



PENANG TURF CLUB

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

MARCH MEETING 2018

(RUN UNDER M.R.A. RULES OF RACING & REGULATIONS)

1 st Day	-	Sunday	-	18 March 2018
2 nd Day	-	Saturday	-	24 March 2018
3 rd Day	-	Sunday	-	25 March 2018

1. **ENTRIES**

1.1 Classes/types of races catered for:

1st weekend – Cosmo B (rating 57 - 89), Class 4 (rating 44 – 61) and Class 5 (rating 43 and below).

2nd weekend – Cosmo A (rating 68 & above), Class 3 (rating 57 – 74), Class 4 (rating 44 - 61), Class 5 (rating 43 and below) and Restricted Maiden.

1.2 **Closing of Entries**

Entries for 1st and 2nd weekend of Penang March Meeting 2018 will be closed at **10:00am on Monday, 12 & 19 March 2018** respectively at the Racing Department of Penang Turf Club.

Applications for Visiting Jockey's License for Penang March Meeting 2018 have to be submitted by **Monday, 19 February 2018** at the Racing Department of Penang Turf Club.

- 1.2.1 Entries must be made on M.R.A. entry forms. Trainers must state clearly on their entry forms the runs and distances of the races for which they are entering. Telephonic messages to withdraw or make additional entries or change the distances of horses already entered must be confirmed in writing or by fax through an associated Club prior to closing of entries.

1.2.2 Entries received by the Racing Department **after 10:00am on the date of closing will not be accepted.**

1.2.3 Trainers or their representatives are required to verify their entries and revert to the Racing Dept within 24 hours after the release of the Entries and Training List. The Entries and Training List will be deemed as final if no feedback is received after the stipulated time.

1.3 Reduction of entries

1.3.1 In the event of excessive entries, **Penang Turf Club reserves the right to reduce the entries of the 3 clubs by different percentages each, as it deems fit.** Trainers will be allotted a set number of stalls for the race meeting. All entries will be accepted but trainers must nominate by **a time stipulated by the Club on the same day entries close ie Monday, 12 & 19 March 2018** respectively, horses to be handicapped for the meeting not exceeding his stall allocation. Failure to comply with this procedure by the given deadline may result in the club balloting out the required number regardless of the horses rating.

1.3.2 In the event of there being insufficient entries for a particular distance, the Committee reserves the right to cancel the race OR transfer such entries to the race(s) for the alternate distance.

2. CLASSES, DISTANCES AND STAKES

CLASSES	DISTANCES		STAKES	ENTRY FEES (per run)
	1 st weekend (18 Mar 2018)	2 nd weekend (24 & 25 Mar 2018)		
COSMO A Rating: 68 & above	-	1400M	RM100,000	RM250 + RM15 (6% GST)
COSMO B Rating: 57 - 89	1400M	-	RM90,000	RM200 + RM12 (6% GST)
CLASS 3 Rating: 57 - 74	-	1200M	RM80,000	RM200 + RM12 (6% GST)
CLASS 4 Rating: 44 – 61	1100M 1600M	1300M 1700M	RM60,000 * If a race that is framed for rating 55 and below the stakes money applied would be RM45,000.	RM150 + RM9 (6% GST)
CLASS 5 Rating: 43 and below	1200M 1700M	1100M 1400M 1600M	RM30,000 * If a race that is framed for rating 35 and below the stakes money applied would be RM25,000.	RM150 + RM9 (6% GST)
RESTRICTED MAIDEN	-	1200M	RM80,000	RM100 + RM6 (6% GST)
ENTRIES CLOSING DATE	Monday 10:00AM 12 March 2018	Monday 10:00AM 19 March 2018		

Unless advertised in the programme, races of combined classes shall carry the stakes and entry fees of the higher class.

IMPORTANT:

All Entry Fees must be paid at the latest by 5:00 pm on the Friday before the weekend's races. Trainers are requested to settle all entry fees by the time and date mentioned below, failing which, their horses may be scratched without further notice and a penalty imposed. For Penang March Meeting 2018, all entry fees must be paid to the office of the Racing Department before 5:00pm on Friday, 16 & 23 March 2018 respectively.

2.1 COSMO A
(PNTC Incentive Bonus Race NOT applicable)

- (a) Race Type : Set – Weight
 (b) Ratings : 68 & above
 (c) Distance : 1400M
 (d) Condition : **Only Apprentice Allowance Permitted.**
 (e) Minimum top weight : 59Kg.

