

GENERAL CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO POINT-TO-POINTS

1. GENERAL.

- (i) These Meetings are held subject to the British Horseracing Authority Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeplechases 2007/2008.
- (ii) No horse which has been disqualified or is not qualified pursuant to Regulations 150, 151 or 152 and no person who has been prohibited by the British Horseracing Authority from participating in Point-to-Point Steeplechases pursuant to Regulation 2(ii) or who is a disqualified person pursuant to Regulations 104 or 160 to 164 inclusive shall be eligible to take part in these Steeplechases.
- (iii) All riders and nominated owners will receive a copy of the British Horseracing Authority Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeplechases. Additional copies can be obtained from the Publications Department, Sanders Road, Wellingborough, NN8 4BX, priced £8.00. (*Cheques payable to the British Horseracing Authority*).
- (iv) The decision of the Stewards upon all matters within their jurisdiction will be final, but without prejudice to their right to report any case to the British Horseracing Authority.

2. HUNTER CERTIFICATES.

Hunter Certificates and names of horses must be registered at the Racing Calendar Office, Sanders Road, Wellingborough, Northants. NN8 4BX before an entry can be made in any race at a Point-to-Point Meeting other than those held under Regulation 72(xii) (xiii) (xiv) & (xv) (Steeple Chases limited to the Hunt or Hunts promoting the meeting).

3. DEFINITIONS.

- (i) **'Subscriber'** is a person who has paid to the qualifying Hunt, the minimum annual subscription of that hunt. No Hunter Certificate may be issued to any owner whose subscription has not been paid at the time of application for a Certificate.
- (ii) **'Farmer'** is one who derives his principle and ostensible means of subsistence from farming.
- (iii) **'Maiden Point-to-Point Steeplechase'** is a race open to any horse, except if age or sex conditions are subsequently imposed, (or if it is confined to specified Hunts, Clubs, Associations or Services by the conditions of the race) which has never won a race at a Point-to-Point meeting or a National Hunt Flat Race, Flat Race, Steeplechase or Hurdle Race under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority other than a match or private sweepstakes, notwithstanding the fact that the race has restricting conditions on performance. A maiden horse means a maiden at the time of the start.
- (iv) **'Restricted Point-to-Point Steeplechase'** is a race open to any horse, except if age or sex conditions are subsequently imposed (or if it is confined to specific Hunts, Clubs, Associations or Services), which at starting, has not won any Race under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority or any Point-to-Point other than Maiden Races or Hunt Members Races.
- (v) **'Intermediate Point-to-Point Steeplechase'** is a race open to any horse, except if age or sex conditions are subsequently imposed, which has not won any Flat Race (other than a National Hunt Flat Race), Steeplechase or Hurdle Race under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority or any 'Mens', 'Ladies' or 'Mixed' Open or Intermediate Steeplechase at a Point-to-Point meeting.
- (vi) **'Confined Point-to-Point Steeplechase'** is a race for horses qualified with any of the Hunts listed in the race conditions. However, where Confined conditions are added to Maiden or Restricted races, such races remain, by definition, Maiden or Restricted races.
- (vii) **'Open Point-to-Point Steeplechase'** is a race open to any horse to be termed 'Mens', 'Ladies' or 'Mixed' Open Steeplechase, notwithstanding the fact that the race has restricting conditions on performance.
- (viii) **'Hunt Members Point-to-Point Steeplechase'** is a race for horses qualified with the Hunt or Hunts authorised to stage the meeting, and if so desired, additional Hunt(s) up to an overall total of three, or a race held under the provisions of Regulation 72(xv).
- (ix) **'Club, Association, Service or Society Point-to-Point Steeplechase'** is a race for horses owned by Members of the Club, Association, Service or Society. However, where Club, Association, Service or Society conditions are added to Maiden or Restricted races, such races remain, by definition, Maiden or Restricted races.
- (x) **'Riders Qualification Certificate (RQC)'** is that document issued by the Point-to-Point Department and obtainable upon initial application to the Secretary of a Hunt providing that he is satisfied that the rider is a Master, Member, Subscriber, Farmer or their respective spouses or children, or a person who has paid to the hunt the 'cap' for one days hunting. This certificate is verification that the rider has paid the required premium in respect of Point-to-Point Riders Insurance Scheme for the current season. Riders are requested to apply for their Certificates well in advance (three weeks). First time riders will receive a Medical Record Book with their RQC.
- (xi) **'Medical Record Book' (MRB)** is that document issued by the British Horseracing Authority indicating the medical/injury history of each rider participating in races under the Orders and Rules of Racing and the British Horseracing Authority Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeplechases.
- (xii) **'Owner'** means the legal and not the equitable owner of a horse. In the case of a partnership, the term 'Owner' means any partners, all of whom must be qualified to enter. When a horse is leased the word 'Owner' means the lessee not the lessor.

