

IN THE NATIONAL HORSERACING AUTHORITY
INQUIRY BEFORE THE INQUIRY BOARD

In the matter between:

**THE NATIONAL HORSERACING AUTHORITY
OF SOUTHERN AFRICA**

Applicant

and

SMANGA KHUMALO

Respondent

SANCTION

1. Having found the Respondent guilty as set out above, and taking all the charges as one for the purposes of sentence, the Inquiry Board imposes the following sanction in terms of the NHA Rules:
 - 1.1 Mr Khumalo's current jockey licence is cancelled with immediate effect.
 - 1.2 Mr Khumalo is precluded from applying for, renewing, holding, or being issued a jockey licence for a period of **fifteen (15) years**, commencing on **23 March 2026**, of which **five (5) years are suspended** for 15 years on the conditions set out in paragraph 1.3 below.
 - 1.3 The suspended portion of the sanction in paragraph 1.2 is conditional upon strict compliance with the following:
 - 1.3.1 Mr Khumalo must not be found guilty of any conduct that involves dishonesty or that brings, or is likely to bring, horse racing into disrepute, during the operative period of the suspended portion;
 - 1.3.2 Mr Khumalo must issue a media statement apologising for his conduct, in a form approved by the NHA (acting reasonably) within 30 days of date of this order;

- 1.3.3 Mr Khumalo must, in the media, warn all jockeys to report any approach by any person requesting race information that is not in the public domain, including approaches by persons believed to be involved in unlawful or unlicensed betting activities (including, as referenced Mr Noor Igbal);
- 1.3.4 Within **14 days** from the date of this sanction, Mr Khumalo must provide to the Chief Executive Officer of the NHA a written disclosure setting out, to the best of his knowledge, all information within his knowledge, possession or control relating to any prohibited, unlawful or improper practices in horse racing, including any approaches made to him or to his knowledge by bookmakers, punters or any other persons seeking race information not in the public domain;
- 1.3.5 Mr Khumalo must further cooperate with any reasonable follow-up inquiries by the NHA arising from any such disclosure. If Mr Khumalo has no further information to disclose, he must expressly state so under oath in writing. The suspended portion of the sanction shall not be activated merely because Mr Khumalo has no further information;
- 1.3.6 The NHA shall, within a reasonable period, facilitate an opportunity for Mr Khumalo to address jockeys in South Africa regarding the seriousness of prohibited practices and the obligation to report any improper approaches. Mr Khumalo must make himself available for that purpose.