

Racing Industry News



12th July 2024

BHA Guidance on Safety Equipment

We have received from the BHA early notification of rule changes on safety equipment - the implementation date for the rule for yards is not yet known. The BHA has indicated it will be spring 2025, with an earlier implementation date for jockeys.

This early notice gives yards a good lead in time to review and assess any updating of safety equipment they may need. We anticipate that most yards have replaced or are replacing 2009 body protectors with 2018 labelled ones already and many helmets in use will meet the two standard - it is important to note though the removal of standard VG1 for helmets from 1st June 2025.

Future rule changes :

Body protectors

- these must comply with safety standards (BS) EN 13158:2018 and must be at least Level 2. Trainers have already been advised that the 2009 safety standard is being withdrawn due to the potential age the equipment may have reached. In the rule change the BHA will be recommending that body protectors other than for racing riding should meet Level 3.

Helmets

- **Helmets:** must comply with at least two different international testing standards and should have evidence of Quality Testing from organisations such as BSI, INSPEC, SNELL, SEI. More information about specific brands and models should be available from the British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA). www.beta-uk.org

A helmet must comply with at least one standard from Group A <u>AND</u> at least one different standard from Group B.	
Group A	Group B
British standard PAS 015 2011 and any subsequent updates.	British standard PAS 015 2011 and any subsequent updates.
European standard (EN): UKCA and/or CE marked products referencing harmonised standard EN1384:2023.	European standard (EN) UKCA or CE marked products referencing harmonised standard EN1384:2023.
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	American ASTM F1163: 2015 and any subsequent updates.
	American Snell E2016 and any subsequent updates (Please note: Snell combines a standard with subsequent quality testing; therefore no additional quality testing mark is required).

It is important to note that standard VG1 will be withdrawn on 1st June 2025.

When replacing equipment, we encourage fitting of equipment by a trainer person as equipment changes over time with a different fit/cut and the size or style previously worn may no longer fit properly.

If there are specific questions about individual items of equipment meeting the changes, and where the information is not available on the manufacturers or BETA websites, BETA will assist if any enquiries are sent by email to info@beta-uk.org

BHA Notice – Safeguarding re overnight accommodation

The BHA has asked us to remind trainers about the way racecourses manage overnight accommodation for **people under the age of 18**, aiming to promote good practice and help safeguard your members of staff.

As part of the safeguarding requirements, racecourses must ensure that, where reasonably possible, under 18s staying overnight are given a single, lockable room and secure washing facilities.

Racecourses will confirm whether they are able to accommodate under 18s appropriately via the [Racecourse Information section](#) on Racing Admin. Any racecourse that is unable to do so should state this clearly on Racing Admin and in the 'other' section of the Going App, to make sure you are aware before sending your staff.

To help trainers fulfil the duty of care to employees and to support racecourses in managing their responsibilities effectively, the BHA ask that:

Trainers always consider carefully whether it is appropriate for any staff member aged under 18 to travel overnight, and obtain appropriate consent from the staff member's parent or guardian when this is the case. Consent can be obtained when a trainer appoints the member of staff to cover future events. The National Trainers Federation (NTF) has template documents to help with this.

When sending under 18s racing, trainers must ensure that the lead member of staff is a suitably experienced and responsible adult, preferably somebody who has completed the BHA online safeguarding training. This is available free of charge by contacting safeguarding@britishhorseracing.com

If you require overnight racecourse accommodation for any under 18 staff member, this **must be booked by 1pm the day before accommodation is required** (e.g. if accommodation is needed on a Tuesday night, this must be booked by 1pm the day before, i.e. on the Monday). If an under 18 arrives for an overnight stay at a racecourse without having been pre-booked in line with the Rules of Racing, racecourses are expected to refer the matter to the BHA Safeguarding team. The trainer will need to make alternative arrangements for the member of staff and the BHA will take appropriate action.

When sending under 18s overnight, **trainers must always obtain positive agreement from the racecourse and confirmation of available facilities in advance.**

Trainers must note that a racecourse's ability to accommodate under 18s may vary, e.g. they may be unable to provide accommodation during major meetings and festivals. This will be noted on Racing Admin. Trainers are advised **always to check in advance.**

Under 18s are to be supplied with the details of a readily contactable person who they can contact should any problems arise during an overnight stay. That person should ideally be onsite.

Trainers must ensure that under 18s are reminded to follow any behavioural guidelines

required by the racecourse.

We are working on an improved booking system for overnight accommodation within the Racing Digital platform. More information will be provided on this when it is available. In the meantime, when booking overnight accommodation and stabling, please use the [updated form](#).

Thank you in advance for your continued co-operation. If you have any queries, please contact: safeguarding@britishhorseracing.com
BHA Safeguarding Team

Six-part ITV docuseries: Champions: Full Gallop - 9pm on Friday July 19 on ITV1

The Series has been a racing-wide collaboration focussing on the second half of the 2023-24 Jumps season, and the production company, South Shore, are delighted with the final product. Obviously this is a fantastic opportunity for the sport to reach a wider audience (as well as engage existing or casual fans), which will have positive knock-on effects for all of the industry. We would really appreciate your help in promoting the programme, including sharing the transmission date and how to watch. There is a key focus on audience numbers for the first three days from launch (19th - 21st July), and we ask that you kindly link directly to ITVX where the first three episodes will be available to view. Link to follow once ITV has published.

RACING STAFF PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION – Entries close this Sunday, 14th July

Racing Welfare launched a brand new photography competition. How to enter and full details are available via this link :

<https://racingwelfare.co.uk/events-archive/racing-staff-photography-competition/>

The idea is that the best 12 photos will make up an all-new Racing Welfare charity calendar.

The photos are to involve people from across the racing industry so that the images are representative of all racing's workforce. Anyone who works in racing or breeding can enter snaps taken on their mobile phone.

The NTF has been asked to judge the 'Showing Love for the Horse' category.

We look forward to seeing your photos and choosing ones for the new Racing Welfare Charity Calendar.

