for consecutively 3 times or more will be deemed as uncompetitive.

Uncompetitive horses will be the lowest priority for selection and balloting conditions

**Division and Weight assignment:**

1. Weight assignment are based on horses' abilities with reference to the average timing from past races and the discretion of the handicappers from maximum top weight of 57kg to minimum bottom weight of 49kg
2. If horse(s) is/are assigned with handicap weight of less than 53kg, the tentative assigned weight for these horses will be 53kg. These weight may be further adjusted during the declaration of jockeys.

3. Handicap Weight for under scale horses will be adjusted after the declaration of jockeys based on the jockeys' last body weight and riding weight and the maximum handicap advantage entitlement.

**Starting ratings of ponies will be derived from the measurements of the ponies' heights and reclassification.**

Every horse shall be classified by the handicapper. The measurements on the height of the ponies will be taken to derive the starting ratings. This official measurement of a horse for starting rating in Class 5, initiation or Novice is only valid for 90 days and it will be required to be measured again if it achieves less than 2 starts after 90 days. If horses that are re-measured after 90 days and found to grown more than 2" taller, they will be reclassified immediately and also withdrawn from the race or disqualified that they are over qualified for the race.

The starting rating of unraced horses will be as follow:

Categories	Starting Rating
Imported unraced Thoroughbred	64
Above 64"	30
64" and below but above 62"	25
62" and below but above 60"	19
60" and below but above 57"	14
57" and below but above 55"	8 / 7
55" and below but above 54"	6 / 5
54" and below but above 52"	3 / 2
52" and below	1 / 0

All unraced horses will be subjected to reclassification anytime during their **first 8 starts** based on the handicappers' discretion and only **after 3 starts** that horses can be reclassified.

If a horse's racing ability shown uncompetitive in its starting class, it will be reclassified to next lower class.

However, if after the horse is reclassified to the lower class and won. It will be reinstated to its initial classification and rating.

**6) Net Prizemoney Distribution unless otherwise stated (currency in RM) *(revised on 2 June 2025)***

PRIZEMONEY DISTRIBUTION (WEF 2ND JUNE 2025)																
Class	Owner & Trainer						Jockey								Prize Money Total	Entry Fee
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Jockey			
	52.50%	20.50%	10.25%	5.00%	2.00%	1.00%	5.25%	2.00%	1.00%	0.50%	0.20%	0.10%	0.50%			
Class 1	15750	6150	3075	1350	550	275	1575	600	300	150	50	25	150	30000	100	
Class 2	14450	5650	2775	1250	500	250	1450	550	275	125	50	25	150	27500	100	
Class 3	11050	4300	2150	950	375	175	1100	425	200	100	50	25	100	21000	80	
Class 4	8150	3175	1600	700	275	125	825	300	150	75	25	25	75	15500	60	
Class 5	5250	2050	1025	450	175	100	525	200	100	50	20	5	50	10000	40	
Initiation	4725	1850	925	400	150	75	475	175	100	50	20	5	50	9000	20	
Novice	4475	1750	850	375	150	75	450	175	75	50	20	5	50	8500	20	
Restricted Progress	2525	1075	550	250	100	50	250	100	50	25	10	5	10	5000	0	
<i>*Prize money distribution is rounded to the nearest multiple of RM25. Then, if there is a discrepancy, surpluses will be added to the 1st placing (Owner/Trainer). For shortages, the first RM50 will be deducted from the 3rd placing (Owner/Trainer) and the rest (RM25) will be deducted from the 4th placing (Owner/Trainer).</i>																
<b>Entry Fee (Norm races):</b>																
<b>Novice = RM20 (RM0 If half the field is entered by horses with 0 rating)</b>																

**\*\*Rating bands for Rating races will be decided on an ad-hoc basis based on the rating of horses available for racing and their competitiveness.**

## 7) Change in track surface after closing of entries

After closing of entries, if the change in track surface is deemed necessary, the following will apply (or Vice Versa).

Turf Track		Sand Track
1200m	to	1100m
1400m – 1700m	to	1600m
1800m and longer	to	1800m

## 8) Minimum starters at declarations

At closing time of declarations, a race will be cancelled (except for Feature and Sponsored races) should the number of declared starters be less than six (6). However the Club reserved the rights to reschedule any race.

