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EMPLOYMENT

REMINDER - Migrate UK webinar 23rd March advance notice

NTF members will have received an email invitation to an online webinar presented by Migrate UK. Migrate UK are specialist immigration advisers who assist NTF members with recruitment and managing the process of employing migrant workers.

If you have not received your email invitation to the webinar, with individual link, please email info@racehorsetrainers.org and we will arrange for one to be sent.

Racing Staff Development Programme - NHC

The Racing Staff Development Programme are holding an evening with Doctor George Wilson, sport physiologist & nutritionist at Liverpool John Moores University, on Monday 27th March at 7pm via Zoom. Join us for a look at how our work riders can fuel their body correctly, and the negative effects that poor nutrition can have on performance and physical output.

Being a work rider requires a high level of fitness, and available energy for optimum performance. We ensure our horses are eating the correct diet so why aren't we?

What should we be eating and how simple could it be? We are what we eat! Healthy bodies, healthy minds!

For login details please follow [the sign-up link](#)

INDUSTRY NEWS

BHA Notice – Safeguarding re overnight accommodation

We are writing to remind you about the way racecourses manage overnight accommodation for **people under the age of 18**, which aims 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, we 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 asked 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

Upcoming Events

REMINDER - NTF Seminar with Ashfords Solicitors

Rory Mac Niece and Joanne Saye of Ashfords solicitors, well known for representing trainers in BHA disciplinary matters, have kindly offered to present a seminar to NTF members on key topics including BHA anti doping rules, the rules on welfare and recent decisions, as well as BHA safeguarding and thoughts on recovery of unpaid training fees. An awareness of the recent decisions is key to understanding how best to protect your business and put you in the best position to defend a case should an issue arise. More details of the webinar contents can be found [here](#)

At present, if you could let Dawn Bacchus (d.bacchus@racehorsetrainers.org) at the NTF know if you would be interested in attending – once interest has been gauged a decision will be taken on offering the seminar in person at different locations or running it online.

RACE PLANNING

Additional Go North 'Lady Buttons' Series Qualifiers Added

Due to uncertainty around the final Go North Lady Buttons Series Qualifier (set to take place at Ayr on Saturday 11th March), connections now have the opportunity to qualify a filly/mare for the Lady Buttons Series Final (at Musselburgh on Friday 24th March) in the following three races:

- Race 21536: 2m4f 0-105 Handicap Hurdle at Sedgefield on 14th March
- Race 21532: 2m 0-120 Handicap Hurdle at Sedgefield on 14th March
- Race 21596: 3m 0-105 Handicap Hurdle at Hexham on 16th March

To fully qualify for the Final of this series, fillies/mares must be eligible to run in Class 2 Handicaps under the Rules of Racing and have started in two Go North Lady Buttons Series Qualifiers in the current season (or in one qualifier and one of the three races below as outlined). A list of part/fully qualified horses for all Go North Series Finals is available in the Race Series section of Racing Admin.

The final Go North Qualifiers (which have not yet closed) for each series are listed below:

Sea Pigeon (2m Hurdle) Series:

- 14/03/23 Sedgefield (0-120)

Cab on Target (2m4f Hurdle) Series:

- 14/03/23 Sedgefield (0-105)

Brindisi Breeze (3m Hurdle) Series:

- 16/03/23 Hexham (0-105)

Lady Buttons (2m 4f Mares' Hurdle) Series:

- 14/03/23 Sedgefield (0-120)
- 14/03/23 Sedgefield (0-105)
- 16/03/23 Hexham (0-105)

One Man (2m Chase) Series:

- 14/03/23 Sedgefield (0-100)

Monet's Garden (2m4f Chase) Series:

- 16/03/23 Hexham (0-100)

One Man (3m Chase) Series:

- 14/03/23 Sedgefield (0-110)
- 17/03/23 Doncaster (0-105)

Jodami (NHF) Series*:

- 18/03/23 Newcastle

*Series requires only one start in a Qualifier

CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL 2023

Overnight Stabling and Accommodation

Please can all overnight stabling and accommodation be booked through the booking form. Please note Cheltenham Racecourse cannot accommodate under 18s overnight.

Travel

Unfortunately, due to the planned train strikes during the Festival the racecourse is expecting a larger than normal volume of traffic which could cause some delays. Cheltenham is advising trainers

to plan accordingly. There will also be roads closures in place following the last race, please find further details here:

https://www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/cheltenham-festival/plan-your-day/travel/#planned_road_closures

NTF Badge Policy

NTF Metal Badge holders gain access to the Cheltenham Festival but only for the named person to whom the badge is registered. NTF badges allow access to the racecourse and act as a club enclosure badge. Please note that for the Cheltenham Festival, NTF badges do not allow access to O&T facilities.

Trainers with runners at the Festival will be sent, prior to the meeting, lapel pin badges on the day(s) that they have runners. To prevent any embarrassing situations, please make sure that you have your metal badges with you on arrival at the Festival to gain access into, the Weighing Room, Parade, Pre-Parade Rings, Unsaddling Enclosure, O&T Facilities and the Reserved Viewing on the steps on the front of the Main Grandstand and to walk the course. For any trainers who are not members of the NTF tickets will be sent with their pin badges.

Trainers who are not members of the NTF will be able to collect tickets to access to the racecourse from the O&T desk at North Entrance. We request that any trainers who may be collecting badges bring a form of ID should it be required.

Should you require any more 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 and the winning jockey and trainer will be escorted to the Media Centre to answer any questions from the Press. Your co-operation with this is very much appreciated.

RCA Badge Holders

RCA badge holders need to apply via the usual system in advance of the Festival, the email to contact this year is Cheltenham.rca@thejockeyclub.co.uk