- (xiii) **'National Hunt Flat Race'** is a race for horses which at starting have not run under any recognised Rules of Racing except in National Hunt Flat Races in Great Britain or in Irish National Hunt Flat Races. (N.B. No horse aged more than seven years old will be eligible to start in a National Hunt Flat Race by virtue of the race conditions).
- (xiv) **'Novice Rider'** is a person who, as at 1st December 2007, has ridden a sum total of no more than three winners under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority or in Point-to-Point Steeple Chases.
- (xv) **'Point-to-Point Season'** for the purpose of the Regulations means the racing season for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases run in 2007/08 or under the Regulations and runs from 1st July 2007 until 30th June 2008 (both dates inclusive). For racing seasons under the Regulations prior to 2007/08, 'Point-to-Point Season' means the season as previously defined in the Regulations.
- (xvi) **'The Racing Season'** for the purpose of these Regulations means the Racing season for Steeple Chasing and Hurdle racing under the Orders and Rules of Racing as defined for 2007/2008 runs from **April 29th 2007** until **April 26th 2008**.

4. OWNERS.

- (i) No person shall own a horse which takes part in Point-to-Point Steeplechases under the Regulations unless he/she has attained the age of 16.
- (ii) In races limited to a Hunt or Hunts, and in Confined races, the qualification for owners shall only extend to the Master(s), Member(s), Subscribers or Farmers of the Hunt or Hunts concerned.
- (iii) In Open, Intermediate, Restricted, Maiden races, the qualification for owners shall only extend to the Master(s), Members, Subscribers or Farmers of any recognised pack of hounds in Great Britain.
- (iv) In races held under Regulation 72(x) and (xi) and in races limited to the Members of a Service, Unit, Club etc under Regulation 73, the qualification for owners shall only extend to the Members of the organisation concerned.
- (v) No owner shall make use of an assumed name for the purpose of entering or running horses unless it is incorporated into one of the following titles:
 - "The Family"
 - "The Friends"
 - "The Partners"
 - "The Partnership"
 - "The Group"
 - "The Club"

When entering or running horses under one of the above titles one of the owners names must be given after the title. Any horses entered under an assumed name which does not comply with the foregoing shall be in breach of Regulation 42 and be liable to a fine of not less than £220.

Any such assumed name must not be offensive and must not have any commercial implications. Any horse entered under an assumed name, which in the opinion of the British Horseracing Authority is offensive or has commercial implications shall be in breach of Regulation 42 and be liable to a fine of not less than £220.

The acceptance of any entry and/or the running of any horse under an assumed name shall not prejudice or alter the discretion of the British Horseracing Authority to find the owner in breach of Regulation 42. Nothing in the Regulations shall prevent the personal representative of a deceased owner running a horse solely under the description "Executor(s) (or Administrator(s) or Personal representative) of deceased" provided that the deceased owner was duly qualified at the time of his death to enter in the races concerned.

- (vi) Any owner entering a horse in a Point-to-Point Steeplechase must sign a declaration agreeing to be bound by the Point-to-Point Regulations currently in force and such declaration must be included in the official entry form.
- (vii) No person may enter a horse in a Point-to-Point Steeplechase who has been prohibited from participating in Point-to-Point Steeplechases pursuant to Regulation 2(ii) or who is a disqualified person pursuant to Regulations 104 or 160 to 164 inclusive.

