

### **Handicapping Review Board (“HRB”) Decision - Magnum P I**

1. On 24 June 2023, the horse Magnum P I ran in and won race 10 of Race Meeting 14 run at the Champ de Mars Racecourse. On 26 June 2023, for this win, the Handicapper increased the rating of this horse from 44 to 52. Following this rating adjustment, on 27 June 2023, the HRD received a notice for a handicapping review from Trainer V Ruhee.
2. On 3 July 2023, at the offices of the HRD, the HRB heard an application for a review of the rating lodged by Trainer V Ruhee in respect of the horse Magnum P I.
3. After considering the submissions of Trainer Ruhee and the Handicapper, the HRB ordered that the rating of Magnum P I be adjusted down from 52 to 50.
4. In arriving at the above decision, the HRB considered the following:
  - 4.1 A reference or line horse should be a stable point from which other horses are rated;
  - 4.2 In determining a suitable reference or line horse the HRB was of the view that, Syd’s Liason was an older more exposed horse, with consistent form which had run to his rating of 41. In this regard, it seemed unlikely when assessing the profile and performance of Syd’s Liason that he would have run below his rating or improved another half a length (1 point) in this race based on the evidence of the race and the form of the horse;
  - 4.3 The HRB was of the opinion that, Divergent was not the most suitable reference or line horse as, this gelding was only having his third run in Mauritius and its form is largely unexposed having only had one previous run in unrestricted races. This is illustrated by the fact that Divergent itself ran to its highest rating in the race by virtue of carrying 1kg overweight and still finishing in the placings; and

- 4.4 The HRB further considered that this was the second win of Magnum P I for the season and not its third which would have attracted an additional penalty in terms of the handicapping guidelines.
5. It is a salient point however that, despite the above review being successful, the HRB noted that, Magnum P I demonstrated itself to be a horse ahead of its rating as can be seen from the fact that it defied previously implemented smaller winning penalties in its previous runs. However, this occurrence was not uncommon for some horses in Mauritius due to the structure of rating horses when they arrive on the island. It is highly probable that Magnum P I may prove the Handicapper's initial rating correct, if not to a greater extent however, races must be assessed on the run of a horse in that race. Therefore, after considering the circumstances of the race in question and the horses beaten, the HRB was of the unanimous view that a rating increase of 6 points was more appropriate on this occasion rather than the 8 originally allocated.
6. Additionally, as it became apparent through the review of this matter that Syd's Liason was the most appropriate reference or line horse and had in fact run to its rating of 41, the HRB ordered that the rating of Syd's Liason which had received a rating increase from 41 to 42, be adjusted back down to 41.
7. In light of the above change, it was ordered that Trainer Ruhee's deposit be refunded in full.