



Workstream 2: Broadcast Innovation & Data
Delivery Group: 1
Objective Of Delivery Group: Getting Races Off On Time
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STRATEGY**

What are we trying to achieve?

Better time management to enable races to be off as close to scheduled off time as possible

Why is it important?

Enabling broadcast to more efficiently and confidently coordinate coverage based on off times

Enabling participants to be more confident in their planning and organizing of their teams/staff on the raceday

Enhancing the customer experience through assurances around off times to enable potential for increase turnover

Any key concerns and known blockages?

Participants have expressed concerns over race times and racecourse layouts as the biggest hurdle

Participants also are concerned over rushing could lead to horse welfare taking a back seat

Officials and racecourse personnel have expressed a lack of respect from participants when encouraging individuals to keep to time

Racecourse layouts and race order can increase the complexity of races going to time. Most Clerk of the Courses try to take this into account

Race gaps which must be equally applied within certain time frames can also constrain the ability to have the necessary gap on a particular course

Specific issues which anecdotally expressed as reason for delays: horse behaviour; media interviews post-race; late to leave stables, parade ring or get to start; requests to avoid clash; equipment failure; travel delays

Multiple strands of the Broadcast Initiatives may have impact on orchestrating delivery of races off to time. Needs to be considered in the round.

Recommended steps and final delivery date

Audit and league table production by mid-March for races off beyond 1 minute past scheduled off time

Data currently captured:

- *Last horse leaving stables
- *Arrival Time at Start
- *Off Time

Data capture in development (End of Feb launch) – BHA Development Team

- *Last jockey leaving weighing room
- *Last horse leaving parade ring
- *Capture of Race Department changes

Automated ST1 in the Going App to more efficiently estimate times on course

Development into Going App – delivery around 4-6 months – BHA Development team:

- *Clerk of the Course to provide estimates (to Clerks on 14/2 – returning 28/2)
- *Going App screen enhancements to auto populate ST1 with editable fields

Interim measures (beginning 15/2):

- *Scanned ST1 from course on BHA end of day report
- *Retrospective manual input of estimates for comparison to actuals

Example ST1 Form

ST1: TIMETABLE PLAN FOR START TIMES

MEETING: _____

DATE: _____

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Race Number	No. of runners	Race distance	Time horses to arrive in Parade Ring	Time Jockeys to leave Weighing Room	Time signal to mount to be given	Time last horse to leave Parade Ring	Time Horses to arrive at Start	Start Time
Race 1								
Race 2								
Race 3								
Race 4								
Race 5								
Race 6								
Race 7								
Race 8								

Racing Participant Expectations

Stable Staff

Upon arrival to the stables, note the posted ST1 form indicating time to leave stables for your race.

Trainers

Support stable staff by ensuring the horse leaves the stables on time and is present at the parade ring on time

Jockeys

Upon arrival to weighing room, note the posted ST1 form indicating time to leave weighing room and time to mount

Racecourse Teams

Ensure ST1 form is prominently posted in the stables and weighing room

Ensure 5-minute and 2-minute calls are communicated to jockeys

**All racing participants should work collaboratively to ensure races are off on time including following BHA and racecourse official instructions while on course.*

BHA Raceday Teams Expectations

EWIOs

Upon arrivals scan, direct participants to posted ST1 form indicating time to leave stables for their race.

Clerk of Scales

Remind Jockeys of the timings indicated on the ST1 form

Document the time when the last jockey leaves the weighing room*

Stewarding Team**

Document the time when the last horse leaves the parade ring*

Document reason for any race off beyond one minute past scheduled off time

Upload scanned ST1 form to end of day report

Starters

Input time of last horse arriving at the start

Input Off time

**Systems are currently being updated for this function. Teams will be alerted once updated*

***Enforcement of Rules E(29), E(31), E(33), F(1), and F(6) where applicable to maintain races off on time*