COSMO A			
Ratings	Weights (KG)	Ratings	Weights (KG)
101 & above	60.5	83-85	57.0
98-100	59.5	80-82	56.5
95-97	59.0	77-79	55.0
92-94	58.5	74-76	54.0
89-91	58.0	71-73	53.0
86-88	57.5	68-70	52.0

2.2 COSMO B
(PNTC Incentive Bonus Race NOT applicable)

- (a) Race Type : Set Weights
 (b) Ratings : 57 – 89
 (c) Distance : 1400M
 (d) Condition : **Only Apprentice Allowance Permitted.**
 (e) Minimum top weight : 59Kg.

COSMO B			
Ratings	Weights (kg)	Ratings	Weights (kg)
88 - 89	59.0	72 - 75	54.0
86 - 87	58.0	69 - 71	53.5
84 - 85	57.0	66 - 68	53.0
80 - 83	56.0	62 - 65	52.5
78 - 79	55.0	57 - 61	52.0
76 - 77	54.5		

3. ENTRY FEES

3.1 All horse entry fees shall be determined and notified by the Club from time to time. (Amended 1/4/17)

3.2 Distribution Of Entry Fees

Malayan Racing Association will retain RM40 from each entry and the remaining sums will be credited to the Club conducting the race meeting to defray its expenses. (Amended 1/4/17)

3.3 Refund Of Entry Fees

A refund of entry fees less the charge of RM50 (+6% GST) will be made only when the horse is withdrawn by order of the Racing Stewards or is a scratching on veterinary grounds. (Amended 1/4/17)

3.4 Penalty

Trainers are reminded that the horses they have entered for any Penang meeting (confirmed by being handicapped) **CANNOT BE SCRATCHED** unless they are Veterinary Scratchings or Stewards' Withdrawals, with the exception on Clause 5 – Note (ac) and (ad). A horse that is scratched without a Veterinary Certificate or is not a Stewards' Withdrawal will have to pay the full entry fees and also a penalty of RM500.00. In addition they will also have to reimburse the Club for all expenses incurred.

4. FIELD SIZES

After Final Acceptance

For 1100m & 1600m races - limited to 12 runners plus a maximum of 3 EA's.

For 1200m, 1300m, 1400m & 1700m races – limited to 14 runners plus a maximum of 3 EA's.

For all other distances – limited to 16 runners plus a maximum of 3 EA's. (Amended 18/1/18)

5. EMERGENCY ACCEPTORS

When the size of a field has exceeded the limit the Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of acceptors and determine an order of Emergency Acceptors as follows:-

5.1 A trainer will be limited to a maximum of 3 horses in a race card. This is inclusive of same owner or individual owner. Should a trainer or owner exceed the numbers, the excess horses shall be given an EA status determined by the ratings from lowest upwards over recent form and distances. It applies to all races unless otherwise mentioned in the programme.

5.2 In Feature Races And Races With Special Conditions

- i. The field will be selected by the Panel of Handicappers based on the horses' rating in conjunction with recent form over appropriate distances.
- ii. Emergency Acceptors from these races shall be exempted from any ballot that may be conducted for the alternate race on the same day.
- iii. Emergency Acceptors which are scratched from these races shall not be permitted to start in the alternate race.
- iv. Emergency Acceptors eliminated from these races shall be permitted to start in the alternate race.

5.3 Term Races (Including Restricted Maiden Races)

Emergency Acceptors will be determined strictly by ballot for all horses.

The following categories of horses will be exempted, where possible, from Emergency Acceptor status:-

- i. Any horse which was a last start winner will be assured of a run. (Not applicable to Restricted Maiden races)

5.4 All Other Races

The order of Emergency Acceptors will be determined by ratings from the lowest upwards. In the event of similar ratings a ballot will be conducted.

The following categories of horses will be exempted, where possible, from Emergency Acceptor status:-

- i. Any horse which was a last start winner will be assured of a run.
- ii. Any horse which has been placed 2nd or 3rd in its previous start, and;
- iii. Any horse prevented from starting due to capacity field i.e. EA1, EA2 and EA3 in the last race for which it was entered.

The Club reserves the right to amend/alter the above conditions relating to Clause 5 without assigning any reason thereof. The Club's decision shall be final.

Note

- aa) All Emergency Acceptors will be included in the barrier draw. All fees payable in respect of such race shall be paid for Emergency Acceptors as required by the Rules and /or Conditions if such Emergency Acceptors be permitted to start.
- ab) Emergency Acceptors shall be withdrawn from the race if there are no vacancies **three hours** before the advertised time of the first race of the day.
- ac) All trainers are allowed to scratch their horses which are Emergency Acceptors 4, 5 and above at time of declaration without the RM500.00 penalty. The RM50.00 (+6% GST) administrative fee remains payable.
- ad) Outstation Trainers only (PRTC and SLTC trainers) are also allowed to scratch their horses which are Emergency Acceptors 1 to 3 at time of declaration without the RM500.00 penalty but with the nominal charge of RM50.00 (+6% GST) administrative fee.