## 9) Rating Assignment, Penalisation, Promotion and Demotion

Winners receive an upwards adjustment based on the margin and manner of victory, quality of opposition and weight differentials.

Placed horses receive necessary adjustments

Unplaced runners receive relief based on overall performance profile

The guideline for the penalization and reliefs will be as follows:

### CLASS 1:

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Winners	<p><b>5 points Penalty</b> for horses with pre-race rating of 99 and below 4 points Penalty for horses with pre-race rating of 100 – 104. 3 points Penalty for horses with pre-race rating of 105 – 109. 2 points Penalty for horses with pre-race rating of 110 and above.</p> <p>5 - 10 points Penalty for <b>new imported raced horses</b> winning a cup race in less than 3 starts, subjected to Handicappers’ opinions, discretions and approval by the Racing sub-committee.</p> <p><b>Overweight Claims for next race</b></p> <table><tr><th colspan="4">OVERWEIGHT CLAIM FOR NEXT RACE ( CUMULATIVE)</th></tr><tr><td></td><td>1<sup>st</sup></td><td>2<sup>nd</sup></td><td>3<sup>rd</sup></td></tr><tr><td><b>60kg and above (Including overweight claim)</b></td><td><b>1.0kg</b></td><td><b>0.5kg</b></td><td><b>0</b></td></tr></table> <p>Horses that carry 60kg and above and win will claim extra 1.0kg for the next norm race.</p> <p>These overweight claims will be cumulative to the maximum of 5kg. <b>THIS OVERWEIGHT CLAIMS/PENALTY MAY BE APPLICABLE FOR CUP RACES</b></p>	OVERWEIGHT CLAIM FOR NEXT RACE ( CUMULATIVE)					1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>60kg and above (Including overweight claim)</b>	<b>1.0kg</b>	<b>0.5kg</b>	<b>0</b>
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Placed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p><b>2 points Penalty (&lt; 60kg)</b></p> <p><b>For horses carrying 60kg and above:</b> 1 points Penalty if <b>placed twice or more consecutively</b> for horses with pre-race rating of 105 and above.</p> <p><b>Overweight Claims for next race</b> Horses that carry 60kg and above and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> will claim extra 0.5kg for the next norm race. These overweight claims will be cumulative to the maximum of 5kg. <b>THIS OVERWEIGHT CLAIMS ARE NOT APPLICABLE FOR CUP RACES</b></p>												
Placed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<p>1 point Penalty if <b>placed twice or more consecutively</b></p> <p><b>Overweight Claims for next race</b> Horses that carry 60kg and above and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> will NOT claim any extra overweight for the next norm race.</p>												

Unplaced

0 to 5 points reliefs based on Performance Profile. Horses will be relieved **3 points on the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive unplaced runs, 4 points relief on 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive unplaced runs and MAXIMUM of 5 points relief on 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive runs onwards until it demoted to Class 2 where the rating must begin at 83 and then point reliefs will be according to class 2 conditions .**

Overweight Claims Relief

OVERWEIGHT CLAIM RELIEF			
1 <sup>st</sup> unplaced after win/placed	2 <sup>nd</sup> consecutive unplaced	3 <sup>rd</sup> consecutive unplaced	4 <sup>th</sup> consecutive unplaced
0.5kg	1.0kg	1.5kg	2.0kg

Horses penalized with overweight claim will be relieved of the weight after an unplaced run.

Reduction of Overweight Claim

1. 1<sup>st</sup> unplaced after win/placed = 0.5kg reduction from overweight claim
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive unplaced after win/placed = 1.0kg reduction from overweight claim until zero
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive unplaced after win/placed = 1.5kg reduction from overweight claim until zero
4. 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive unplaced or more after win/placed = 2.0kg reduction from overweight claim

#### CLASS 2-5:

Winners	5 points Penalty
Placed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 points if <b>placed twice or more consecutively</b>
Placed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 points if <b>placed twice or more consecutively</b>
Unplaced (Except Class 2 and Class 3)	<p>For last start winners, placed (2nd and 3rd) in last start. newly promoted (based on Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) or demoted horses (based on Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) or horses back to racing with no record of past performances:</p> <p>First start unplaced: No deduction  Second consecutive unplaced run: 1 point  Third consecutive unplaced run onwards: up to 2 points</p>
Unplaced (Class 2 only)	0 to 4 points reliefs based on Performance Profile. Horses will be relieved <b>3 points on the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive unplaced runs and 4 points relief on 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive runs onwards until it demoted to the next lower class</b>
Unplaced (Class 3 only)	0 to 3 points reliefs based on Performance Profile. Horses will be relieved <b>3 points on the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive unplaced runs onwards until it demoted to the next lower class</b>

