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AT a General Meeting of the Members of the
Montreal Turf Club, the following Rules
~~and Orders~~ were unanimously approved of
and agreed to be adopted as the Rules and
Orders of the Montreal Turf Club, to com-
mence and be in force from the 21st day of
April, 1832; subject to such alterations as
may be made from time to time, according
to the provisions contained therein.

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RULE I.—The Officers of the Montreal Turf Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and seven Stewards.

II.—An annual election of Officers shall take place by ballot on the first Tuesday in March in each year.

III.—If any of the Stewards should resign between the periods of the meetings, or be prevented by sickness or other causes from attending the duties, the remaining or continuing Stewards may appoint a member of the Club to succeed or act in place of the absent Steward.

IV.—The ballot for members of the Turf Club shall take place at such time and place as the Stewards shall appoint; each candidate must be proposed by a member, seven members at least shall ballot, and two black balls shall exclude. If fourteen members ballot, four shall exclude.

V.—The members of the Montreal Fox Hunt may be admitted as members of this Club, without ballot, on signifying to the Secretary their desire to that effect.

VI.—All monies belonging to the Club, shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, by whom, under orders from a majority of the Stewards, all demands against the Club shall be paid; and who shall report to the Stewards, when the same shall be required, the amount of receipts and disbursements and the existing state of the funds.

VII.—Five Members shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Club; but no alteration shall be made in any of the established Rules and Orders of the Club, except at an annual meeting, or by a special meeting convened by public notice; such intended alteration having been previously handed in writing

to the Secretary, and published for at least one month previous to such annual or extraordinary meeting; at which not less than fifteen members shall be present, three at least of whom shall be Stewards.

VIII.—All disputes relative to racing shall be determined by the Stewards, whose decision shall be final; but the Stewards if they think fit, may call in any members of the Club to their assistance, if the importance or difficulty of the matter in dispute shall appear to them to require it.

IX.—A meeting of the Club may at any time be called by the President, Vice President, or Stewards, at the instance of any three members, the notice of said meeting to be given through the Secretary.

X.—Any member of this Club may be permitted to withdraw by giving notice to that effect in writing to the Secretary, on or before the annual election, and by paying his arrears.

XI.—At the annual meeting in March, a Committee composed of six members shall be chosen for the purpose of carrying into effect and collecting the usual annual transient subscription for

the support of the Races. If a spring meeting is announced, such collection to be completed by the first day of June; if no spring meeting is announced, the collection to be completed by the first of July; and to be made in such manner as they may consider most advantageous, the money so collected to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer.

XII.—The Club Stand shall be free to all members, and shall be reserved during the meetings for their exclusive use, and none but members of the Club shall be admitted to that part of the course between the gates and enclosures, except the owners, trainers, jockeys, and grooms *immediately concerned* with the horses about to run. No member shall be admitted to the Club Stand, or on that part of the course opposite the stands as above stated, unless he produces his member's ticket, and no member shall be entitled to receive such ticket who shall not have paid his last year's subscription to the Treasurer; and no person shall be admitted on horseback within the above-named enclosure, except the President, Vice President, Stewards, and Clerk of the Course.

XIII.—The regular fall meeting to consist of three day's racing, shall take place annually, on the St. Pierre course, on the first Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in September, and among the Purses to be run for, the following are those which shall be open to any horse, mare, or gelding:—

FIRST DAY.

The **TURF CLUB PURSE** of three hundred dollars, added to a Sweepstakes of fifty dollars each PP.—Three-mile heats.

SECOND DAY.

The **PROPRIETOR'S PURSE** of one hundred and sixty dollars, added to a Sweepstakes of twenty dollars each PP.—Mile heats.

THIRD DAY.

The **CITY PURSE** of two hundred dollars, added to a Sweepstakes of thirty dollars each PP.—Two-mile heats.

The winner of the Turf Club Purse to be handycapped for the other Purses.

XIV.—It shall remain optional with the Stewards to announce a Spring Meeting, which will depend on the state of the funds.

XV.—The Stewards shall have the entire management and conducting of the Races. They shall appropriate the funds for making up the other purses to complete the days of racing in amount, conditions, and order of running, as they may think most proper. They shall have the right to postpone the Races, in case of *unfavourable weather*; and the power to appoint a Clerk of the Course; and shall through the Secretary give timely notice to the public of their arrangements with regard to the Races.

XVI.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Course to attend the Races, and see the orders of the Stewards carried into effect, to engage police, men for the scales, gates, distance posts, &c. and to see every necessary arrangement made to ensure order, and to prevent accidents.

XVII.—Every horse shall be at the post ready to start, within five minutes of the time appointed by the Stewards, and thirty minutes will be allowed between every heat. In case, however,

an accident should occur, or should a horse prove restive in saddling, the Stewards may use their discretion in delaying the start for a short time.

XVIII.—No person shall start a horse for any purse, plate, or sweepstakes, at any regular meeting, unless he shall have previously paid all former stakes and forfeits to the Treasurer of the club.

