

**LAWS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

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**Note on Subsidiary Legislation**

This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

**Note on section 4 of the Act**

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RACES ACT

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**An Act for the regulation of Horse Races in Trinidad and Tobago.**

Commencement.

[30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1946]

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Races Act.

Power to lease portion of Queen's Park and the Arima Savannah for race meetings.\*

2. The President may demise by deed of lease for any term not exceeding sixty years—

- (a) a portion of the Queen's Park in Port-of-Spain not exceeding six acres to the Trustees of the Trinidad Turf Club or any other racing club formed for the purpose of holding horse race meetings at the Queen's Park, and
- (b) a portion of the Arima Savannah not exceeding three acres to the Trustees of the Arima Race Club or any other racing club formed for the purpose of holding horse race meetings at the Arima Savannah.

Terms and conditions of lease.

3. Any deed of lease granted under section 2 may be on such terms and conditions as the President may think fit, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing in particular may grant to the lessees—

- (a) liberty to erect, lay out and maintain on the demised premises temporary or permanent stands, paddocks, booths and other buildings and erections subject to the approval of the President;
- (b) liberty to lay out, maintain and use one race track and exercise tracks on the Queen's Park or the Arima Savannah as the case may be adjoining the demised premises;

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\*Lease to Trinidad Turf Club—No. 7815—1947.  
Lease to Arima Race Club—No. 9881—1948.

- (c) liberty to hold race meetings on the Queen's Park or the Arima Savannah as the case may be on such days, at such times and subject to such conditions as the President may think fit; and
- (d) liberty to stable horses in the paddocks and to exercise them on the Queen's Park or the Arima Savannah as the case may be on such days and for such periods as the President may think fit.

**\*4.** Any deed of lease granted under section 2 may reserve to the President the right to use or permit any other person to use any stand, paddock, booth, building or erection mentioned in section 3(a) on any days on which the same are not required by the Lessees for the holding, or for any purpose incidental to the holding, of a race meeting on such terms and conditions as may be provided by the lease.

Reservation in lease.

**5.** Until a lease is granted under this Act the existing rights of the said Trinidad Turf Club and the Arima Race Club to occupy as tenants at will the lands now occupied by them at the Queen's Park and the Arima Savannah respectively shall not be affected.

Maintenance of existing rights.

**6.** The stewards of any club mentioned in section 2 holding a race meeting on the Queen's Park or the Arima Savannah may —

Admission fees, licences and control of motor cars, etc.

- (a) exact and take on any day of any such race meeting such sums of money as they may consider reasonable for the admission of persons to the stands or paddocks;
- (b) erect and maintain and by writing under the hand of the Secretary for the time being of such club, grant licences to such persons as they see fit to erect and maintain within the Queen's Park or the Arima Savannah on any day of any such race meeting, temporary stands and booths and on any such day to sell and expose for sale in any such stands and booths food and refreshment;

\*See Note on page 2.

(c) on any day of any such race meeting admit or refuse to admit to the Queen's Park or the Arima Savannah any motor car, carriage, cart, or other vehicle, horse or other animal of any description, and if the stewards think fit they may cause to be removed from the Queen's Park or the Arima Savannah any such motor car, carriage, cart or other vehicle, horse or other animal which may have been admitted as aforesaid or which may have gained admission to the Queen's Park or the Arima Savannah without the consent of the stewards.

Powers of constables.

**7.** Any constable, and any person acting in aid of such constable, may put off and remove from the Queen's Park or the Arima Savannah any person who, not being duly licensed in manner aforesaid to do so, erects or maintains within the Queen's Park or the Arima Savannah on any day on which a race meeting is authorised under this Act any stand or booth, and may turn back and remove from the Queen's Park or the Arima Savannah on any day of any such race meeting when so required by the stewards any motor car, carriage, cart or other vehicle, horse or other animal of any description.

Application of moneys received.

**8.** All moneys received at or in connection with the holding of a race meeting by the stewards of the Trinidad Turf Club, the Arima Race Club, or of any other racing club holding in Trinidad and Tobago a race meeting recognised by the Trinidad Turf Club shall be applied only to the following purposes namely:

- (a) in payment of the liabilities of such club;
- (b) in subscribing to charities approved by the President;
- (c) to improving the breeding of horses; and
- (d) generally for the benefit of racing in Trinidad and Tobago.

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**9.** The Trinidad Turf Club, the Arima Race Club and every other racing club holding in Trinidad or Tobago a race meeting recognised by the Trinidad Turf Club shall, whenever so required by the President furnish to him or to any person or persons nominated by him an account of all moneys received by their stewards or other officers or agents at or in connection with the holding of any race meeting referred to in section 8 and of the application of such moneys; and the President or any person or persons nominated by him may inspect and take copies of all books, accounts, vouchers and documents relating to the receipt and application of such moneys.

Account of all moneys received to be furnished.

**10.** In this Act the word “club” includes any association or body of persons.

Interpretation.