5. HORSES.

- (i) Horses are only eligible to be entered:-
 - (a) In Steeplechases limited to the Hunt or Hunts promoting the Meeting (and/or other recognised Hunt - see Sub-Regulation 72(xv)) if they are the property of either the Master(s), Members, Subscribers or Farmers of, and have been hunted during the current season with, the Hunt or Hunts concerned. A Hunter Certificate, signed and issued by the Master and signed by the Owner(s), for this category of race must be submitted at entry unless it has already been registered as required under Sub-Regulation 32(iii).
 - (b) In all other Steeplechases if they are the property of either a Master, Members, Subscriber or Farmer, have been hunted during the current Point-to-Point season with a recognised Hunt and if a Hunter Certificate, signed and issued by the Master and signed by the Owner(s), upon the form issued by the British Horseracing Authority has been lodged at the Racing Calendar Office on payment of a fee of £54.57 (V.A.T. inclusive) for registration and the Certificate has been registered. Registration cannot be effected unless the horse's name has also been registered as required under Regulation 31. A certificate registered by noon on Friday shall qualify the horse concerned to be

entered in Point-to-Point Steeplechases which close on and after the following Monday. To qualify for entry in any race which is limited to certain Hunts the Hunter Certificate must have been issued by the Master of one of the Hunts concerned.

- (ii) No horse shall be eligible to be entered or run in a Point-to-Point Steeplechase in **2007/2008** which:-
- (a) Is less than four years old.
 - (b) **On or since 3rd June, 2007** has won any Race under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority other than a Steeplechase run between **March 1st, 2008 and May 24th, 2008** which is confined to *Amateur Riders, or any Hunter Steeplechase*.
 - (c) **On or since November 1st, 2007** has run in any race under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority other than a Steeplechase run between **March 1st, 2008 and May 24th, 2008** which is confined to *Amateur Riders, or any Hunter Steeplechase*.
N.B. Four-year-old horses cannot run in any race other than 2m4f Maiden Races for 4,5,6 and 7 year olds UNTIL they have won such a race.
 - (d) **On or since November 1st, 2007:-**
 - has been in the care of a Trainer licensed under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority unless the horse is or was at the time the property of himself, parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, or a co-habitant by reason of a personal relationship, (or the Executors or Administrators of such persons) free of all lease or other joint arrangement, except partnership between such persons.
 - has been in the care of a person with a permit to train under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority, unless the horse is or was the property of himself, his spouse, or a co-habitant by reason of a personal relationship, parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren or brothers or sisters, (or the Executors or Administrators of such persons), free of all lease or other joint arrangement, except partnership between such persons.
 - (e) Has won a Steeplechase, other than one confined to *Amateur Riders*, run under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority, on or since **31st May 2005** and which has a penalty value of **£20,000** or more.
N.B. For the purposes of the 2008/2009 Point-to-Point season it is intended that whilst the above cut off will be rolled forward by 12 months, the penalty value will remain unchanged at £20,000.
 - (f) Has been disqualified or is not qualified pursuant to Regulations 150, 151 or 152.

