

PRESS RELEASE

The Authority hereby informs of a decision taken at its meeting held on **Tuesday March 20, 2018** on the undermentioned matter.

INQUIRY INTO REPORT FROM THE RACING SECRETARY OF THE ARIMA RACE CLUB ON AN INCIDENT OF VERBAL ABUSE FROM TRAINER JOHN O' BRIEN

The Board after hearing the evidence of Mr. Somdath Maharaj – Racing Secretary of the Arima Race Club, Mr. Wade Stone - Cashier of the Arima Race Club, Mr. Nicholas Chadee - Assistant Racing Secretary of the Arima Race Club, and Mr. John O' Brien -Trainer / Owner found as follows:

Mr. John O' Brien was guilty of improper behavior and in breach of **Rule 69 (2) and (3) of the Rules of Racing**. Accordingly, the Board has agreed to **suspend Mr. O' Brien's Trainer's and Owner's licences for a period of one (1) month effective from March 26, 2018 to April 24, 2018.**

During the period of his suspension, and in accordance with **Rule 42 (20)**, **Mr. O'Brien will not be permitted entry into any restricted areas (The Paddock Area, the Trainer's Stand and the Parade Ring/ Saddling Enclosure.** He will however be allowed to visit the Grand Stand on race days, as well as the offices of the Arima Race Club.

Josette Mc David
March 21, 2018