

# MACAU JOCKEY CLUB

## INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2022-2023 PRIVATE PURCHASE PERMITS “R” PERMITS

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The following Terms and Conditions shall apply for the importation of Private Purchases into Macau for the 2022-2023 Racing Season: -

1. **PERMIT APPLICATION**

- a) Applications for Permits shall be for imports of the following categories:  
Private Purchased Raced Horse (PP)  
Private Purchased Griffins (PPG)
- b) All Applicants **MUST** be Members of the Macau Jockey Club.
- c) Without the express authority of the Racing Committee of the Macau Jockey Club, no Member shall be allowed to own (whether for his own account or in partnership with others) more than twenty (20) horses.
- d) Each permit application shall be accompanied by a **deposit** of: -
  - i. HK\$70,000 for horses from Australia & New Zealand
  - ii. HK\$100,000 for horses from UK, USA and Canada
- e) Applicants are requested to make the **deposit** in the form of a Bank Cashier's Cheque, upon receipt of which the application will immediately be processed. If the **deposit** is made in the form of a personal or uncertified cheque, the application will not be processed until after the cheque has been cleared.
- f) All incurred expenses including the cost of shipment, ground transport to the airport in the country of domicile, in Hong Kong and in Macau, a handling fee of HK\$10,000, quarantine charges and veterinary fees, insurance and airport taxes, after the horse has arrived at the appointed holding property, shall be deducted from the **deposit**. The remaining balance shall be refunded and any deficit shall be charged to the Applicant's Membership account.
- g) All expenses incurred prior to the horse's arrival at the holding property shall be for the direct account of the Applicant or his Agent.
- h) The Applicant undertakes to pay to the Macau Jockey Club all expenses incurred after the horse has arrived at the appointed holding property. Notwithstanding the fact that the horse may have been withdrawn from a particular shipment, or if the shipment is cancelled or delayed, the Applicant shall remain entirely responsible for all incurred expenses including those for the reserved airstable space onboard that shipment. In addition, the owner undertakes that the shipping of the horse and any additional expenses that may incur is at **his/her own risk**.
- i) Based on actual needs, the Club reserves the right to increase the amount of the required **deposit**.
- j) With regard to the nomination of a trainer, if a newly licensed trainer (2022-2023 Season) is being nominated, the horse so assigned shall not be transferred for a complete Season.
- k) The permit **deposit** is non-refundable. In the event that after being assigned a horse, the nominated trainer is no longer licensed by the Club, then a substitute trainer shall be nominated.



2. **PERMIT VALIDITY**

Each permit issued shall be valid for a maximum period of nine months, unless otherwise approved by the Racing Committee of the Macau Jockey Club, i.e. the horse must arrive in Macau within 9 months (or as specified) from the date of issue of the permit, otherwise the permit shall **become void and the deposit forfeited without further notice.**

3. **TRANSIT INSURANCE**

Cover for **“Transit Insurance”** can be arranged through the Club **upon request.** The cost will be 0.6% of the horse’s value, subject to revision if necessary, and it covers only Mortality of the horse (Loss of use not covered). The insurance commences from the arrival of the horse at the quarantine station or 30 days prior to the departure from the quarantine station for transit, whichever is the later and shall continue to remain in force during transit to the airport, in transit and 30 days after arrival in Macau. Please be reminded that the acceptance and effectiveness of the “Insurance For Transit” will be subject to the declaration made to the Club of a valid Permit No. and a veterinary report on the horse passed fit for import by the Club’s Veterinary Surgeon and confirmation from the Quarantine Veterinary Surgeon certifying that the horse has arrived at the quarantine station free of any injury, illness or disease. Note that the insurers reserve the right to place an exclusion for any pre-existing conditions. (Transit insurance cover over the 30 days shall be subject to an additional 3.6% pro-rata.) **“Loss of Freight”** insurance cover is mandatory and claimable in the event the horse is withdrawn from the shipment due to illness/injury prior to the flight and must be certified by the vet unfit to travel and subsequently approved by the insurance company. This shall apply per horse/per shipment for a maximum freight liability of HK\$40,000. (The standard premium rate is 2.32% for a period or not more than 30 days, additional premium shall apply for additional days on cover and is subject to revision if necessary.)