6. RIDERS.

- (i) No person shall ride:-
- (a) Until they have attained the age of 16.
 - (b) Unless they hold a Riders' Qualification Certificate (RQC) for the current Point-to-Point season upon the form issued by the British Horseracing Authority and have paid the required fee in respect of the Point-to-Point Riders' Insurance Scheme. Riders must apply to the Administrator of the Point-to-Point Riders' Insurance Scheme for their RQC upon the form issued by their Hunt Secretary. The RQC must state the particular qualification which the rider has to ride in the race in question, and in the case of a subscriber that the qualification referred to in the definition has been complied with. If the rider is to ride in a race for which his RQC does not state his eligibility, he must submit written proof signed by the relevant Hunt Secretary and stating his qualification to ride. This Proof of Qualification must be carried with the RQC and presented to the Declarations Clerk. It shall be the responsibility of the rider to ensure that his Certificate is lodged with the Clerk of Course when a declaration to run is made under Regulation 111(i) for a horse which he is to ride. Riders must also be in possession of a Medical Record Book (MRB) issued by the British Horseracing Authority and this must also be submitted to the Clerk of the Course when a declaration to run is made. In the event of the RQC not being available the rider will be required to sign a declaration stating that he holds such a Certificate. In the event of the MRB not being available, a fine of £60 will be imposed on the rider who will also sign a declaration stating that he holds such a book and is not subject to a current medical suspension and is in good health and not under Medical Supervision. This fine shall not be imposed if the rider has indicated that his MRB has been forwarded to the *British Horseracing Authority* as part of the process for obtaining a licence to ride in *Amateur* races under the Orders and Rules of Racing. Any rider who is not able to produce their MRB will be subject to an examination by the Point-to-Point Doctor to assess their fitness to ride. A replacement MRB is obtainable from the British Horseracing Authority at a cost of £45.60.
N.B. A rider may only hold one RQC and one MRB issued by The British Horseracing Authority. The MRB is the property of the British Horseracing Authority and must be retained for the duration of a Rider's career.
- (ii) (a) In Hunt Members races, in which riders are only permitted to ride in three in any one Point-to-Point season, the qualification for riders shall only extend to:
- The Master(s), Members, Subscribers, Farmers or their respective spouses or children of the Hunt or Hunts concerned, or, unless otherwise stated in the race conditions, a person who has paid to the Hunt or Hunts concerned the 'Cap' for one days hunting.
 - If so provided in the conditions of the race, Regular Serving Members of Her Majesty's Forces (Members of the Territorial Army (TA) do not qualify in this respect).

- (b) In Open, Intermediate, Confined, Restricted and Maiden races, the qualification for riders shall only extend to Master(s), Members, Subscribers, Farmers or their respective spouses or children or a person who has paid to the Hunt or Hunts concerned the 'Cap' for one days hunting. Regular Serving Members of Her Majesty's Forces may be permitted to ride if so provided by the conditions of the race.
- (c) In Farmers' Races the qualification for riders shall only extend to those persons qualified to enter, their spouses, sons or daughters, and if so provided for by the conditions of the race, regular Serving Members of Her Majesty's Forces.
- (d) Unless otherwise stated in the race conditions, in Service, Club, Association and Society races only members of the organisations concerned shall be eligible to ride.
- (iii) The following persons are not eligible to ride and shall not ride in Point-to-Point Steeplechases:-
 - (a) A person who has ever held a professional rider's licence issued under the Orders and Rules of any recognised Turf Authority except where *prior to 1st October 2003* that person held one or more of the following licences for a period of not more than 30 months from the date of issue of his first licence, or *when applying for an RQC on and after 1st October 2003, the applicant held one or more of the licences listed below for a period of not more than forty eight months and had not ridden more than ten winners under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority at any time during such a period whilst holding such a licence.*
 - 1. An Apprentice Jockey's Licence.
 - 2. A Conditional Jockey's Licence issued Under Rule 60 (iv) of the Rules of Racing.
 - 3. A Steeplechase and Hurdle Race Jockey's Licence issued prior to July 1978.