26th June 2024

National Racehorse week - last chance to sign up

The deadline for signing up to host an open day as part of National Racehorse Week is this Friday, 28th June, and we are still looking for yards to take part this year.

If you are able to join in you can sign up [HERE](#) or for more information contact Sally Lyons on 07912 314010

Trainer short comments on runners

As per the article in weekly Update 1386, we have been asked to gather feedback on a trial of short comments being submitted by trainers about their declared runners at Premier fixtures. This will be discussed at the Commercial Committee on Thursday 27 June and, whilst we have had some useful feedback so far, it has only been from 9 trainers. If you have time to complete the short survey [HERE](#) it would be very helpful in shaping the Commercial Committee discussion.

19th June 2024

NTF Insurance survey

As communicated in weekly update 1383, we are seeking feedback from trainers regarding the cost of their liability insurance in recent years. This is to help the industry working group that is looking at this matter to understand more of the specifics of the issue. So far, we have had 35 responses but we would like to hear from as many trainers as possible.

The survey is available [HERE](#)

National Racehorse week - Trainer support needed

As per the recently circulated update, we have seen a decline in the number of yards planning to participate in this year's National Racehorse Week and would like to encourage trainers to take part if they are able to.

You can sign up for this important initiative for the sport [HERE](#)

Trainer short comments on runners

Feedback from bettors has suggested that one of the barriers in engaging with Racing over other sports is the idea that insufficient information exists to be successful at betting. As part of the Industry Strategy, the BHA are looking at ways to provide more insight to would-be bettors and would like to widen the existing work that is done by the Racing Post in providing short comments on the prospects of each horse at the 24-hour stage. The intent here would be to be able to gather a comment for every horse that is running at a Premier fixture for a trial period covering around a month. The purpose of the trial would be to test the logistics of gathering comments on a larger scale than is currently the case and to review the consumer feedback on having access to such comments.

There are various options as to how to gather comments from trainers but it is likely that the most effective for such a trial would be for direct contact to be made via telephone throughout

the morning of the day before racing.

As this matter is due for a short discussion at the Commercial Committee on 27 June, we would like to invite trainers to provide their comments via the very short survey that can be accessed [HERE](#)

GBR Shared Ownership Promotion

As part of Great British Racing's continued commitment to promoting Shared Ownership across the sport and beyond, they are building on their previous work in this area by launching a programme of work to support trainers in their efforts to maximise promotion opportunities for their own shared ownership entities (racing clubs and syndicates). This includes:

Trainer Workshops :

GBR are offering all trainers the chance to join one of two workshops covering best practice across comms, digital, marketing, and social media, as well as hearing from other trainers about their experiences establishing their own shared ownership entities.

Attendees to the sessions will also receive a Shared Ownership Toolkit with best practice guidance on setting up, promoting, and running their own Racing club or syndicate effectively.

The workshops will be held virtually on Teams on the following dates –

- Wednesday 3rd July, 1-2pm

- Thursday 4th July, 1-2pm

Please click [HERE](#) to select the session you would like to attend. These two sessions will be for trainers themselves, and we will be offering additional workshops for office staff further down the line.

Trainer Support Programme :

The second element of this work involves working closely with two individual trainers to provide a package of promotional support through the year. This will include the creation of video content, development of tailored promotional assets, and GBR guidance across all channels.

To apply for this opportunity, you will simply need to complete the short application form [HERE](#). This is a free programme that is open to all trainers looking to improve and develop their shared ownership offering - applications will need to be submitted by Monday 8th July.

In the meantime, if you have an existing shared ownership entity which you are looking to promote, [In The Paddock](#) provides a Shared Ownership hub where you **can list your racing club/syndicate for FREE**. Please fill in [the form here](#) and David Letts, GBR Shared Ownership and EDI Lead, will be in touch.

David is also available to answer any questions trainers may have on the promotion of shared ownership and can be contacted at dletts@britishhorseracing.com

Weatherbys bank accounts for syndicates

We have been contacted by trainers who have had issues with arranging the setting up of syndicates due to changes in procedures at Weatherbys. In conjunction with the ROA and Racing Syndicates Association, we have written to Weatherbys to question changes that, amongst other things, now require syndicates of 11 or more to bank in the name of a registered UK company.

We aim to meet with Weatherbys to discuss and will update in due course.

On behalf of Racing Welfare : Racing Staff Week

Horseracing industry staff are to be celebrated during Racing Staff Week which takes place from Saturday 22nd – Friday 28th June 2024 and is spearheaded by racing's human welfare charity, Racing Welfare. The [press release](#) has full details of the week.

Generously supported by Betfair and now in its eighth year, Racing Staff Week will include a range of events and activities taking place all over the country to celebrate the hard work of racing staff and retirees.

The highlight will be a series of four charity stable staff races. Nearly 40 members of stable staff will get to experience the thrill of riding in a race, while raising vital funds for Racing Welfare in the process. The races are as follows:

Saturday 22 June – Ayr

Monday 24 June – Chepstow

Tuesday 25 June – Newbury

Thursday 27 June – Nottingham

We're really excited about Racing Staff Week and looking forward to bringing racing staff and followers together to celebrate the sport and the wonderful people who work so hard to make a day at the races possible.

15th June 2024

National Racehorse Week - 7th - 15th September

National Racehorse Week returns for its fourth year, join in and sign up here

Any queries please email slyons@greatbritishracing.com

2024 Northumberland Plate Stabling Arrangements

Newcastle Racecourse are putting in place a number of arrangements for stabling and stable staff accommodation to meet the demand over the course of the three-day Northumberland Plate Festival.

The full policy can be found [here](#).

Applications for stables and accommodation, stating the date and time of arrival and departure, must be sent via email to stabling@newcastle-racecourse.co.uk and jgibson@newcastle-racecourse.co.uk a minimum of 24 hours prior to arrival. Newcastle Racecourse appreciate it is a long journey for many trainers and thank you in advance for your anticipated support and cooperation

LICENCE TO MANAGE SYNDICATES AND RACING CLUBS

New BHA licence for syndicators & racing club managers

Following the advanced notice about the introduction of a new BHA licence for anyone wishing to manage a Syndicate or Racing Club the BHA has announced that all syndicators and racing club managers will be required to apply for a licence. This includes licenced trainers who run syndicates or racing clubs. The application process is now live and can be completed using the [online form](#).