#### INITIATION/NOVICE:

Winners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winner with history of racing in Class 6 from Rating Classification before 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or higher classes (or equivalent) <b>and had promoted to Class 6 or higher (equivalent to rating 9 and above) from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 between 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 or had raced in Class 5 or higher classes from 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 from the Rating Classification based on that time</b> will be penalized with 5 points Penalty (5 Points Handicap)</li> <li>Winner which never raced in Class 6 before 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or higher classes (or equivalent) <b>or NEVER been promoted to Class 6 or higher (equivalent to rating 9 and above) from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 between 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and had NEVER raced in Class 5 or higher classes from 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 from the Rating Classification based on that time</b> will be penalized with 3 points Penalty (3 Points Handicap)</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winner which never raced in Class 6 from Rating Classification before 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or higher classes (or equivalent) will be penalized with additional points if it raced faster than 77sec for 1000m and 83sec for 1100m according to the official time</li> </ul> <p>Horses with rating of 9 points and higher will be promoted to Class 5.</p> <p><b>5 - 10 points Penalty for horses with height 60" and above winning a race, subjected to Handicappers' opinions and discretions.</b></p>
Placed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> placed horses with history of racing in Class 6 from Rating Classification before 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or higher classes (or equivalent) will be penalized with 2 points Penalty if placed twice or more consecutively.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> placed horses which never raced in Class 6 from Rating Classification before 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or higher classes (or equivalent) will be penalized with 1 points Penalty if placed twice or more consecutively.</b></p>
Placed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> placed horses will be penalized with 1 points Penalty if <b>placed twice or more consecutively.</b>
Unplaced	<p><b>Unplaced horses with history of racing in Class 6 from Rating Classification before 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or higher classes (or equivalent) will be relieved with 0-2 points to the minimum of rating of 2 based on Performance Profile.</b></p> <p><b>Unplaced horses which never raced in Class 6 from Rating Classification before 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or higher classes (or equivalent) will be relieved with 0-2 points to the minimum of rating of 1 based on Performance Profile.</b></p>

For all classes, horses may **not be awarded any relief if the jockey is found to be deliberately failing to ride the horses on its merits.** The stipendiary report will be used to support such verdicts.

**Anyone who is found cheating with the carrying weight will have their Club membership (For RSTC member) revoked, prize money forfeited and that particular horse in this case will be permanently banned.**

- For last start winners, placed (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) in last start. newly promoted (based on Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) or demoted horses (based on Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) or horses back to racing with no record of past performances :**

First start unplaced: No deduction

Second consecutive unplaced run: 1 point

Third or more consecutive unplaced run: up to 2 points

- Any horse that are demoted to a lower class in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Initiation and Novice must start at the highest rating of the particular class.
- No deduction of point for horses that did not finished or disqualified from the race
- No reversal of penalty for horses that are found to be disqualified after the race result is confirmed.
- No deduction of point for all horses' **first start** in Royal Sabah Turf Club.
- Any horse will **not** receive a deduction at its first start after promotion to a higher class based on Classes 1,2,3,4,5 and Initiation.
- Any horse will **not** receive a deduction at its first start after demotion to a lower class based on Classes 2,3,4,5, Initiation and Novice.
- Placed horses (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) can be promoted to the next higher class if they are placed consecutively twice subjected to handicappers' discretions.
- Final penalties for all horses will be determined by the panel of handicappers and will NOT be capped. Horses may be reclassified with the discretions of the handicappers with reference to the horses' height, breed and **exceptional performance.**
- Horses that cannot secure a start in the last entry due to maximum field size capacity will be given **additional 1 point relief (inclusive of first run after promotion/demotion)** on the next run if the next available run for these horses is scheduled ONLY 6 weeks or more and they finish unplaced.



- Any additional or special penalties and relief of points for special or group races will be stated in the race conditions.
- Any additional penalties and relief of points can be awarded with the discretions of the handicappers with consideration on the horses' form such as consecutive wins, margin of win, the competitiveness of the horses in the current classes or any factors that are deemed appropriate.