For the purposes of the exception in this Sub-Regulation, the British Horseracing Authority may recognise, at its discretion, an equivalent or similar professional Rider's Licence issued by a recognised Turf Authority.
 - (b) A person who has otherwise ever been paid directly or indirectly for riding in a race, with the exception of expenses approved by the British Horseracing Authority, as set out in Appendix A to the British Horseracing Authority Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeplechases, and any trophy advertised in the conditions of any race to be given to a rider.
 - (c) A person who has not before weighing out signed a declaration agreeing to be bound by the Point-to-Point Regulations currently in force.
 - (d) A person who has been prohibited from participating in Point-to-Point Steeplechases pursuant to Regulation 2(ii) or who is a disqualified person pursuant to Regulation 104 or 160 to 164 inclusive.
 - (e) An amateur rider whose permit has been suspended by the British Horseracing Authority or by any other recognised Turf Authority shall not ride in any Point-to-Point race during the period of his, or her, suspension.
 - (f) A rider who has been suspended from riding at a Licensed Racecourse under Rule 153(iv)(a) of the Rules of Racing shall not ride in any Point-to-Point Race during the period of such suspension.
- (iv) Riders who have had a fall must report to the Point-to-Point Doctor in the Weighing Room immediately. Unless there are exceptional circumstances a fine of £70 will be imposed on any rider who fails to comply with this requirement.
- (v) A rider who has fallen must be passed fit by the Point-to-Point Doctor before riding again on the same day.
- (vi) A rider who has been declared unfit to ride by a Point-to-Point Doctor may not ride in a race until he is passed fit to ride by The British Horseracing Authority Chief Medical Adviser, a Racecourse Medical Officer or Point-to-Point Doctor. Where a period of time is specified in the declaration a rider may only be passed fit to ride after this time has elapsed. *Furthermore, where the injury was a fracture or dislocation the rider must also provide supporting documentary medical evidence to the Chief Medical Adviser, Racecourse Medical Officer or Point-to-Point Doctor that it has subsequently healed, before he can be passed fit.* Where a rider at a Point-to-Point has suffered a concussion, he can only be passed fit to ride again by the British Horseracing Authority Chief Medical Adviser.
- (vii) A rider who has been declared unfit to ride by a Racecourse Medical Officer must be passed as fit to ride by
 - (a) a Racecourse Medical Officer or;
 - (b) a Point-to-Point Doctor, providing the latest injury in the MRB was not a fracture, dislocation or concussion;
 - (c) the British Horseracing Authority Chief Medical Adviser.

Where a period of time is specified in the declaration a rider may only be passed fit to ride after this time has elapsed.
- (viii) A rider who has suffered concussion at a Point-to-Point meeting can only be passed fit to ride again by the British Horseracing Authority Chief Medical Adviser. All riders who suffer concussion are subject to the British Horseracing Authority Concussion Protocol for Amateur and Point-to-Point Riders as currently in place.
- (ix) No rider may be declared for more than one horse in any one race (as published in the racecard) unless it is anticipated that the safety factor will be exceeded and the race divided under Regulation 113.
- (x) When a rider has been declared to ride under Regulation 111 it shall be an offence if he does not weigh out unless the Stewards are satisfied that this was due to:-

- (a) Illness, or rider declared unfit to ride;
- (b) Unqualified rider;
- (c) Some other circumstances acceptable to the Stewards.

If the circumstances are not acceptable to the Stewards a fine of £100 shall be imposed.

- (xi) Competitors may walk, but not ride, over the course prior to the Races.

7. WEIGHTS AND PENALTIES.

In all Point-to-Point Steeplechases (with the exception of those run in December 2007) the following allowances shall apply:

- four year old fillies 28lbs;
- four year old colts and geldings 21lbs;
- five year old mares 14lbs;
- five year old horses and geldings 7lbs;
- six year old and upwards mares 7lbs.

Four Year olds may ONLY run in 4, 5, 6 & 7 year old 2½ Mile Maiden Races until they have won such a race. They may then run in any race for which they are eligible.

- (i) The minimum weights to be carried in Point-to-Point Steeplechases shall be:-

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- (a) 12st 5lbs - horse and geldings of 6 years old and upwards
- 11st 12lbs - mares of 6 years old and upwards
- 11st 12lbs - 5 year old horses and geldings
- 11st 5lbs - 5 year old mares
- 10st 12lbs - 4 year old colts & geldings
- 10st 5lbs - 4 year old fillies

OR

- (b) 12st - horses and geldings of 6 years old and upwards
- 11st 7lbs - mares of 6 years old and upwards
- 11st 7lbs - 5 year old horses and geldings
- 11st - 5 year old mares
- 10st 7lbs - 4 year old colts & geldings
- 10st - 4 year old fillies

OR

- (c) In races confined to Ladies:
 - 11st - horses and geldings of 6 years old and upwards
 - 10st 7lbs - mares of 6 years old and upwards
 - 10st 7lbs - 5 year old horses and geldings
 - 10st - 5 year old mares
 - 10st - four year old colts & geldings
 - 10st - four year old fillies

With reference to (c) above, no horse shall carry less than 10st regardless of its allowance entitlement.