To support you with this process, the BHA have developed [comprehensive guidance document](#) and have tried to answer some of the immediate questions in the [Frequently Ask Questions](#) document.

Existing syndicators are asked to ensure you have a valid licence in place by 1 January 2026. This should give syndicators plenty of time to apply, though the BHA are encouraging early application wherever possible. It's worth noting, however, that no new syndicate or racing club application will be approved by the BHA after 1 January 2025 unless the applicant has completed the licensing process. For trainers, the BHA will also take into account information previously provided as part of your licence to train, aiming to make the application process even more straightforward.

The BHA's ownership team is on hand to help with any issues you may have.

Email - ownership@britishhorseracing.com

Telephone - 0207 152 0004.

The full BHA press release from Thursday can be found [here](#)

Abusive communications to trainers

Trainers will be aware of the continuing work that Sean Memory is undertaking to tackle abusive communications and we are pleased to be able to announce that the PJA are also now on board.

[PJA Report Abuse](#)

This widens the scope of the work, that was originally set up in Lambourn by Lucy Snowden, to include jockeys – something that should provide a greater weight of evidence upon which to act, as well as helping to ensure that a wider group of participants are given support in these matters.

So far Sean has received over 150 reports of abusive communications and these have led to the identification of a number of individuals. They have then received direct contact from Sean to call out their behaviour and highlight that action against them could follow unless they desist.

We also still have a live police investigation going on into threats of acid attacks received by a group of trainers and continue to push the police to act against the individual who has been identified. Additionally, one particular set of threats has led to the uncovering of a betting scam that purported to use an NTF member's name and this was closed down.

Progress is being made here and we would encourage trainers to continue to report any abusive content. Full details are available on the NTF website [HERE](#)

7th June 2024

Racecourse going

We have received complaints in recent weeks about the provision of going at some racecourses. We have requested that the BHA investigate events at these courses which, in both cases, seemed to water excessively ahead of a wet forecast.

We will be meeting with the BHA in the coming weeks to discuss the process by which we can request the BHA to investigate such feedback and how it will be dealt with.

The intent of this is to drive continual improvement in the quality and accuracy of information that is provided to trainers to support running plans.

Should you wish to provide feedback on going conditions, or other facilities, at any fixture, please do so by accessing the feedback form that is available [HERE](#)

Sleip motion analysis - voluntary trial

The BHA announced on Tuesday that the Sleip motion analysis technology would be trialled at existing pre-race trot up examinations. Many trainers will already be familiar with Sleip, which offers a simple way of tracking points on a horse's moving body using a smartphone and providing stride-by-stride analysis – helping to detect any asymmetries in a horse's gait. For more information on Sleip click [HERE](#)

From 12 June 2024, Sleip will be available for use at all Summer Jumps fixtures where all-card trot-ups are due to take place. This will be on a trial basis, with trainers invited to volunteer to help BHA veterinary officers test whether the technology could be used more widely on a raceday.

The technology will then be gradually introduced, on the same basis, for testing at all-card trot-ups at Flat fixtures from mid-July and then at National Hunt fixtures in the Autumn, giving as many trainers as possible the opportunity to see how it works and provide feedback. As the trial is voluntary, the results captured by Sleip motion analysis will not contribute to decision-making on raceday about whether or not a horse is considered suitable to race. This will continue to be determined by BHA veterinary officers in the normal way.

The BHA has confirmed that no horse will be assessed using Sleip without the agreement of the member of staff who is responsible for the horse on the day. Trainers are asked to ensure that their staff are briefed on their views ahead of them attending the racecourse.

To monitor, and gain a better understanding of the trial, the NTF has arranged for William Jarvis to attend the following days where the all-card trot ups will be taking place.

12th June Fontwell

15th July Windsor

16th July Nottingham

If members have any concerns please contact George Noad at g.noad@racehorsetrainers.org

The full press release by the BHA can be found [here](#)

Equine Influenza Vaccinations - Updated Deadline

Please note that as of 1 June 2024, the deadline for having equine influenza vaccination information uploaded and approved on the Weatherbys Vaccination App was amended as follows:

- Trainers will now have until 4pm on the day a race closes to resolve any issues with horse's vaccination status.
- The deadline for the Trainer's veterinary surgeon to verify vaccinations will continue to be 9am the day after the race closes.

This follows a review of the trial introduced last year to give trainers additional time after entries had closed to address any outstanding issues with their horse's vaccination status. As part of the trial, the deadline was extended from midday on the day of the race to 9am the following day. However, it has become evident that the 9am deadline does not allow sufficient time for updates on the Vaccination App to be manually processed – leading to delays in getting information out to participants and the public. As such, trainers will continue to be given additional time to ensure the correct information has been recorded on the Weatherbys App, but the deadline has been brought forward to 4pm on the day the race closes, rather than 9am on the following day.

Veterinary surgeons will still have until 9am the day after entries close to verify the vaccination records, and the email reminder system will remain in place to help reduce the likelihood of a situation where a horse is not qualified to race.

Changes to the Rules of Racing

Use of Ice Prior to Racing

The use of ice on a horse prior to racing will not be permitted once the horse has arrived at the racecourse, unless approved by a BHA veterinary officer. Previously, ice was allowed to be

applied to a horse on a racecourse up until two hours before the start time of a race, and within two hours if approval was granted. As ice can be used to mask pain, it has now been agreed that ice or other cooling devices can only be used once a horse enters a racecourse if permission is granted by a veterinary officer.

Rule (E) 9.2 will be updated accordingly on 1 July 2024.

Use of Equipment of Racecourse Stables

An addition to the Rules intended to make clear what equipment is not permitted to be used on horses in the racecourse stables area. Unless approved by a BHA veterinary officer, items designed or advertised to have an effect on the horse's body system, such as magnetic boots, magnetic rugs and massage pads, should not be brought onto racecourse property.

