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NOTICE TO TRAINERS (HV REGION)

Following consultation with representatives from the NHA, the Highveld programming committee and the Racing Operator, the following amendments with regards to Assessment Plates has been made and will be in effect from the racemeeting of 2 March 2019 (Entries 25 February):

Conditions

- For Maidens, One and Two-time winners and where programmed Three-time winners.
- The winner of a maiden race within **5 starts** must have **two compulsory** runs in an assessment plate before participating in a handicap race.
- A winner that participates in a Graded and Listed race or non-black type feature race in its first and/or second start after the maiden win shall be counted as an assessment run.
- Any other horse may participate in any number of assessment plates subject to the race conditions and elimination procedure.
- **A winner that participates in any race including a handicap race outside of those scheduled at the Vaal and Turffontein racecourses shall be counted as an assessment run**
- **In addition to the above, any maiden winner irrespective of the number of races contested and that qualifies to run in a 66 Benchmarked Handicap at 60kgs or below (i.e. Any horse with a net rating of 66 and below), will not be compelled to run in Assessment plates.**

Weights in Assessment Plates:

Two Time Winners and less

- Maidens 54 kg
- One-time winners 57 kg
- Two-time winners 60 kg

Three-time winners and less

- Maidens 52 kg
- One-time winners 55 kg
- Two-time winners 58 kg
- Three-time winners 61 kg

A 0.5 kg allowance shall be given to runners in all Assessment Plates, at the time of publication of weights, for each unplaced start since a horse was placed (1st to 4th), except for starts in Graded and Listed races, up to a maximum allowance of 3 kg

Sex allowance will be 2,5kg.

The current Weight allowance applied in all plate races will apply in the assessment plate.

Further, the following are applicable to assessment plates:

- The handicapper shall adjust merit ratings at his own discretion for horses forced into assessment plates. For horses not forced into assessment plates, penalties are optional at the request of the Trainer.
- Trainers and Owners may request upwards adjustments on unplaced horses that take part in Assessment plates. Such requests will be allowed subject to the approval of the Handicappers.

- Your attention is drawn to the payment of prize money payable up to 8th position
Stakes: R110 000
Horse finishing in 6th position will earn R2000
Horse finishing in 7th position will earn R1500
Horse finishing in 8th position will earn R1000

ELIMINATION CONDITIONS

1. **Unraced maidens** – should there be more horses than the field size permits, unraced maidens with the highest barrier draws shall be eliminated in descending order (highest to lowest)
2. **Raced maidens** – should there be more than the field size permits, raced maidens with the worst finishing position in their last run shall be eliminated first. If there are two or more horses with the same finishing position, then horses with the highest barrier draws shall be eliminated in descending order (highest to lowest)
3. **Horses that already have a rating** – should there be more than the field size permits, horses that already have a rating with the most number of runs in assessment plates downwards shall be eliminated first. If there are two or more horses with the same number of runs, then horses with the highest barrier draws shall be eliminated in descending order (highest to lowest)
4. **Horses contesting their second compulsory starts** – should there be more than the field size permits, horses participating in their second compulsory start in an assessment plate shall be eliminated first. If there are two or more horses with the same number of second compulsory starts, then horses with the highest barrier draws shall be eliminated in descending order (highest to lowest)
5. **Horses contesting their first compulsory start** – should there be more than the field size permits, horses participating in their first compulsory start in an assessment plates shall be eliminated from the highest barrier draws in descending order (highest to lowest)

Please find herein press release from Phumelela.

Yours sincerely

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