In mares & fillies only races the weights to be carried by mares aged six years old and upwards may be set at any weight between 11st 7lbs and 12st 5lbs. The 7lbs allowance for five year old mares and (if the winner of a maiden race) the 21lbs allowance for four year old fillies shall still apply.

N.B. Notwithstanding ALL of the above, in all Point-to-Point Steeple Chases run in December four year old colts & geldings shall receive an allowance of 7lbs, and for four year old fillies 14lbs; five year old mares shall receive the usual sex allowance of 7lbs but five year old horses & geldings shall receive NO allowance whatsoever.

- (ii) Penalties for winning may be imposed at the discretion of the Committee or Corporate entity except:
 - (a) In Mens Open Steeplechases where the weight is 12st, a penalty of 7lbs must be imposed for the winner of a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority, and 4lbs must be imposed for the winner of two Mens or Mixed Open Point-to-Point Steeple Chases, and 7lbs must be imposed for the winner of three or more Mens or Mixed Open Point-to-Point Steeple Chases since 31st May 2005 for National Hunt wins under Rules or since the start of the 2006 Point-to-Point season (1st July 2005) for wins in Point-to-Points.
 - (b) In Ladies and Mixed Open Steeplechases where the Committee decides to impose penalties, a penalty of 7lbs must be imposed for the winner of a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority, and 4lbs must be imposed for the winner of two Mens, Mixed or Ladies Open Point-to-Point Steeplechases, and 7lbs must be imposed for the winner of three or more Mens, Mixed or Ladies Open Point-to-Point Steeplechases since **31st May 2005** for National Hunt wins under Rules or, since the start of the 2006 Point-to-Point season (1st July 2005) for wins in Point-to-Points.

- (c) In Intermediate Steeplechases where the weight is 12st, a penalty of 5lbs must be imposed for the winner of each previous Confined Steeplechase. Penalties are cumulative.
- (d) In Confined Steeplechases where the weight is 12st, a penalty of 3lbs must be imposed for the winner of each Confined or Club Point-to-Point Steeplechase; and 5lbs must be imposed for the winner of each Mens', Ladies or Mixed Open Point-to-Point Steeplechase and 7lbs must be imposed for the winner of each Steeplechase or Hurdle Race under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority since the **4th June 2006** for National Hunt wins under Rules and since the start of the 2006/2007 Point-to-Point season (1st July 2006) for wins in Point-to-Points. Penalties are cumulative.

8. ENTRIES.

Entries must be made in writing on an Entry Form signed by the Owner(s) and must have been received by the time of closing. Entrance money if so required must be paid at the time of entry and declaration money if so required must be paid at the time of declaration. All penalties and allowances must be declared at entry and penalties subsequently incurred must be declared to the Declarations Clerk on the day.

9. WEIGHING OUT.

- (i) No rider shall be weighed out unless the name of the race and of the horse and rider have been given in writing to the Declarations Clerk not less than three-quarters of an hour before the time the race is due to be run taking account of any rescheduled race times due to divisions on the day. Such declaration can only be made by the owner or by some other person on production of a written authorisation from the owner(s). For all such declarations the rider must comply with the requirements of Regulations 50 (ii), 55 (iii) and 55 (iv). Regular Serving members of Her Majesty's Forces must produce similar evidence as to their qualification.
- (ii) Each rider must be weighed out for a specified horse by the Clerk of the Scales, at the appointed place, not less than a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the race.
- (iii) The committee is responsible for ensuring that no rider will be weighed out for any horse until the entry fees for all entries in the owners name at the meeting concerned have been paid.
- (iv) No rider shall be weighed out for any race unless he is equipped with a correctly fitted skull cap of a pattern approved by the British Horseracing Authority, which, when mounted on a horse, must be fastened at all times.
- (v) When weighing out or weighing in, the rider must put into the scale and include in his weight everything that the horse is to carry or has carried except the skull cap, whip, bridle, rings, plates, blinkers, hood, visor, eyeshield, eyecover or sheepskin cheek pieces and anything worn on the horse's legs. If the rider is to wear spurs during the course of the race they must be worn correctly by the rider when weighing out. When weighing out or weighing in, the rider in addition to the items detailed above, will also exclude from the scale any breast plate, breast girth, martingale, *sheepskin cheek pieces*, muzzle or neck strap that the horse is to carry or has carried.
As riders are required to wear body protectors in all races their weight will be calculated at 2lb less than the weight which is registered on the scale. i.e. If a horse is allotted a weight of 12st, the scales must read 12st 2lbs when the rider weighs out

10. WEIGHING IN.

Immediately after pulling up, the riders of the first four horses in each race must ride their horse to the place appointed for unsaddling and present themselves to be weighed by the Clerk of the Scales.

