

NTF INFORMATION SHEET FOR MEMBERS

NON RUNNER AFTER DECLARATION TO RUN – BHA RACE ENTRY CODE

[this guidance does not cover double declarations]

Trainer must immediately submit a **non-runner notice**:

- **HORSE IS ON RACECOURSE** to the clerk of scales, if present
- **ANY OTHER TIME** to the Racing Calendar Office through the Racing Administration Website or by telephone

THE NON-RUNNER NOTICE must state the reason why the horse is a non-runner and cannot be withdrawn.

Reason	Requirements	Consequences	Fine	Other comments
Self-certification	Notification as above	The horse is immediately suspended from running in Great Britain for 7 days beginning on the day of the race in which it was a non-runner	There is no fine	You cannot choose self certification if the reason for not running is related to the race's prize money Your ability to self certify may be suspended if your rate of non runners is above the BHA threshold * see link at end of document
<u>Veterinary Certificate</u> Unfit to Run	Notification as above and veterinary certificate	The horse is immediately suspended from running in Great Britain for 3 days	No fine if acceptable veterinary certificate is	A horse may be certified unfit to run at the racecourse by a

		beginning on the day of the race in which it was a non-runner	<p>received by the BHA within 7 days of the race</p> <p>The veterinary certificate must be signed by the veterinary surgeon or officer who examined the horse and state the date, time and place of the examination, the meeting and date for which the horse was declared and the abnormal clinical findings which make the reason the horse is unfit to run</p>	veterinary officer or at any time by a veterinary surgeon who is independent of the owner, trainer, or any person on the SER of the trainer
Going	<p>If the going is different from the going on the day the horse was declared to run;</p> <p>Or</p> <p>the horse is on the racecourse, its identify has been verified by the VO and the trainer considers the horse is unsuited by the going</p> <p>Notification as above</p>	See fine	There will be disciplinary action unless the conditions are met.	
Other	<p>Notification as above</p> <p>Acceptable reason needed, this could for</p>		If the BHA is satisfied that the horse's failure to run was caused by circumstances outside of	

	instance be unexpected transport issues.		the trainer's or owner's control there will be no disciplinary action.	
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PENALTY RANGE – applied by the recourse stewards

There is no penalty where the reason is one set out in the rules and in the case of “other” acceptable to the stewards, and the notification requirements have been met as above. In other circumstances, the penalty is as follows:

Non runner – £140.00

If the horse is made a non-runner after 9am on the day of the race this increases to £500.

The penalty could be further increased if there is considered to be a wilful disregard of interest to racegoers taking account of the nature of offence and importance of race. This is a £500 entry point, with a range of fine £250 - £2,000.

Failure to notify of non-runner - penalty £500

***BHA non runner percentage information**

<https://www.britishhorseracing.com/racing/participants/trainers/trainers-non-runners/>