6. DECLARATIONS, SCRATCHINGS AND "JOCKEY OVERWEIGHT REQUEST"

Declarations, Scratchings and "Jockey Overweight Request" form must be placed in the respective Declaration or Scratching boxes provided at the Scales Area before the date and time stipulated for the close of acceptances. Declaration, Scratching or Jockey Overweight Request via telephone or fax will not be accepted.

However, outstation trainers whose horses are scheduled to arrive at the Club after the scratching/declaration time are permitted to fax their scratchings and declarations to the Club. Their faxes must reach the Club's Racing Department by 5:00 pm, a day preceding the Official Scratching/Declaration day and they must call up before this time to confirm with the Racing Department that all their scratching or declaration forms have been received in good order. Failure to comply may result in their horses to be scratched without notice and a penalty imposed.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACING

The Committee will decide on the number of divisions into which each class will be divided and will then publish a schedule of racing.

8. **STAKES DISTRIBUTION**

8.1 The distribution for all stakes and for all classes unless otherwise advertised in the Official Programme, will be as follows:-

PLACING	OWNER	TRAINER	JOCKEY	TOTAL
1 ST	50.50%	6.00%	5.00%	61.50%
2 ND	18.00%	2.50%	1.50%	22.00%
3 RD	9.00%	1.50%	0.50%	11.00%
4 TH	4.50%	0.75%	0.25%	5.50%
TOTAL	82.00%	10.75%	7.25%	100.00%

9. **INCENTIVE BONUS RACE (IBR) for Penang based Owners and Trainers**

Penang Turf Club is pleased to offer incentive bonuses to owners and trainers who win specific balloted races during Penang race meetings with effect from 1 December 2017.

The IBR is as follows:

- i) Winning bonus - Owner – RM5000.00/race
Trainer – RM2500.00/race
- ii) For Saturday Races – Three (3) Incentive Bonus Races (IBR)
For Sunday Races – Three (3) Incentive Bonus Races (IBR)
- iii) Each IBR will be determined by a draw at declaration time during Penang race meetings. In the unlikely event the race drawn has no Penang runners, there will be a redraw.

Note: "Penang based Owners" shall mean their horses are trained by Trainers based at PNTC.

Penang Turf Club reserves the right to amend or terminate any of the terms of the scheme at any time without assigning any reason thereto. In the event of any dispute, the decision of the Penang Turf Club shall be absolutely final and conclusive.

10. **JOCKEY'S RIDING FEES**

Payment of these fees will be the responsibility of the Club.

11. **MALAYSIAN BRED PREMIUM**

Malaysian-breds, i.e. horses born and bred in Malaysia and sold at the National Premier Sales conducted by the National Stud Farm (Malaysia) will be entitled to a Malaysian Bred Premium for winning in open company races in the MRA circuit. For the first 3 wins, the horses will be entitled to 50% of the winning stakes and for all subsequent wins, 10% of the winning stakes. The Malaysian Bred Premium will not apply to the sponsored races for horses sold at the National Premier Sales, races carrying added stakes and Feature or Classic races.

12. HORSES DUE AT PENANG TURF CLUB

Horses must arrive at the Club at the respective time according to the race meeting as follows:

If it is 1 day race day on Saturday – before 12:00noon on the Friday of the week.
 If it is 1 day race day on Sunday – before 12:00noon on the Saturday of the week.
 If it is 2 day race weekend on Saturday **and** Sunday – before 12:00noon on the Friday of the week.

Failure to comply may result in the horse being scratched by the stipendiary stewards and a penalty imposed.

13. PRE-RACE BLOOD TEST AND WEIGHING OF HORSES

- a. All horses must be brought to the Holding Area **2 hours** before the advertised time of their races to enable blood samples to be collected and tested as well as for them to be weighed and their weights declared.
- b. Trainers must ensure that the syce/employee who is in charge of the horse and who signs on the pre-race blood collection form is the **one and same person** that accompanies and is responsible for the horse during post-race blood and urine collections. Special permission must be sought in writing from the Chief Stipendiary Steward should there be a non-compliance of this directive. Failure to comply with this directive may result in a penalty being imposed.
- c. Trainers are requested **not to allow** their horses from the stable to proceed to the Pre-Race Weighing Scales & Holding Area **earlier** than the stipulated **2 hours** before the commencement of the race.
- d. If for any reason a Trainer, his 'B' Trainer or his Supervisor whose horse(s) is/are already within the Holding Area, the person concerned may be allowed to enter the Holding Area by the Security Guard on duty, provided he produces his MRA pass. The Security Guard on duty will record the MRA Pass number, the time of entry into the Holding Area, and time of departure of the person concerned.
- e. Inside the Holding Area, the **horse(s) Passport**, the **vaccination** and **deworming status** will be checked, pre-race blood collected and a stall allocated to each horse, where it will remain until instructed to move to the saddling stalls by an authorised official.
- f. Trainers must ensure that horses under their charge and stabled within the Turf Club premises are vaccinated regularly. A horse may not be permitted to start in a race if its original Passport is not available or its vaccination status is **not current** at the time the weight of the horse is taken. A horse is **NOT ALLOWED** to race with a Temporary Passport.
- g. **Food, drinks, medication, smoking, pouches and hand phones are strictly prohibited in the Holding Yard.** Body search may be carried out by the security guard on duty.
- h. Trainers must ensure that their syces who are in charge of their horses must witness the collection process and sign the **Pre-Race Blood Collection Form**.