Rule (E) 9.3 will be added to the Rules on 1 July 2024.

Sensory Hair Removal

The removal of sensory hairs (more commonly known as whiskers) will no longer be permitted, bringing British racing into line with other international equestrian disciplines. Unless removed by a veterinarian on welfare grounds or to allow for treatment, the sensory hairs around a horse's mouth, nose and eyes can no longer be clipped, shaven or removed in any way. This change has been made to help ensure a horse's tactile sensory function is not compromised, which can happen if sensory hairs are removed.

Rule (D)3.3 will be added to the Rules on 1 July 2024.

Use of Lip Chains

An amendment to the Equipment Code for lip chains to provide greater clarity about the circumstances in which they can be used on a racecourse. From 1 July, lip chains can only be used if the chain is covered and connected to a lead rope which is under the control of a handler on the ground. A trainer can also now apply a lip chain without permission from a veterinary officer. Veterinary officers will be monitoring to ensure lip chains are being used in the right way, to help avoid any discomfort to the horse or injury to others if used incorrectly.

Paragraph 18 of the Equipment Code will be updated to reflect this change.

Race Survey

Recent studies have shown that schooling race and galloping opportunities on racecourses provide a valuable stepping stone from the home training grounds to the first experience of a competitive race environment. The BHA's Equine Safety Steering Group (ESSG) has deemed this area worthy of further exploration, and this HWB survey is the first step on that journey. The purpose of the survey is to gauge the level of support British trainers would give if it were possible to implement a similar system in the UK to that run in Ireland. We shall be liaising and working with the Point-to-Point Association (PPA) and the Racecourse Association (RCA) throughout the project.

Your feedback at this stage will be pivotal to the direction taken, and a high response rate is vital to the credibility of the survey, so please do complete this if you can.

Conscious of your time pressures, we have deliberately made the first section short with 16 multiple choice questions. It should take no more than five to ten minutes to complete. The final questions allow free text answers, so those of you who wish to give more expansive thoughts and feedback can do so there. The survey is anonymous, and raw data will be discarded once analysed, so please speak freely.

Additional information can be found in Jane Hedley's MBA paper: [Evaluation of Racecourse Galloping and Schooling activity](#) - J Hedley November 2023 and if you have any queries or would like to discuss the idea further, please contact Pip

Kirkby: pkirkby@racehorsewelfare.co.uk

Thank you for your time. Please access the survey here - [Racecourse Galloping and Schooling Survey](#)

Placings appeals

Where placings are altered following a steward's enquiry, the timeframe under the rules for submitting an appeal to the BHA are as follows:

2 working days - In cases where the jockey is suspended and appeals that suspension

7 days - In other cases

We are currently discussing options with the BHA that will enhance communications to trainers in cases where the right of appeal will be open to them and will provide a further update in due course.

The NTF legal expenses insurance policy does not cover representation at placings appeals – however the NTF team is on hand for members to discuss the processes for an appeal, the format of a notice of appeal and what the Judicial Panel will consider at an appeal.

Owner disputes

We have a considerable number of trainers contacting us regarding unpaid debts or other owner disputes and looking to use the NTF legal expenses insurance scheme.

To have cover under the insurance scheme, there needs to be reasonable prospects of success – what will help your prospects is having a paper trail of communications with the owner.

These do not necessarily have to be anything formal – a simple email confirming to the owner that you in accordance with their instructions you are doing x, y or x can be invaluable as contemporaneous evidence as to what has been verbally agreed.

Having good paperwork in place can also reduce the time required by the legal expenses solicitors to respond to a matter thereby helping keep costs down and keep premiums down.

Racing Industry Accident Benefit Scheme (RIABS)

When completing the RIABS Claim form, please note that all six pages must be kept together and signed, in Part A and Part B, for the claim to be processed.

The GP must see the details stated in pages 1 - 4 to complete and sign Part B.

The trainer must see the form is complete to sign Part A. [Link to RIABS](#)

31st May 2024

Liability Insurance

We are continuing to work with the BHA to seek to address the issue that the sport faces with the rapidly increasing cost of liability insurance across the sector.

As a starting point, it would help the working group to understand a little more about the specifics of the costs faced by trainers via a relatively short survey that we have put together.

It would be very helpful if you could complete the survey [HERE](#)

Worcester and Southwell - New Weighing Rooms

For those with runners at Worcester on Saturday 01 June and/or at Southwell on Tuesday 04 June, please note that their flood impacted Weighing Room projects are complete so you will be in the new facilities.

Worcester is a complete rebuild and Southwell's a re-design and modular extension. Both courses hope that you will appreciate these new facilities for the modern era and thank you for your patience during all the works.

Enquiries to cmoore@arenaracingcompany.co.uk

Race times and Epsom

We would like to draw trainers' attention to the recent email circulated by Shaun Parker, BHA Head of Stewarding, reminding participants and racecourses of their responsibilities with getting races off on time and enabling attendees to see horses in the paddock before each race.

This is a subject of considerable focus at the moment for the industry and trainers are reminded to adhere to the requirements to get horses into, and out of, the paddock in a timely manner to avoid any sanction.

We anticipate that the BHA will seek to become more vigilant in this area at all meetings in the future and would like to avoid trainers being sanctioned if at all possible.

The email from Shaun is available [HERE](#)

MonoShield Gastro Care - BETA update

We have been contacted by the British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) regarding the use of MonoShield Gastro Care, which we understand has been marketed to British trainers by Irish-based companies. The product MonoShield Gastro Care has been withdrawn from sale in Ireland following an instruction from the Irish department of Agriculture to undertake a product recall.

BETA has advised that despite promising medicinal benefits for the prevention and treatment of gastric ulcers, Gastro Care operates outside feed and veterinary regulations and, at the recommended usage rates, could pose a risk to equine health and welfare. The BHA and NTF wanted to share this information right away, as we are aware that a number of British trainers are potentially using MonoShield Gastro Care. If you are using this product, you are advised to stop doing so immediately.