11. OBJECTIONS.

Every objection shall be in writing, and must be signed by the owner or rider of some horse engaged in the race, or by a person duly authorised by and possessing the authorisation of the owner required under Regulation 111(i) and must in cases coming under Regulation 140(iv) be made to the Clerk of the Scales and in other cases to the Clerk of the Course. A deposit of £60 will be made with every objection lodged.

12. DISTANCES.

No race shall be run over a distance of less than three miles except Maiden Races restricted to 4, 5, 6 and 7 year olds or 5, 6, and 7 year olds which, with the approval of the British Horseracing Authority, are run over 2m 4f.

13. PRIZE MONEY.

The total prize money or other prize for an Open (Mens, Ladies or Mixed) Steeple Chase shall be £275-£500 and of any other Steeple Chase, £200-£300, save with the express permission of the British Horseracing Authority.

- (i) A Memento valued at not more than £50-£150 must be given to the winning owner of a race.
- (ii) A Memento valued at not more than £50, must be given to the winning rider of a race.
- (iii) An award for the best turned-out horse of no more than £25.
- (iv) All Challenge Trophies are to be held for one year only and must be surrendered before the next Point-to-Point Meeting of the Hunt concerned.

14. VACCINATIONS FOR EQUINE INFLUENZA & IDENTIFICATION.

- (i) All horses that enter property used or controlled by the Stewards of the Meeting on the day of racing must be vaccinated against equine influenza in accordance with the general requirements of Sub-Regulations (ii) and (iii) of this Regulation.
- (ii) All horses for which a passport has been issued, and that enter property used or controlled by the Stewards of the Meeting on the day of racing must have the vaccination section of their passports completed by a recognised Turf Authority or a veterinary surgeon, (who at the time the vaccination was given was not the owner of the horse), to show that it has received two primary vaccinations against equine influenza given no less than 21 days apart and no more than 92 days apart. In addition, where sufficient time has elapsed subsequent to the primary vaccination the vaccination section of the passport must be completed to show that:-
 - (a) A horse has received a booster vaccination given no less than 150 days and no more than 215 days after the second component of the primary vaccination, and
 - (b) A horse has received booster vaccinations at intervals of not more than a year apart or such lesser time as the British Horseracing Authority may, in an emergency, decide

and that none of these vaccinations has been given within the seven days previous to the race in which the horse is declared to run.

A horse which has, in the opinion of a Veterinary Officer, received no vaccinations against equine influenza or has received any vaccination against equine influenza within the 7 days previous to the race is not qualified to run.

- N.B. 1. The above are minimum requirements. The vaccines administered must appear on a list published by the British Horseracing Authority as amended from time to time or be acceptable to the British Horseracing Authority Veterinary Director and in general should be given according to the manufacturer's instructions. In many cases booster vaccinations are recommended at intervals of less than 12 months.
- 2. All vaccination intervals referred to above are to be calculated by ignoring the day of the vaccination and counting the day of the race.
- (iii) In the case of horses, for which passports have not been issued which are running in races where no registration of the Hunters' Certificates are necessary, vaccination records will be accepted provided that the horse is correctly identified and that the records have been signed by a Veterinary Surgeon, (who at the time the records were signed was not the owner of the horse), stating that it has received the vaccinations required under Sub-Regulation (ii) of this Regulation.

A passport will not be regarded as being completed as required under Regulation 36(ii) if any record of vaccinations against equine influenza is altered in any way. An incorrect entry must be **completely** deleted and a new entry made, signed by the veterinary surgeon who was responsible for giving the vaccination.