- i. Trainers must ensure that their syces accompanying horses **display prominently** the valid **MRA or Club passes** on their person, failing which **entry into the Holding Area will be denied.**
- j. On occasions when due to the change of time of the races **resulting in a delay** in releasing the horses, Trainers or their representatives will be informed of the period of delay by an Official of the Holding Centre.
- k. Horses entered to race will be released from the Holding Centre to the Saddling Area (Paddock) at the discretion of the Official at the Holding Centre as soon as the **Saddling Area is free of horses.** Trainers are requested to brief their authorised employees accordingly.
- l. Trainers should ensure that except for employees directly involved in the saddling process, no other unauthorised person is allowed into the saddling stall(s).
- m. Once a syce is inside the Holding Area, he/she will not be permitted to leave the area at anytime other than when he/she is required to lead the horse to the Saddling Area.
- n. Trainers with horses requiring two syces to lead a horse to the Holding Area are requested to obtain prior written permission from any of the Stipendiary Stewards. The authorisation letter should be handed over to the Security Guard on duty at the Holding Area.

NOTE:

Action may be taken against anyone contravening the above-mentioned conditions and procedures.

14. PRE-RACE LAMENESS TEST

Horses will be tested when they come out of their Holding Areas into the Saddling Paddock area about half an hour before their respective races. The horses are required to trot in the Saddling Paddock area in an orderly manner as directed by the Club's personnel before being led into their saddling stalls.

15. SUBMISSION OF EMPLOYEES LIST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THEIR ARRIVAL

Trainers must submit to the Club's Security Department an advance list (stating full name, old and new NRIC numbers, MRA pass number and designation) of their employees who require entry into the stables area for the race meeting at least 24 hours before their arrival. Any changes to the list may be reported to the Security Office upon the employees arrival. Non-compliance may result in a penalty and/or the workers being denied entry into the stables.

Security Office Tel. Number : 04- 2385299

Security Office Fax Number : 04- 2260814

16. TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will not be provided by the Club for outstation horses entered and raced at the meeting.

17. STABLING ACCOMMODATION

Stabling accommodation will be provided by the club for all outstation horses entered and raced at the meeting. If, in the opinion of the Club Veterinary Surgeon, any horse entered left its centre unfit to race, no allowances will be paid by the club and the trainer will have to reimburse the club for all expenses incurred.

The stables will be available as follow:

For Race Meeting On:	Availability
18 March 2018	Tuesday, 13 March 2018
24 & 25 March 2018	Tuesday, 20 March 2018

18. SYCE ALLOWANCE

A syce allowance of RM5.00 per day per horse will be paid for outstation horses entered and raced at the meeting. The payment will not be made if the horse is scratched from all engagements without veterinary grounds.

19. RACING COLOURS

MRA Rules of Racing No. 57, 65 and 66. Trainers are required to declare their horses to run in the **colours of their registered owners** failing which a penalty may be imposed.

Trainers who use Club colours will be charged a sum of RM50.00 (+6% GST) for each use.

20. OFFICIAL TRAINING

All horses entered for the meeting must display their respective training saddlecloth numbers as published in the Training List respectively during official training.

21. PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

The winning trainer and jockey of a classic/feature/special/sponsored race with a prize presentation ceremony after the race are required to present themselves at the ceremony, unless, due to extenuating circumstances they are unable to do so. In such instance, they are expected to nominate their representatives to act for them. Failure to comply may result in a penalty being imposed.

22. REGULATIONS

The Meeting will be held under M.R.A. Rules of Racing, Regulations and Notices.

23. ALTERATIONS TO PROGRAMME

The Committee reserves the right to make any alteration to this programme, to divide/combine, transfer entries between classes/divisions/distances, add, cancel or postpone any race(s) before or after the closing of entries.

24. TOTALISATOR INVESTMENT

All Totalisator investment will be deemed to have been made in accordance with the rules of the Totalisator Board, which are available for inspection on request.

25. SETTLING DAY

The settling day will be on Monday, 3 weeks after the race meeting.

26. OFFICE

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12 February 2018

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