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NTF Badges

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NTF Trainer Metal Badges 2023 are valid until 31st March, and provide access to racecourses. The 2024 badges will be despatched in time for use from April. Please keep the NTF office updated with the badge number of lost badges, (date of where and when lost) and when a staff member allocated a badge leaves. NTF badges are non-transferable.

Lycetts Premium and Membership Renewal

Lycetts have confirmed the premium calculations for the 2024 renewal of the NTF Legal Expenses Insurance (LEI) scheme, as explained in your NTF Membership Renewal Pack. The NTF membership fee, which includes each trainer's contribution to the premium remains unchanged for the second year, depending on the band with the number of employees. Weatherbys will be adding this to members' accounts next week.

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New Licence for Syndicators and Racing Club Managers

The early index for races from 24th June – 15th Sept are now available to [download from the](#)

[NTF Website](#). Races from 24th June to 14th July were made available online on Wednesday 1st May and the rest of the book will be online on 16th May.

The industry will be introducing a new licence for anyone wishing to manage a syndicate or racing club. This new licence will apply to anyone who is ultimately responsible for managing a syndicate or racing club that advertises publicly or that they are paid to administer.

This will include licensed trainers who run syndicates or racing clubs although the BHA has ensured that information that is already held as part of licensing will be taken into account and should make the process simpler than for those who are not already licenced.

The BHA has provided the following explanation as to what the changes might mean for trainers and to ensure the appropriate support is available before the license is launched in early June. This is available [HERE](#)

In addition, a comprehensive FAQ document will be shared with trainers ahead of the new licence being introduced.

Should trainers have any questions please contact :
the BHA Ownership Team ownership@britishhorseracing.com
0207 152 0004

Sunday Evening Meeting Pilot

You will have seen in the BHA announcement this week that the BHA Board has agreed that the Sunday evening racing pilot will not be resumed at this time.

The full press release can be found [HERE](#)

The pilot was introduced as part of industry strategy discussions that seek to improve the sports financial position and was originally proposed as a trial of thirty fixtures. We were able to agree a trial of just six fixtures as it was recognised that the sport faces significant ongoing resource challenges and that a trial of thirty would have been very difficult to achieve.

The surveys that the NTF, NARS and the PJA sent out at the conclusion of the trial were important in order to be able to provide a clear view from participants. This was critical in helping the Commercial Committee and BHA Board reach the decision to shelve this trial and we would like to thank members who took the time to provide their feedback.

There is some likelihood that discussions around the concept of Sunday evening racing will resurface again in the future but it is an important caveat made by the BHA Board that any further trial would be contingent on sufficient progress being made to address staffing issues within the sport.

Royal Ascot 2024 – Trainer Mini Guide

Ahead of the Royal meeting, Ascot racecourse has asked us to share the [MINI-GUIDE](#) to the meeting. This provides information on prize money, entry to the racecourses and some guidance for anyone planning a picnic in car park 2.

Equine Influenza Vaccinations

We have been contacted by the BHA and Weatherbys regarding the grace period that is offered to trainers to ensure that vaccine data is up to date at the point of race entry. Trainers will recall that a new policy was agreed with the BHA last year that meant that horses were not NQ'd immediately at entry stage if all vaccine requirements were not in place but were given until 9am the next day to ensure that they were completed. The aim of this was to ensure that horses were not unnecessarily NQ'd because of a procedural point.

Since that time, it has become evident that dealing with some of the more complex queries that involve more than a vet sign off, can lead to impacts on Weatherbys processes for getting information out to the public. For this reason, the policy has now been amended, such that the following will apply for races that close on or after June 1st 2024:

- The deadline for the Trainer updating the Vaccination App will be 4pm on the day the race closes
- The deadline for the Trainer's veterinary surgeon to verify vaccinations will continue to be 9am the day after the race closes.

Further to this, we continue to engage with the BHA on the subject of 6 monthly vaccinations and are seeking an increase to the interval between vaccines to be increased to at least 8 months. We also asked the BHA at a recent meeting to commit to an investigation to whether there are any adverse findings following the introduction of 6 month vaccinations, something that they have agreed to do.

We will continue to update members with any progress here but are conscious that feedback from the BHA has consistently noted their desire to remain aligned with the rest of Europe.

Horse Welfare Board: Racecourse Galloping and Schooling Race Survey

Recent studies have shown that schooling race and galloping opportunities on racecourses provide a valuable stepping stone from the home training grounds to the first experience of a competitive race environment. The BHA's Equine Safety Steering Group (ESSG) has deemed this area worthy of further exploration, and this HWB survey is the first step on that journey.

The purpose of the survey is to gauge the level of support British trainers would give if it were possible to implement a similar system in the UK to that run in Ireland. We shall be liaising and working with the Point-to-Point Association (PPA) and the Racecourse Association (RCA) throughout the project.

Your feedback at this stage will be pivotal to the direction taken, and a high response rate is vital to the credibility of the survey, so please do complete this if you can. The survey will remain open until Friday 7th June.

Conscious of your time pressures, we have deliberately made the first section short with 16 multiple choice questions. It should take no more than five to ten minutes to complete. The final questions allow free text answers, so those of you who wish to give more expansive thoughts and feedback can do so there. The survey is anonymous, and raw data will be discarded once analysed, so please speak freely.

Additional information can be found in Jane Hedley's MBA paper: [Evaluation of Racecourse Galloping and Schooling activity - J Hedley November 2023](#) and if you have any queries or would like to discuss the idea further, please contact Pip Kirkby: pkirkby@racehorsewelfare.co.uk

Thank you for your time. Please access the survey here - [Racecourse Galloping and Schooling Survey](#)

Trainer Support Network – Roles available

Following on from the successful coverage by Sky Sports Racing, highlighting the Racehorse Trainers Benevolent Fund and National Trainers Federation Trainer Support Network, with interviews between Josh Apiafi and Michael Caulfield, the Trainer Support Network is looking for additional members to for the team, to be available in the racing community for trainers to approach informally. Further information and contact details are available [via this link](#)

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Cheltenham and Aintree Medication Declarations 2024 - Feedback Request

Trainers who have declared a horse to run at the 2024 Cheltenham Festival and/or the 2024 Grand National Festival should have received an email from the BHA to provide feedback on the use of the Equine Medirecord (EMR) online system. If you would like to provide feedback please [use this form](#).