The Owner of any horse which enters property used by the Stewards of the meeting on the day of racing shall be guilty of an offence when either:

- (i) that horse has not been vaccinated at all as required by Regulation 36 (see Regulation 152(viii)) (see Regulation 152(v) or has received any vaccination against Equine Influenza within the seven days previous to the race (see Regulation 152(vii)) when the Stewards shall impose a fine of £150.
- (ii) the vaccination section of the passport has not been completed as required under Regulation 36(ii) (see Regulation 152(v)) or the passport is not available for inspection as required under Regulation 35(ii) when the Stewards shall impose a fine of £100 (see Regulation 152).

15. BLINKERS/TONGUE STRAP/SHEEPSKIN CHEEK PIECES

- (i) (a) If a horse is to run in a hood, blinkers, visor or an eyeshield, eyecover, *sheepskin cheek pieces* or a Tongue Strap a declaration to that effect must be made to the Clerk of the Course by the time fixed for declaration under Regulation 111(i).
- (b) If a horse is to run in a hood fitted with blinkers both must be declared as must any combination of hood, blinkers, visor, eyeshield, eyecover or *sheepskin cheek pieces*. These items with the exception of the sheepskin cheek pieces must be presented to the Clerk of the Scales prior to weighing out, whether they are being used individually or as a combination.

Note: for the purpose of this Regulation "blinkers" means a garment fitted over a horse's head with holes for the eyes and ears, one or both eyeholes being fitted with cowls cutting out all vision to the rear, but permitting full forward vision. "Visor" means a garment similar to blinkers in which one or both cowls have holes cut in them, permitting limited side or rear vision. "Hood" means a garment similar to blinkers, incorporating ear covers but without eye cowls. "Eyeshield" means a garment similar to blinkers except that in place of the eye cowls both eyes are covered with a mesh or other transparent material. "Eyecover" means a garment similar to blinkers except that in place of the eye cowls one eye only is completely covered by an opaque cover (See Appendix R). "*Sheepskin cheek pieces*" means two strips of sheepskin or other similar material or device which is attached to the cheek pieces of the bridle. "Tongue Strap" means any device used to tie down a horse's tongue.
- (ii) (a) When a horse has been declared to run in a hood, blinkers, visor, eyeshield, eyecover or *sheepskin cheek pieces* the item or combination of items declared must be worn by the horse on the way to

the start and during the race, and if it is not possible for the horse to wear these item(s) the horse shall not run. If the horse does run without the declared item the owner will be in breach of the Regulations and liable to a fine.

- (b) When no declaration of hood, blinkers, visor, eyeshield, eyecover or sheepskin cheek pieces has been made they must not be worn by the horse on the way to the start and during the race and if it is not possible for the horse to race without them the horse shall not run. If the horse does run with a non-declared item the owner will be in breach of the Regulations and liable to a fine.
 - (c) When a horse has been declared to run under Regulation 111(i) with a tongue strap the owner or owner's representative will be required to show the tongue strap to the Veterinary Surgeon on duty on the course for approval before it is allowed to proceed to the start. If the owner is unable to tie the tongue strap down satisfactorily or if it comes loose and cannot be refitted the horse may still run. However if, as a result, the horse does not run on the insistence of the owner or is withdrawn by the Starter, no penalty will be imposed by the Stewards.
 - (d) When no declaration of tongue strap has been made a tongue strap must not be worn by the horse in the parade ring, on the way to the start or during the race. Failure to comply with this Sub-Regulation will result in a fine of not less than £75 although the horse may still run.
- (iii) The use of blinding hoods or any form of shutter hood is prohibited. No horse may run in a race wearing a garment fitted over its head other than a hood, blinkers, visor, eyeshield, eyecover or any combination thereof. For the avoidance of doubt a visor must not be modified in any way by temporarily covering the holes cut in the cowls. The wearing of any form of attachment to a hood, blinkers, visor, eyeshield, eyecover or any combination thereof is also prohibited.

16. HELP. Please direct any queries to Lucy Brack in the Point-to-Point Department of the British Horseracing Authority, Tel. 0207 189 3856