XIX.—When the qualification of any horse is objected to, the owner must produce a certificate or other document to the Stewards, before the race is run, to prove the qualification of his horse; and if he shall start his horse without so doing, the prize shall be withheld for a period to be fixed upon by the Stewards; on the expiration of which time, if the qualification of the horse be not proved to the satisfaction of the Stewards, he shall not be entitled to the prize, though his horse shall have come in first, but it shall be given to the owner of the second horse.

XX.—No person shall start more than one horse, of which he is the owner either wholly or in part, either in his own name or in that of any other person, for any race for which heats are run.

XXI.—When it is a condition of any purse or sweepstakes, that the winning horse shall be claimed for a given sum, the owner of the second horse shall be first entitled; and after him the owner of every other horse in the race, as they were placed; if none of those claim the winner, any member of the club shall have the right to do so. The horse claimed, shall not be delivered until paid for, and he must be paid for on the day of the race, otherwise the party claiming shall not be entitled to demand the horse at any future period.

XXII.—Horses take their ages from May-day, that is, a horse foaled any time in the year 1831, shall be deemed a year old on the first of May, 1832.

XXIII.—The following are the weights established by this club:—

	<i>stone</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
An aged horse	9	0
Six years old	8	10
Five years old	8	4
Four years old	7	9
Three years old	6	9

But, when it is made a condition that a purse or sweepstakes shall be exclusively for horses bred in the provinces, the following weights shall be used:—

	<i>stone</i>	<i>lbs.</i>
An aged horse	9	7
Six years old.....	9	4
Five years old	8	13
Four years old	8	4
Three years old	7	3

Mares and Geldings allowed three pounds.

XXIV.—The distance in running four miles shall be two hundred and forty yards; for two miles, one hundred and twenty yards; and for one and three miles in that proportion.

XXV.—If in running any race, one horse shall cross and jostle another, or if any rider shall strike or use any other foul play, or shall take the track before he is a clear length in front of the horse whose track he crosses, he shall be deemed distanced, and the next best horse declared the winner; or, if in running, a rider shall leave sufficient space for another to run up and lap him on the inside, if such rider having the outside, shall rein his horse inwards against his competitor

for the purpose of throwing him out of the course, or running him against the poles, such rider shall be deemed distanced; it being absolutely necessary, as well for the safety of the jockies themselves as for the satisfaction of the public, that foul riding should be punished with the severest penalty; and if such cross or jostle shall be proved to have happened intentionally, such jockey shall not again be permitted to ride at any meeting where this club preside.

XXVI.—All matches to take place on any day of any regular meeting, must come under the cognizance of the club.

XXVII.—Any horse may enter at the post, by his owner paying double entrance.

XXVIII.—When a match is made in which crossing and jostling are not mentioned they are understood to be barred.

XXIX.—If only one horse be entered for any purse or sweepstakes, and no competitor appear against him, such horse by "walking over" shall be entitled to the prize.

XXX.—If any horse shall carry more than five pounds over his stipulated weight, without

the same being declared to the Stewards, he shall be deemed distanced.

XXXI.—No combination or partnership in running will be permitted. If, therefore, any horse shall win a purse, and it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Stewards, before the purse is paid, that a combination or partnership did exist, the purse shall be given to the fair winner.

XXXII.—If, in a race of one heat, the first two horses shall come in so near together, that the Stewards cannot decide which is first, those two horses only shall run for such prize over again, half an hour after the last race on that day, to determine which shall be the winner.

XXXIII.—In running heats, if it cannot be determined which horse is first, the heat goes for nothing, and they may all start again; except the dead heat be between two horses, the winning of which by either of them would have terminated the race, in which case those two only shall start again to decide who shall be the winner.

XXXIV.—Where a purse or subscription is given for the winner of the best of three heats, a horse to win the prize must be the actual

winner of two heats; unless he distance all the others the first heat, in which case he shall not be obliged to start again.

XXXV.—When three several horses have each won a heat, those three only can start for a fourth, and the preference among them will be determined by it, there being before no difference between them.

XXXVI.—All complaints of foul riding must be made before or at the time the jockey complaining is weighed.

XXXVII.—When the riders of any horses, brought out to run for any race, are called upon by the person appointed to start them to take their places for that purpose, the owner of every horse which comes up to the post shall be considered as liable to pay his whole stake or entrance; and all bets respecting such horses shall be considered as play or pay bets.

XXXVIII.—If a bet be made from signal or indication after a race has been determined, such bet shall be considered as fraudulent and void, and shall not be paid.

XXXIX.—No person who has once subscribed to a stake shall be allowed to withdraw his name, and no nomination shall be altered in any respect after the time of closing, without the consent of all the parties in the race being first obtained.

XL.—All stakes and bets whether expressed in guineas or pounds, shall be paid in pounds currency.