IFAR Launches Membership and Supporter Initiative

The International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR) announced on 14 May that [IFAR membership](#) is now available for racing and aftercare organisations and individuals who embrace the mission, objectives, and values of IFAR as set forth in its Membership Charter.

“The aftercare of racehorses remains an important and ever-growing global initiative,” said IFAR Chair Di Arbuthnot. “This is an important next step for both IFAR and the racing industry. Becoming a member of IFAR allows responsible organisations to publicly demonstrate their commitment to the wellbeing of our equine athletes after their racing days are done.”

Interested parties are encouraged to complete the IFAR Membership/Supporter Form and return it to ifarmembership@gmail.com.

26th April 2024

On behalf of the BHA - Ethnicity Research- Survey, Interviews and Focus Groups

Regarding research into the experiences of ethnically diverse communities, working in racing.

Over 300 people are engaging with the survey, so far. This will remain open until the 31st May 2024, so please take a few minutes to complete and encourage colleagues, members and stakeholders to complete here: [Introduction to the survey : Exploring experiences of working in horseracing \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk/horseracing)

In addition, we are encouraging people to have more detailed conversations with the research team via one to one interviews or participating in focus groups. These will begin from May onwards and can be flexible in terms of availability. If anyone would like to contribute, please email horseracingreview@plan4sport.co.uk.

If you would like someone to come and talk to colleagues or members about the research, or you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your support.

Lyndon Roberts
Head of Diversity and Inclusion
British Horseracing Authority

On behalf of Racing Home - Free post maternity physio rehab sessions available for women working in the racing industry.

This includes female trainers, wives, partners and all racing staff. Please share [this poster](#) with your team.

The Racing Home project provides up to six free physio sessions across all racing yards in the UK. Each programme provides a tailored fitness plan for rehab, strength and conditioning to maintain fitness before returning to work. The sessions are delivered by fully qualified IJF physios at one of the three [Injured Jockeys Fund centres](#) or elsewhere to suit the location of

individual candidates. Those eligible include mothers who've returned to any yard based role in recent years.

Racing Home is making racing a better place to raise a family both for the sake of its participants and for the overall sustainability of the industry.

A [short film](#) explains the objectives of the programme and solutions implemented so far.

For more information or to enquire about a place, please contact:

Dana Mellor dana@simplyracing.uk

All-card trot up dates, April - September 2024

Please see [this link](#) for an updated list of the Flat and Jump fixtures at which all-card trot ups and pre-race examinations are expected to take place in the coming months. This now includes a provisional schedule up until the end of September 2024.

Please continue to contact the BHA in advance of raceday if you wish to discuss a horse that may be described as a “poor mover” or having an “asymmetrical gait”. The easiest way to do this is by emailing: vetreports@britishhorseracing.com

Foundation Courses at The British Racing School - DATE CHANGE NOTIFICATION - start date 13/05/24 (12-week course finishing beginning of August)

The British Racing School has announced a date change for the next Foundation Course intake, which will now begin on 13th May 2024. A 12-week course, this will finish in early August, proving perfect timing for any NH yards who would like to upskill some of their younger staff over the quieter summer period.

Students will be working towards a Level 2 Diploma in Racehorse Care and Management and will continue to be supported by BRS staff on their return to the yard.

Costs: £850 (plus £100 deposit)
Bursaries available for lower income families
All accommodation & subsistence included.

Students will be taught best practice methods of how to care for racehorses, will understand the basics of equine first aid, what to look for when checking for lameness, how to tack up and handle horses confidently, and how to canter racehorses confidently upsides and in a string, as well as life skills such as cooking and basic car maintenance.

Hartpury University - Transforming Retraining: supporting racehorses' to have successful second careers - WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL at CHELTENHAM RACECOURSE

Hartpury University would like to invite you to a presentation of the findings from our research at Cheltenham Racecourse.

If you have an interest in retraining or rehoming former racehorses, we hope you will be able to join us at Cheltenham before racing on Wednesday 17th April 10.30 – 11.30am. We will share our findings with you, discuss them with a panel and open up the presentation to the floor for questions. Refreshments provided.

Following retirement from racing, racehorses adapt physically and mentally to a new lifestyle and different performance expectations. Optimal early retraining is of paramount importance to maximise the racehorse's potential to have a good quality of life beyond racing. However, little is known about how this transition is managed by those experienced in supporting retraining racehorses. We have surveyed and discussed how horses' transition from racing to their second careers is managed across experienced retrainers, racing and veterinary professionals. The results have identified common features, and key stages of successful early retraining.

This research project was funded by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Equine Welfare Research Foundation.

The purpose of this session is to reach out to participants that have an interest in retraining & rehoming former racehorses.

PLEASE RSVP TO Saranna.jordan@hartpury.ac.uk AS WE NEED NAMES TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE.

ON behalf of Saranna Jordan
Horse Racing Liaison and Lecturer
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NTF Badges for the Grand National Festival

Trainers should be advised that specific arrangements are in place for NTF badge holders at the Grand National Festival.

Entrance to the racecourse

No entrance will be granted with NTF badges alone. Instead, NTF badge holders should either register on PASS or contact Carly Sage to book in for an Owners and Trainers badge to be allocated for collection at the Owners and Trainers desk upon arrival. Badges are available for the trainer and a guest and are non-transferable. Owners and Trainers badges will provide access to the Goffs Owners and Trainers pavilion although only trainers with runners will be granted access to O'Sulleavans, the restaurant area in the pavilion.

O&T badges that are allocated will allow access to the paddock barring for the Foxhunters,

Topham and Grand National.

Car Parking

NTF Car passes are not valid at the Grand National festival but can be booked when registering for entrance to the racecourses as detailed above.