4. **QUARANTINE PERIODS**

a) Prior to the scheduled date of shipment, horses will be required to undergo a pre-export quarantine for the minimum period in the respective countries as stated below (for countries not listed below, this information can be obtained from the Racing Office):

21 days in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, UK, USA and Canada

b) On arrival in Macau, horses will be required to undergo a post arrival quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days, however this can be extended to 21 days for certain countries at the discretion of the Macau Government Veterinary Officer.

c) Horses may be required to undergo further post arrival testing at the discretion of the Macau Government Veterinary Officer. Any horse that fails a test or shows any signs of disease, that horse or any other horses in the quarantine premises may be

- = Detained in quarantine for further testing and observation
- = Exported at the owner’s expense
- = Destroyed without recompense

5. **PPG (UNRACED HORSES)**

(i) Unraced 2 Year Olds

Southern Hemisphere PPG which turn 2 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 (foaling year 2020) will be permitted into Macau after 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 and will be allocated a rating of 35 upon arrival. They will not be permitted to race prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. However, if they remain unraced by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 their rating will be amended to 39.

Northern Hemisphere PPG which turn 2 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 (foaling year 2021) will be permitted into Macau after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and will be allocated a



rating of 33 upon arrival. They will not be permitted to race prior to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023. However, if they remain unraced by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 their rating will be amended to 35 and if they remain unraced by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 when they turn 3 years old, their rating will be amended to 37.

(ii) Unraced 3 Year Olds

Southern Hemisphere PPG which turn 3 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 (foaling year 2019) can be imported and will be allocated a rating of 39 upon arrival. However, if they remain unraced by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023, their rating will be amended to 42.

Northern Hemisphere PPG which turn 3 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 (foaling year 2020) can be imported and will be allocated a rating of 37 upon arrival. However, if they remain unraced by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 their rating will be amended to 39 and if they remain unraced by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 when they turn 4 years old their rating will be amended to 42.

(iii) Unraced 4 Year Olds

Southern Hemisphere PPG which will turn 4 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 (foaling year 2018) can be imported and will be allocated a rating of 42 upon arrival. However, these Griffins MUST arrive in Macau prior to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Northern Hemisphere PPG which will turn 4 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 (foaling year 2019) can be imported and will be allocated a rating of 42 upon arrival. However, these Griffins MUST arrive in Macau prior to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

\* Fillies and mares allowance of 3 points will apply to the above 3 categories.

6. QUALIFICATIONS

- a) The following horses may not be imported into Macau: -
- i. Any unraced horses (PPG) older than 4 years of age.
  - ii. Any raced horses (PP) older than 8 years of age.
  - iii. Horses which do not comply with the Veterinary Requirements as stated in Clause 7 below.
  - iv. All PP's must not have had more than 15 starts before they arrive in Macau unless otherwise approved by the Racing Committee of the Macau Jockey Club.
  - v. Application may be made to import PPs which have only had a maximum of 3 starts and did not finished in first 4 positions . If this application is successful, then these PPs will be awarded the same rating as PPGs according to age.

b) Prize Money Requirements

- i. There is no requirement for horses to have been winners.
- ii. Northern Hemisphere PP's which will be 3 years old on 1 January 2023 (foaling year 2020) and Southern Hemisphere PP's which will be 3 years old on 1 August 2022 (foaling year 2019) must have earned minimum aggregate stakes in the respective country as follows:

UK	-	£1,900.00
FRANCE	-	EUR3,500.00
IRELAND	-	EUR2,400.00
AUSTRALIA	-	AUS\$4,200.00
NEW ZEALAND	-	NZ\$2,400.00
USA	-	US\$7,200.00
CANADA	-	CAN\$5,700.00



ARGENTINA - PESOS2,700.00

iii. Northern Hemisphere PP's which will be 4 years old (foaling year 2019) or older on 1 January 2023 and Southern Hemisphere PP's which will be 4 years old (foaling year 2018) or older on 1 August 2022 must have earned minimum aggregate stakes in the respective country as follows:

UK	-	£3,300.00
FRANCE	-	EUR6,700.00
IRELAND	-	EUR4,200.00
AUSTRALIA	-	AUS\$6,700.00
NEW ZEALAND	-	NZ\$4,100.00
USA	-	US\$10,100.00
CANADA	-	CAN\$8,500.00

c) Prize Money won in more than one country

In the case of a horse that has raced in more than one country, it must satisfy the prize money level requirements for at least one of these countries.

d) Definition of Earnings

Earnings are defined as prizemoney earned in flat races in UK, France, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Earnings in Walk-Overs excluded.

7. VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS

a) All horses to be imported are required to comply with the Macau Government Veterinary Health requirements for the importation of thoroughbred horses into the Macau (SAR). A copy of these requirements may be obtained on request from the Macau Jockey Club.

b) All horses shall have a full 5 stage veterinary examination consisting of the following :

- Stage
1. Preliminary examination
  2. Examination during walking, trotting, turning and backing
  3. Examination during and immediately after strenuous exercise
  4. Examination in period after exercise
  5. Examination during walking, trotting, turning and backing.

c) The examination is to include routine radiographs of both fore legs including carpus (flexed LM, DPLMO, DPMLO and C3 skyline views), fetlock (LM, DP, DPLMO, DPMLO views), pedal and navicular bones (DP & LM views), stifles (CC, LM & CLCMO); and any other radiographs as determined by the examining veterinary surgeon. The horses must have an endoscopic examination of the pharynx and larynx both before and after exercise.

The height of the horse is to be measured by the examining veterinary surgeon and reported on the veterinary certificate.

d) As a result of this examination a certificate signed and dated by the examining veterinary surgeon must be furnished to the Club with a copy to New Zealand Bloodstock Airfreight stating that the horse is a suitable subject for racing purposes and is also suitable for Mortality Insurance Cover, albeit that the arranged transit insurance does not include Loss of Use cover. All blemishes including scars of traumatic origin, exostosis, surgical firing and physical defects and disabilities must be mentioned. This veterinary examination and certificate must be completed and faxed to the Veterinary Department of the Club, a minimum of 10 days and a maximum of 2 months prior to admittance into quarantine. Depending on the contents of the examination report the Club retains the right to order a further examination by an independent veterinary surgeon appointed by the Club. If the second examination is deemed unsatisfactory the horse will not be accepted. The



cost of this examination shall be borne by the purchaser.

- e) The following conditions must be noted on the veterinary certificate and will require special permission from the Club's Management Committee prior to importation:
- i. Any horse which has a history, officially recorded or otherwise, of bleeding from both nostrils (Epistaxis).  
The definition of bleeding is: an attack of bleeding shall be the appearance of blood at both nostrils, irrespective of quantity, unless in the opinion of the Officials such bleeding was caused by external trauma.
  - ii. Any colt or stallion which does not have two palpable testicles.
  - iii. Crib Biters, weavers, windsuckers.
  - iv. Any horse blind in one eye.
  - v. Any horse that has had a neurectomy on any of its limbs.
  - vi. Any horse that is less than fifteen hands.
- f) All horses must be broken in before arriving in Macau.
- g) No alteration of sex to occur in quarantine or after the Mortality Insurance has been accepted. (Should a horse undergo castration prior to entering quarantine, the wounds must be properly healed before this horse is accepted.)

8. **DOCUMENTATION**

All horses must be accompanied by the relevant Equine Passport, or Document of Description or Certificate of Registration, or Stud Book Certificate, Health Certificate and Identification Documents. Horses from Australia and New Zealand must be accompanied by a clearance from their last Racing Authority with a statement that the horse has not been reported as a bleeder. Horses from UK, France, Ireland, Canada and USA, must have a certificate of tractability in starting stalls.

9. **RATING (PP's)**

PP's will be assessed in accordance with the Macau Jockey Club rating system. However, all PP's rating will be allocated a minimum of 48 (except those whose recent racing performances were in Hong Kong). PP's will be eligible to race once qualified irrespective of the import number allocated.

10. **IMPORTING FROM OTHER COUNTRIES (subject to quarantine arrangements being available)**

Should a Member wish to import a horse from a country not mentioned above, he may apply to do so and address his application to the Racing Office.

\* Horses from Argentina will turn one year older on 1 July.

11. **SUPERSESION**

This document supersedes all previous documents concerning private purchases.

12. **NOTIFICATION RE SHIPMENT OF YOUR PURCHASE**

All permit holders or their agents must inform the Club of their purchase as soon as possible. The Club will appoint a shipping agent who will assist with the transfer of your purchase.

The details of the Racing Office is as follows:

Email: [mjcracing@mjc.mo](mailto:mjcracing@mjc.mo)

Fax: (853) 28820029

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