

NTF WEEKLY – 1 AUGUST 2018

Booking stabling at Goodwood this week

Trainers are advised that during the Qatar Goodwood Festival a box may not be immediately available if overnight horses are arriving before 6pm. To book stabling accommodation and overnight booking contact Allan Morris gwstables@goodwood.com (07860 951375)

Trainer sponsored RoR Eventing Championship now at Gatcombe

The NTF sponsors the RoR Retrained Racehorse Eventing Championship, which this year is being held at The Magic Millions Festival of British Eventing at Gatcombe Park on 3rd – 5th August. For further information visit www.festivalofbritisheventing.com. Our sponsorship is funded by trainers through part of the contributions trainers make each year with their licence renewal. Together the sponsors have put up a £6,000 prize-fund for the final.

The Championship is open to any grade of horse and will run as an IN with combinations undertaking an intermediate dressage and showjumping test but run at Novice cross country height.

New Irish rules on passport irregularities

In June this year the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Authority modified its rules on vaccination records in passports. The key points are

- A horse may run if the equine influenza entry in its passport contains a clerical error which does not impact upon the vaccination status of the horse following certification by its trainer that the error is clerical. It will also be able to run if the passport has been previously accepted by the IHRB.
- A horse shall not run if the equine influenza entry in its passport is ‘demonstrably incorrect’

The modified rules reflect the different risk to the horse population’s vaccination status that these two different scenarios present. A horse with a clerical error is permitted to run whereas one with a vaccination history that is incorrect will not because its immunity to the disease via vaccination is not properly assured.

The Irish rules differ slightly to the BHA's where the Stewards use their discretion to decide the risk posed by individual circumstances of an error.

The message to British-based trainers is that if you have any doubt about the status of a vaccination record in the passport of a horse you plan to run in Ireland, you should contact the IHRB Chief Veterinary Officer, Lynn Hillyer on 00-353-45-445600 or email lynn.hillyer@ihrb.ie who will examine a copy of the vaccination record and advise on its compliance.

Training to maximising staff retention

Last week's management training module in Newmarket went down well with delegates. Here is a recommendation with one of the senior racing staff members:

"I just wanted to thank you and the NTF for supporting the management training day at the BRS yesterday. The consensus among attendees was of how useful this training is to senior staff and how greatly it will impact morale in yards. Hopefully, it will continue to reach as many trainers, and industry staff members, as possible."

The modules are delivered by Peter Burnet, who already runs management training for the racing industry at the British Racing School. His modules for the NTF have the title Building a Sustainable Business. Trainers either attending the modules or sending representatives in 2017 included Luca Cumani, Ann Duffield, William Haggas, Mark Johnston (LTCA shortlisted), Martin Keighley (LTCA shortlisted), Seamus Mullins (LTCA shortlisted), Jonjo O'Neill, George Scott, Suzy Smith (LTCA shortlisted.)

The module is designed to help trainers recruit and retain exceptional staff teams. It is about sharing ideas, tips and support to match the team award criteria and make other wider ranging changes

Book now for the remaining event at

- Cheltenham on **12th September 2018**

Each day will run from 10.00 to 16.30 with lunch and refreshments provided. Dress is casual / work clothes. The day will consist of a mix of activities, discussion and some new ideas. There is no formal preparation for the day and please come with an open mind!

To book places

This year there is a charge of £100 per place. To book yourself and up to one other staff member onto any of the three days please contact the NTF at teamchampion@racehorsetrainers.org or ring 01488 71794.

Changes to employing Croatian nationals

The restrictions on employing Croatian nationals has been removed and as such they now have the same freedom to work in the UK as other EEA nationals.

Trainers are reminded that all employers are required to carry out a simple 3 step check on all potential employees to prevent the employment of illegal workers. These steps are:

1. Obtain the person's original documents as specified in the Home Office guidance https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/441957/employers_guide_to_acceptable_right_to_work_documents_v5.pdf
2. Check the validity of the documents in the presence of the holder, and
3. Make and retain a clear copy and make a record of the date of the check.

The Government has an online interactive tool <https://www.gov.uk/legal-right-work-uk> to help an employer check if a potential employee has the legal right to work in the UK.

Help with VAT admin from HMRC

We thought this note from HMRC would be useful for trainers, especially those just starting off with their VAT registration.

Have you heard about the [HMRC Online Customer Forum](#)?

And did you know there's a new '[VAT section](#)', where you can not only post your question, but get guidance and support? You can also get useful links to webinars (online presentations), videos and interactive online guides.

So whether you want help with your online VAT return, to correct an error or know whether the Flat Rate scheme is for you, join the HMRC Customer Online Forum for clear advice and answers from HMRC experts.

NTF 2018 meeting dates

Thank you to all trainers who came to our summer regional meetings. Your views will be conveyed at the NTF Council and Committee meetings next week.

REGION	DATE	VENUE
Council and Committees	Monday 6 th August	London

Regulation deadlines

- **1 October 2018** – Level 2 safety vest mandatory for jockeys for race riding