

Randex Health Grand National Meeting Veterinary Information

The pre-race examination and trot-up that horses entered in the Foxhunter, Topham and the Grand National Steeplechases have previously undergone, will this year be extended to **ALL** runners in **ALL** races at The Randex Health Grand National Meeting 2019. Please find further information about this, the notification of poor movers, and medication declaration requirements below.

1. Pre-race examination and trot-up (All races)

For those who have previously had runners in races over the Grand National course, this procedure is being extended to **all runners in all races** at this year's Randex Health Grand National Meeting 2019.

From a logistical point of view, the earlier in the mornings that these pre-race examinations can take place, the better for trainers and horses. BHA Veterinary Officers will be commencing inspections at 7.30am each morning.

2. Notification of poor movers (All races)

Trainers who have a horse which may be described as "poor mover" or which has an "asymmetrical gait", should identify these horses to the BHA before Monday 25th March 2019. This will enable the horse to be examined and observed, and will allow any abnormalities to be noted in conjunction with the trainer and his stable veterinarian, before the raceday examinations occur. This will help avoid any last-minute discussions or disappointment on racedays.

If you have a horse falling into this category, or if you have any questions regarding poor movers and suitability to race, please contact the BHA's Equine Health and Welfare team by phone, on 020 7152 0090, or by email at aintree-meds@britishhorseracing.com.

3. Medication Declaration (Foxhunter, Topham and Grand National)

In addition, similar to Cheltenham Festival requirements, trainers are required to submit a completed Medication Declaration Form to the BHA, for runners in the three races over the Grand National Course; the Foxhunter, Topham and Grand National Steeple Chases. The Medication Declaration Forms cover the 45-day period prior to the day of the race.

There are two Forms to be submitted.

3.1 Medication Declaration - Form A (To be submitted by Thursday 28th March 2019)

Trainers of horses due to run in one of the three races over the Grand National Course are required to complete and submit the Medical Declaration Form A, by Thursday 28th March 2019.

Form A has two parts:

Part 1. This is for any medications that have been administered to the horse in the 35 days prior to Thursday 28th March 2019 i.e. from 21st February 2019 onwards. Such medications will include routine injections, oral preparations and creams.

Part 2. This is for any long-term effect medications that have been given to the horse in the six months prior to Thursday 28th March 2019. Examples of these would include long-term acting corticosteroids and bisphosphonates.



Form A must then be **emailed to the BHA at aintree-meds@britishhorseracing.com, by Thursday 28th March 2019**. Please note, horses will be ineligible to have their entry confirmed if Form A has not been received by the stipulated deadline.

3.2 Medication Declaration - Form B (To be submitted during pre-race examination and trot-up)
Medication Declaration Form B is for any medications or treatments administered to the horse up to the day of racing, since the completion and submission of Form A.

Since no medications are allowed on the raceday, Form B can be completed on the evening before the relevant race.

Form B must be completed and presented to the BHA Veterinary Officer during the pre-race examination and trot-up process. A horse will be withdrawn if Form B is not presented at this time.

Attached are examples of completed Forms for the BHA horse “Black Beauty”. These illustrate how to set out the information that is required. Also attached are blank versions of the Forms A and B, to enable you to start the recording process.

4. Summary

To summarise **all** horses must pass a pre-race examination and trot-up on the day of the race.

In addition, trainers are required to submit to the BHA 45 days of medication records for horses due to run in the Foxhunter, Topham or Grand National Steeple Chases.

Form A covers all medications given in the 35 days prior to 28th March 2019 and any medication with a long-term effect given in the previous six months of the race day. This Form should be emailed to aintree-meds@britishhorseracing.com.

Form B is to include any medication administered since the completion and submission of Form A (10 days prior to the day of the race). This Form should be presented to the BHA Veterinary Officer at the pre-race examination and trot-up on the day of the race.

Trainers who have a horse which may be described as a “poor mover” or which has an asymmetrical gait”, should identify these horses to the BHA before Monday 25th March 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact aintree-meds@britishhorseracing.com, if you have any queries regarding the requirements.