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MEMBER SERVICES

2024 NTF Badges

Thank you to all who have completed the application form for RCA Photo ID Accreditation. We have received 670 responses so far, meaning that we have accounted for around two thirds of NTF badge holders. On this basis, we have agreed with the RCA that the current green NTF badges will continue to allow access to racecourses until the end of April.

If you are yet to complete the accreditation form and upload your photo please do so via this link <https://paulntf.wufoo.com/forms/zvnppt319ngk1c/>

We would ask that anybody who is due to be allocated an NTF badge for 2024 submits their photo via the form available below by no later than 14 April 2024:

<https://www.racehorsetrainers.org/webforms/badgerequest.asp>

We are also aware that some photos that have been submitted are not of suitable quality for use on a photo ID. Please ensure that photos uploaded need to be similar in style to passport photos, ideally a .jpeg, .png or .tif file, and of a resolution that will result in a file size of 1mb+.

It is unlikely that photos that are low resolution or which would not be suitable for a passport will be acceptable. We are in the process of reviewing photos received so far and will contact anyone who we think needs to resubmit their photo.

2024 red NTF badges will also now be delayed for a further month as they need to be sent out alongside photo IDs. This means that individuals who have not sent a photo in for accreditation by 14 April 2024 may not be able to access racecourses from 1 May.

Should you have any questions, please contact the NTF office.

The following Q&As are provided to help clarify future arrangements:

Will I have to queue to get in?

NTF members should not have to queue for any significant time. Photo IDs can be scanned by hand-held devices at entrances and NTF members will not have to queue to gain access beyond waiting for the person operating the hand-held scanner to be free to scan their ID. This would be in line with previous arrangements where the member of staff would check that they had an NTF badge.

Will I have to wear my Photo ID at all times?

No, the Photo ID is required by racecourses to ensure that sites comply with current safety guidance for sports grounds. This only requires Photo ID at the point of entry and your NTF badge will provide you with access to all areas of the racecourse that it has done in the past, once you are in (noting that the RCA recommend that Photo IDs are retained about your person in order that they are able to be shown upon request).

Access includes the O&T facility and the paddock although some additional restrictions will continue to exist at selected, high profile, meetings. Any such restrictions will be communicated in advance in the same way as they have been before. However, the RCA recommend that the Photo ID should be kept about your person during time on racecourses so as to be available on request.

How can I gain access to the racecourse if I forget my Photo ID?

In such circumstances, it will be necessary to queue at the O&T desk to gain access.

Can I get a replacement for my Photo ID if I lose it?

Yes, this can be done via the NTF office.

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Yes, this can be done via the NTF office although this arrangement is subject to review with the RCA depending on the number that are lost throughout the year.

Can my Photo ID be uploaded to my mobile phone and will this be accepted by racecourses?

At present, no. However, we intend to work with the RCA to put this in place later this year.

INDUSTRY NEWS

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!

Yards will be able to sign up to be involved from March. Any queries please email slyons@greatbritishracing.com

EMPLOYMENT

Home Office Sponsor's licence

Following the success in securing six racing and stud roles onto the Immigration Salary List, it would help us in further work we are doing with the BHA recruitment and retention team to know how many of our members currently hold sponsors licences, or are thinking of applying for one. From 4th April 2024, the minimum hourly rate for a new migrant worker hires to the UK is £15.88 per hour. Could you please fill in the short survey found here:

<https://paulntf.wufoo.com/forms/m1ngxeu91ngllpb/>

ACAS – Free webinars

Flexible working requests: A case study and the law

Wednesday 10 April

10 am to 10.30 am

2.30 pm to 3 pm

Our flexible working webinar will look at the April legislative updates affecting flexible working requests.

Carer's Leave - the law explained

Wednesday 17 April, 1.15 pm to 1.45 pm

In April 2024 a new law comes into effect allowing employees one week of unpaid leave per year to provide care for a dependent with long term care needs.

[Register your place](#)

Managing a fair disciplinary procedure

Thursday 18 April, 10 am to 11 am

For HR professionals and line managers, this webinar covers how to manage a fair disciplinary process.

[Register your place](#)

Investigations and disciplinaries: how to manage and disclose information

Wednesday 24 April, 2pm to 2.30 pm

Join us for our latest webinar where we answer some of the most asked questions about disclosing information during the disciplinary process.

[Register your place](#)

Disciplinary procedures - dealing with the unexpected

Tuesday 30 April, 10 am to 11 am

Join us to explore what employers can do when there are disruptions to a disciplinary process.

[Register your place](#)

OTHER BUSINESS

USEFUL LINKS :

Assistance at the start :

Training on racing2learn <https://racing2learn.com/course/index.php?categoryid=97>

Point to Point :

https://www.pointtopoint.co.uk/news_articles/pointing-route-to-training-under-rules

Trainer Support Network :

A network of knowledgeable and empathetic people for trainers to share the burdens of their busy and challenging working life. <https://www.racehorsetrainers.org/ntf/tsn.asp>