

# NTF WEEKLY UPDATE – 12 FEBRUARY 2024 – Issue No. 1373

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Annual General Meeting

The 2024 NTF Annual General Meeting takes place on Thursday 29th February at Saddlers Hall, London <https://thesaddlers.org/>

We are keen to see as many of our members as possible and have secured the services of two excellent guest speakers as well as attendees from the BHA.

The Annual Report 2023, NTF accounts for 2023 and minutes of last year's AGM will be sent as hard copies before the AGM. We hope to see you there.

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### 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.

An explanation of the LEI scheme, key facts and policy wording can be found [here](#) on the NTF website.

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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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## RACE PLANNING

### Programme Book 2 Early Index

The early index for the remainder of Programme Book 2, covering 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup> June is now available on the [NTF Website](#).

Races from 23 March to 21 April will be published on the Racing Admin system from Monday 12 February.

Races from 22 April to 23 June will be published on the Racing Admin system from Wednesday 21 February.

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### Aintree Grand National 2024 - Medication Declaration Requirements

Trainers who have horses entered in the 2024 Aintree Grand National should have received an email with a letter and guide from James Given, Director of Equine Regulation, Safety and Welfare at the BHA, outlining the procedures for submitting medical information for horses entered in this race. The letter and guidance can also be found on the [NTF Website](#).

As with last year, the relevant medical and veterinary information must be submitted using the Equine MediRecord (EMR) online system. Trainers will receive an email from EMR by Wednesday 7 February with login details and a video user guide.

The EMR team will be available to assist with this process and to answer any questions. You can reach them using the contact information below:

Email: [info@equinemedirecord.com](mailto:info@equinemedirecord.com)

Phone (UK): +44 (0) 7469 131861

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### Cheltenham Festival Medical Declarations

Trainers who have entered a horse at the 2024 Cheltenham Festival or have previously entered a horse at The Festival over the last three years should have received an email from the BHA outlining the procedures for submitting medical records for horses entered at the 2024 Cheltenham Festival. The full letter to trainers can be found [here](#)

The only difference to last year's process is that medical records will need to be submitted via the Equine MediRecords (EMR) online system. If you have already entered a horse in a race that has closed for this year's Festival, you will have received an email from EMR with your

login details and a video user guide. If you plan to enter a horse in a race that is not yet closed, you will be contacted by EMR on or shortly after the entry closing date.

The EMR team will be available to assist with this process and to answer any questions. You can reach them using the contact information below:

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## MEMBER SERVICES

### The National Trainers Federation Charitable Trust

The National Trainers Federation Charitable Trust provides training for employees within the racing industry to develop their knowledge and skills. This creates opportunities to enhance their career prospects and retain them in racing. Often retraining enables those who meet with an accident or ill health to continue working in the horseracing when they can no longer ride. The trustees will consider applications for a wide variety of training courses. These include aspects of horse care, vehicle driver training, staff management, office skills and trainer licence modules. The charity is managed by Racing Welfare. It is funded from an endowment and a legacy from the Swire family in memory of Toby Balding.

The current trustees are Rupert Arnold (Chair), Jo Foster, Charlie Longsdon and Amy Murphy. Charlie is due to retire as a trustee and the NTF is looking for a replacement. Trustees meet twice a year by Zoom to decide policy on grants, finances and investments. Individual grant applications are sometimes referred to the chair and one trustee for approval depending on circumstances.

We would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would consider taking on this role – please contact Paul Johnson at [p.johnson@racehorsetrainers.org](mailto:p.johnson@racehorsetrainers.org) if you are interested.

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## OTHER BUSINESS

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### USEFUL LINKS :

Assistance at the start :

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

Point to Point :

[https://pointtopoint.co.uk/news\\_articles/pointing-the-pathway-to-riding-under-rules](https://pointtopoint.co.uk/news_articles/pointing-the-pathway-to-riding-under-rules)

[https://pointtopoint.co.uk/news\\_articles/trainers-urged-to-let-horses-race-on-in-points](https://pointtopoint.co.uk/news_articles/trainers-urged-to-let-horses-race-on-in-points)

#### USEFUL DATES

NTF Trainer Metal Badges

NTF Trainer Metal Badges 2023 valid to 31<sup>st</sup> March. 2024 issue will be sent to trainers in March.

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