XLI.—If a match is made for any specified day in any meeting, and the parties agree to change the day, all bets must stand; but, if the parties agree to run the race in any other meeting, all bets made before the alteration shall be void.

XLII.—Any training groom or jockey who shall gallop his horse or horses past, or lap any horse in training, who may have first started in his exercising gallops, without the consent of the owner of such horse who may have first started, shall, if the Stewards think fit, be excluded the course, and shall not be permitted to ride at any regular meeting of this Club.

XLIII.—A horse walking over or receiving forfeit, shall not be deemed a winner.

XLIV.—The horse that has his head at the ending post first, wins the heat.

XLV.—For the best of the plate where three heats are run, the horse is second that wins one heat.

XLVI.—For the best of heats, the horse is second that beats the other twice out of three times, though he do not win a heat.

XLVII.—When a plate is won by two heats, the preference of the horses is determined by the places they get in the second heat.

XLVIII.—If a rider fall from his horse and the horse be rode in by a person who is sufficient weight, he shall take his place the same as if his rider had not fallen, provided he go back to the place whence the rider fell.

XLIX.—Jockeys must ride their horses to the usual place of weighing, and he that dismounts before, or wants weight, is deemed distanced; unless he is disabled by an accident, which should render him incapable of riding back, in which case he may be led or carried to the scales.

L.—Horses' plates or shoes not allowed in the weight.

LI.—Horses running on the wrong side of a post and not turning back are distanced.

LII.—Horses drawn before a plate is won are deemed distanced.

LIII.—No distance in a fourth heat.

LIV.—A confirmed bet cannot be off but by mutual consent.

LV.—Either of the betters may demand stakes to be made, and on refusal declare the bet to be void.

LVI.—If a better be absent on the day of running, a public declaration of the bet may be made on the course, and a demand whether any person will make stakes for the absent party, and if no person consent to do so, the bet may be declared void.

LVII.—Bets agreed to be paid or received in town, or any other specified place, cannot be declared off on the course.

LVIII.—The person who lays the odds, has a

right to chose a horse or the field, when a person has chosen a horse, the field is what stands against him, but there is no field without one horse starts against him.

LIX.—If odds are laid without mentioning the horse before the race is over, the bet must be determined by the state of the odds at the time of making it.

LX.—Bets made in running are not determined till the plate is won, if *that* heat be not mentioned at the time of betting.

LXI.—A bet made after the heat is over, if the horse betted on does not start, is void.

LXII.—Bets determined, though the horse does not start, where the words play or pay are made use of in betting.

LXIII.—Money given to have a bet laid shall not be returned, though the race be not run.

LXIV.—Matches and bets are void on the decease of either party before they are determined.

LXV.—All riders must be dressed in proper jockey style (boots and breeches).

LXVI.—All double bets shall be considered as play or pay bets.

LXVII.—All bets between particular horses shall be void if neither of them happens to be the winner, unless agreed by the parties to the contrary.

LXVII.—In order that the Race Course and the Turf may at all times be kept in a proper state for racing, (and in which all concerned should be equally interested) it is expected that every person, training horses on the Course, will conform to such rules as it may be found necessary to adopt for its preservation, all horses must take their walking and galloping exercise on the training track, or outside edge of the course, the centre and inner circle being reserved for racing purposes only.

LXIX.—All matters relative to racing will be adjudged according to these rules, when any of them are applicable; and when not, according to the established laws of racing.

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EXPLANATION OF TERMS

USED

Relative to Horse-Racing.

Four inches are a hand.

Fourteen pounds are a stone.

Catch Weights are, each party to appoint a person to ride without weighing.

Feather Weights.—A horse carries Feather Weight, when the terms of the race allow the owner to place what rider he pleases on his back, he consequently procures the lightest eligible jockey possible, who weighs neither before nor after the race.

A Maiden Horse or Mare is one that has never won.

An untried Stallion or Mare is one whose produce has never run in public.

A Post Match is to insert the age of the horses in the article, and to run any horse of that age, without declaring what horse until he comes to the post to start.

A Handicap Match is A. B. and C. to put an equal sum each into a hat, C. who is the handicapper, makes a match for A. and B. who, when they have perused it, put their hands into their pockets and draw them out closed, then they open them together, and if both have money in their hands the match is confirmed, if neither have money it is no match. In both cases, the handicapper draws all the money out of the hat; but if one has money in his hand and the other none, then it is no match, and he that has money in his hand, is entitled to the deposit in the hat.

Free Handicap is an expression which frequently appears in Race Lists, the meaning of which is, that, a number of horses being named, a weight is placed against the name of each by the Stewards or some disinterested person who is well acquainted with the performances of the horses. These weights are supposed to be such, as will bring all the horses as nearly on a par as possible, and the List containing them being

handed to the owners of each horse, they accept or decline according as they imagine the chances are for or against them.

Give and Take Plates are weights for inches, twelve hands to carry a stated weight, all above to carry extra, in the proportion of seven pounds to an inch.

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