Carly Sage can be contracted at aintree.owners@thejockeyclub.co.uk

For retired trainers holding an RCA accreditation, information should have been sent out separately regarding the process for applying for badges. For any late requests please email RCAGN@thejockeyclub.co.uk

NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK 2024

National Racehorse Week 2024 will take place 7th – 15th September. After a brilliant 2023, with some excellent hosts putting on brilliant open days and community events around the country. National Racehorse Week returns for its fourth year!

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There are two sessions and you can sign up HERE - <https://paulntf.wufoo.com/forms/m1ted2pk06mauw1/>

Thursday 4th April	12.30pm
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Veterinary process for 2024 Aintree Grand National Festival

The BHA have written to trainers providing an update for the medical declarations and pre-race veterinary examination process for the 2024 Aintree Grand National Festival.

This year the medical declaration process will apply to all runners in all races. However, the information that needs to be submitted and the respective deadlines will differ depending on the race in which your horse is entered.

- The Grand National Handicap Steeple Chase
- The Foxhunters' Open Hunters' Chase and the Topham Handicap Chase
- All other races run over the Hurdle or Mildmay Course

As in previous years (and in line with the process for the Cheltenham Festival), trainers with runners at Aintree will be contacted directly via email with precise information about what you need to do, the relevant deadlines and where you can access support.

The medical and veterinary information required must be submitted using the Equine MediRecord (EMR) online system. Again, this is the same as last year.

Some trainers will be familiar with EMR, which is also being used at this year's Cheltenham Festival. For those who haven't used the system before, the EMR team will be available to provide the necessary support. You can contact them by:

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

As noted, all trainers with runners will be contacted directly via email – both by the BHA and EMR - with full details about what needs to be submitted, the processes to follow and the relevant deadlines.

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

All runners in all races at the Aintree Grand National Festival will continue to receive a pre-race examination and trot-up at the racecourse on the morning of their race. This will be overseen by BHA Veterinary Officers.

2YOs of 2024 Restricted Bands

Please note that the restricted bandings for 2yos of 2024 will remain the same as for 2yos of 2023. For clarification those bands are:

Band	Auction Value	Median Auction Value
Open	N/A	N/A
Band A	£66,001 - £105,600	<£42,350
Band B	£39,601 - £66,000	<£28,160
Band C	£19,801 - £39,600	<£17,600
Band D	£1 - £19,800	<£8,800

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You can sign up or provide your apologies [HERE](#)

<https://paulntf.wufoo.com/forms/zd6loj30o59o78/>

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Cheltenham Festival – Badge Policy

NTF Metal Badges will not gain access to the Cheltenham Festival.

Trainers with runners at the Festival will be able to collect lapel pin badges for the day(s) that they have runners from the following locations;

- 9th – 11th March from the Hall of Fame
- Festival race days from the Owners and Trainers Desk at North Entrance.

Those without runners who are members of the NTF will be able to collect a Club Ticket and Badge from the O&T desk at North Entrance on arrival. Please note that for the Cheltenham Festival, NTF badges do not allow access to O&T facilities.

Trainers with runners please ensure you have your metal lapel pin with you on arrival at the Festival to gain access into, the Weighing Room, Parade Ring, Pre-Parade Ring, Unsaddling Enclosure, O&T Facilities, and the Reserved Viewing on the steps in front of the Main Grandstand.

Cheltenham request that any trainers who may be collecting badges bring a form of ID should it be required.

Should trainers require any additional tickets/badges please get in touch with Jennifer Dewhurst on 01242 537602 or e-mail: Jennifer.Dewhurst@thejockeyclub.co.uk

Parking

Owners & Trainers Parking is reserved for trainers with runners at The Festival. Car Parking labels will be posted out prior to the meeting via Weatherbys.

The Gold Cup Winning Trainer

There will be a Press Conference in the Media Centre beside the Pre-Parade Ring following The Gold Cup on Friday, where the winning jockey and trainer will be escorted to answer any questions from the Press. Your co-operation with this is very much appreciated.

National Racehorse Week 2024 – 7th – 15th September

After a brilliant week in 2023, with many trainers hosting superb open days and community events around the country, National Racehorse Week will be returning for its fourth year.

The 2024 event will take place between 7th and 15th September and we hope to be able to continue to build on the success of this great initiative.

Yards will be able to sign up to be involved from March.

Should you have any queries please email :slyons@greatbritishracing.com”

Eighth International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses will be held as part of 2024 Asian Racing Conference

The eighth International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR) will be held in conjunction with the 40th Asian Racing Conference (ARC), which is scheduled to take place between 27 August and 1 September 2024, in Sapporo, Japan.

The 40th ARC is presented by the Asian Racing Federation (ARF) and the Japan Racing Association (JRA), which is the host of this conference.

The IFAR conference will take place on Tuesday, 27 August, and it will facilitate an aftercare facility visit as well as host a variety of panels with speakers from around the world.

IFAR Chair Di Arbuthnot said, “We are thrilled to once again be a part of the ARC. The aftercare of racehorses remains an important issue on a global scale. Being able to meet in person to share experiences, best practices, and success stories is a vital part of IFAR.”

For more information about the Asian Racing Conference and how to register, please visit <https://arcsapporo2024.com>

IFAR is an independent forum that recognizes geographical and industry differences among racing countries and is designed to enhance Thoroughbred aftercare worldwide. Working with the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA), IFAR will raise awareness of the importance of welfare for Thoroughbreds, improve education on lifetime care, and help increase demand for former racehorses in other equestrian sports. For more information on IFAR, visit <https://www.internationalracehorseaftercare.com>.

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British Horse Society and Joint Command survey on low flying and horse riders

Some members will remember that a number of years ago the NTF engaged with the RAF on behalf of trainers and the wider equestrian community with regard to horse safety and low flying helicopters. The British Horse Society and Joint Helicopter Command have now launched a survey for those affected by low flying activities and have provided the summary below:

JHC Horse Rider Safety Survey

Are you a horse rider? Do you have friends and family who ride horses? We need YOUR help to spread the word about a vital initiative related to horse and rider safety.

Mitigating the risk that low flying helicopters pose to horse riders continues to be one of Comd JHC's key priorities.

