



Dear Trainer,

We are writing to advise you of the medication declaration process for the Cheltenham Festival 2024, including pre-race veterinary examinations.

The process itself will be the same as last year, with trainers required to submit completed medication declaration forms to the BHA. This applies to all Cheltenham Festival runners, with records covering the period from **27 January 2024** to the **day of the relevant race** at The Festival. All horses will also be subject to a pre-race examination on raceday.

The only **difference** this year is that the medical declaration forms must be submitted using the [Equine MediRecord \(EMR\) online system](#). Some trainers may already be familiar with EMR, which was used for the 2023 Aintree Grand National Festival. For those who haven't used the system before, the EMR team will be available to provide any additional support you may require.

Please note that the proper completion and submission of the forms by the times and dates specified below is a **requirement of the Rules of Racing** and failure to do so will result in the respective horse being **ineligible to run**.

There will be **NO** dispensation for any submissions received after the deadline, even if the initial intention has been to not run, i.e. if the decision is later taken to declare to get the entry fee back, this will not be possible without Form 1 having been submitted by the deadline.

Medication Declaration Forms

There are **TWO** forms to complete and submit for the medication declaration process. Trainers must fill out forms for each of their runners using the [Equine MediRecord system](#).

Medical Form 1 must be submitted online in advance. **Medical Form 2** will also be completed online and must be submitted by **18:00 (GMT) the day before raceday**.

The EMR team will be in contact with you to provide you with your login details and your profile. If you have any questions about this process or do not receive the email, please contact them at info@equinemedirecord.com.

Medical Form 1

Trainers of all horses competing at The Festival must have completed and submitted a Medication Declaration Form (**Medical Form 1**) by **17:00 (GMT) Tuesday 5 March 2023**. This form has two parts:

- Part One: This is for any medications which were given to the horse **between 27 January and 5 March 2024 inclusive**. These medications would include routine injections, oral preparations and creams.
- Part Two: This is for any **long-term effect medications** including all joint medications and bisphosphonates, and any courses of non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (e.g., phenylbutazone, meloxicam, suxibutazone, etc.) that have been given to the horse in the **six months up to Tuesday 5 March 2024** (i.e. from Tuesday 5 September 2023).

Medical Form 1 must be completed using the [Equine MediRecord](#) system by **17:00 (GMT) Tuesday 5 March 2023**. Please note, horses will be **ineligible** to race at The Festival if Form 1 has not been received by the stipulated deadline.



To complete the medical declaration forms, go to equinemedirecord.com and log in using the login details provided to you by the EMR team.

A video guide to submitting the medical information for your horses will be provided to you by EMR alongside your login details, and a list of frequently asked questions can be accessed [here](#).

The EMR system includes drop-down menus that will help you to select:

- Horse's name
- Medications and treatments, including medication type, trade name and active ingredient.

The system allows you to save your progress as you go, so you can choose whether to complete the process gradually throughout the declaration period (recommended, particularly for trainers with multiple entries), or in a single sitting.

For any questions or additional support, please contact EMR on:

- Email: info@equinemedirecord.com
- Phone: +44 (0) 7469 131861 (UK) or +353 (0) 86 409 2584 (Ireland)

Medical Form 2

Medical Form 2 must also be completed and submitted online using [Equine MediRecord](#).

Form 2 outlines any medications or treatments administered to the horse after submission of Form 1, inclusive of **Tuesday 5 March 2024** and must be submitted online by **18:00 (GMT)** the day before raceday.

Please note, horses will be ineligible to race at The Festival if Medical Form 2 has not been received by the stipulated deadline.

Again, the EMR team will be available to help you with any questions you may have and to provide the necessary support throughout the medical declaration process. You can contact them directly:

- Email: info@equinemedirecord.com
- Phone: +44 (0) 7469 131861 (UK) or +353 (0) 86 409 2584 (Ireland)

Pre-race examination process

All runners in all races at The Festival will receive a pre-race examination and trot-up at the racecourse on the morning of their race.

To minimise delays, the earlier in the morning that the pre-race examinations take place, the better for trainers, horses and veterinary staff. Therefore, we ask that horses arrive at the racecourse by midday on the day of the race.

Notification of Poor Movers

Trainers who have horses they are planning to run at The Festival which may be described as “poor movers” or which have an “asymmetrical gait” should identify these horses to the BHA as soon as possible.

This will enable us to observe the horse, discuss and note any abnormalities in consultation with



the relevant trainers and their stable veterinarians well in advance of the raceday. It will also help to avoid any last-minute dispute or disappointment and ensure that trainers have an opportunity to provide insight and information relating to these horses.

In such cases, we first ask you to send us a short video clip via WhatsApp to the BHA (+44 (0) 7786 660391) – see the video [here](#) for an example.

The trot-up should be on a loose lead, for 25 metres, away from and back towards the camera. Please state the name of the horse at the beginning of the video. If you are unsure whether this applies to any of your horses, we would advise sending a video just in case.

We are aiming to complete discussions and assessments relating to these horses as quickly as we can and would request that videos are sent no later than **Tuesday 5 March 2024**.

Summary

- Trainers are required to submit **TWO** medication records to the BHA for every Cheltenham Festival runner using the Equine MediRecord online system.
 - **Medical Form 1** (submitted in advance) covers all medications given between 27 January - 5 March 2024 and any medication with a long-term effect given in the previous six months up to and including Tuesday 5 March 2024. This must be submitted **online by 17:00 (GMT) Tuesday 5 March 2024**.
 - **Medical Form 2** includes any medication or treatment administered after submission of **Form 1** inclusive of **Tuesday 5 March 2024**. Form 2 must be completed online by **18:00 (GMT) the day before raceday**.
- Forms must be **completed** and **submitted** by the deadline specified. Failure to do so will result in the respective horse(s) being **ineligible to run**. There will be **NO** dispensation for any submissions not made by the deadline.
- You will be contacted Equine MediRecord after entries have closed for a race you have entered a horse in with your login details and a video user guide.
- Any additional queries about the medication declaration process should be directed to Equine MediRecord via info@equinemedirecord.com or +44 (0) 7469 131861 (UK) or +353 (0) 86 409 2584 (Ireland).
- Trainers with horses entered at The Festival that may be described as “poor movers”, or which have an “asymmetrical gait” should identify these horses to the BHA by sending a video of the horse via Whatsapp to +44 (0) 7786 660391 as soon as possible.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance with this process.

Kind regards,

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