

BHA Equine Anti-Doping Rules – retirement of racehorses

Only an owner can register retirement of a horse – not the trainer.

If an owner no longer wishes the horse to race, he may retire the horse so that it does not have to be subject to testing or have its whereabouts information provided. It can be retired by:

- The registration of a Non Racing Agreement (where changing ownership)
- Notification by the owner to the BHA by email to anti-doping@britishhorseracing.com

As the trainer cannot register retirement of a horse, the trainer should therefore ensure that if the horse is leaving the yard the Racing Administration site is updated or if the horse is retired staying at the yard that the owner notifies the BHA of its retirement.

A previously retired horse can race again – the following would need to be done:

- If the horse has been retired under a Non-Racing Agreement, this can be reversed as per the existing rules (Rule (E) 26)
- If the horse was retired under general instruction to the BHA, this can be reversed by notifying the BHA. This can be done by the original owner who retired the horse or a new owner.

In either of these circumstances, the BHA may impose a period of time during which the horse is subject to out of competition testing – this is likely to be six months. Any samples collected in this time must show no evidence of presence or use of any prohibited at all times substances.

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