As part of this ongoing work, JHC, in collaboration with The British Horse Society, has developed a Horse Riding Safety Survey aimed at gathering valuable insights from riders across the UK. As members of the horse-riding community, your input is invaluable in shaping future safety measures.

Your involvement can make a real difference in creating a safer environment for all horse riders. Thank you for your support and commitment to promoting horse riding safety.

Here's how you can help:

Participate in the Survey: Take a few minutes to [complete the survey](#)

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NTF Members Legal Expenses Insurance

Members have been sent information about the business legal expenses insurance renewal in their 2024 membership pack.

We appreciate that there will be issues that arise whilst a trainer is an NTF member but where help is needed after the member has relinquished their licence. We are pleased to be able to let members know that the insurance cover will now apply to claims arising whilst a trainer is licensed and an NTF member but where the claim has been submitted after the licence has been relinquished, provided the claim is submitted within three months of that date or the end of the policy year, if sooner. All claims will remain subject to the terms and conditions of the legal expenses insurance and members are reminded that claims must be submitted as soon as possible. This will only apply to claims made on or after 1st January 2024.

National Racehorse Week - 7th to the 15th September 2024

The 2024 National Racehorse Week (NRW) is confirmed to run from the 7th to the 15th of September in 2024 with support from the Racing Foundation, the Racing Post and Godolphin. The Racing Foundation will support the event for a fourth year by supporting the community engagement activities that form part of NRW.

In 2024, the event aims to stage more than 60 community events and attract more than 3,500 attendees to them. View the video [here](#)

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Autism Employment Seminar – one-hour enlightening free webinar

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There are people who are Autistic who dream of working with horses. It would be fantastic to get as many trainers or their representatives to attend, to find out how they can make Autistic peoples dream become a reality in becoming valued racing staff. Details are available [HERE](#)

Autism Awareness workshop coming up in Newmarket.

We would like to get as many trainers or representatives to attend on the evening.

Our ambassador, Will Buick, is going to help where he can in rounding up Newmarket.

Please click [here](#) for details

Racing Welfare - Home Energy Grant for 2024

This will follow the same format as previous years and for those in the racing industry, who come under the minimum income standard and are struggling to meet their home energy costs they will

be receive a £300 grant for use towards this. Full eligibility can be discussed with a welfare officer so we would encourage everyone to ring and check. Applications can be made using our online portal which can be found on the website [here](#)

ROR Strategy 2024-2026 - Download [here](#)

RoR's mission is clear: to safeguard the wellbeing of all former racehorses. This strategy sets out our ambitions and goals, and how we will get there. Crucially, successful implementation depends on the collective commitment, collaboration and support of the entire racing community — from the British Horseracing Authority to trainers, owners, breeders, racecourses, and international partners through the International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses.

In order to deliver the strategy, over the next three years we need to elevate industry funding to cover core RoR activities including our welfare and education streams and direct support for horses. Achieving this milestone would serve as a powerful testament to the industry's support for aftercare. A successfully delivered strategy will position British racing with an aftercare structure to be truly proud of, reflecting positively on the entire industry.

Your support is integral, and we are confident that, together, we can create a lasting impact and ensure a brighter future for former racehorses in Great Britain.

Trainer Magazine – available online

Trainers in the U.K. are encouraged to sign up for website updates and access articles / past issues via trainermagazine.com/register - trainers are also welcome to share the link with their staff.

World Horse Welfare's event – Social licence: What can we learn from other industries?

Following on from the WHW virtual conference yesterday on 'Maintaining public acceptance of equestrianism: What can we learn from other industries?', the WHW are very pleased to let you know that [recording](#) of all the presentations is now available to view. Please feel free to share this link with any colleagues you think would be interested in the topics explored.

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International Thoroughbred Breeding Industry – Free Webinar and Conferences

Open to all involved in Thoroughbred Breeding and Racing.

This major international industry event will take place on Thursday 18th January 2024 at 12.00 Midday (UK time) for 75 mins

REGISTER https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uH8AaQC7REOYev_GWsNIRQ

A link to the video recording will be made available to those who register but are unable to attend live.

‘An International Bloodstock Journey’ The story of Kirsten Rausing and Lanwades Stud (ITBF Chairman). An exclusive film and interview telling the story of the businesswoman and Thoroughbred owner-breeder’s journey through the bloodstock world. From the pedigree-obsessed teenager, to breeding World Champion and Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe heroine, ALPINISTA. The bloodstock decisions that made this happen! Live Q & A Session

Equine Grass Sickness (EGS) A devastating disease with an 80% fatality rate that can occur anywhere in temperate areas of the world where equids are kept. Cases go back over 100 years, but the cause remains unknown. Research hampered by a lack of samples from EGS cases and co-grazer control -our presenters explain how we can aid critical research progress, leading to a worldwide understanding of the triggers and causes of the disease - and in turn, the answers that will ultimately protect equines in the future.

Dr Richard Newton MRCVS, MSc, PhD and FRCVS

Director of Epidemiology & Disease Surveillance, Equine Infectious Disease Surveillance

Dr Beth Wells PhD

Principal Research Scientist, Moredun Research Institute

Live Q & A Session

<https://www.international-tbf.com/conferences/>

5th January 2024

NTF Badges

Trainers have now been sent their car park passes for 2024. We are currently in discussions with the RCA regarding the 2024 badge allocation and expect an agreement to be reached in the coming week. Whilst we seek to resolve this issue, we thank members for their patience and can confirm that the 2023 green NTF badges remain valid and will provide access to racecourses as they have in the past.

Enhanced pre-race examinations 2024

The BHA has sent out a communication today regarding dates for enhanced pre-race checks that take place in the first quarter. It has been agreed with the BHA that each quarter will be sent in advance and that no fixture will have pre-race examinations added as standard without at least 14 days notice.

The notice is available [here](#)

BHA Notice Regarding Dantrolene

We have published a notice for trainers and veterinary surgeons regarding the use of Dantrolene. Please see the full notice [here](#).

This information will also be shared with veterinary surgeons.

For more information, please contact the BHA Medication Control and Anti-Doping team at anti-doping@britishhorseracing.com.
