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## BUSINESS

### 2023 Non-Domestic Rates

The Government have now published the rateable value for business properties from 2023.

[official statistics for Revaluation 2023](#)

This follows on from the closure of the 2017 list, meaning that no appeals of that period will now be considered.

[closure of the 2017 list](#)

You are now able to check the factual information used for your valuation in the 2023 list, and tell the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) if anything is wrong. This is called a Check.

You can also challenge your new rateable value if you think it is too high.

[Check and Challenge your business rates.](#)

Should trainers require any help and support in this area, they are advised to contact Christopher Mariott. In the past Christopher has had a great deal of success securing reductions on behalf of trainers.

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## EMPLOYMENT

### HMRC help with the end of the tax year and payroll

Find out how to finalise the 2022 to 2023 tax year and get your payroll ready for 2023 to 2024 by joining the following live webinar.

You can ask questions throughout using the on-screen text box.

#### **Payroll – annual reports and tasks**

This webinar will explain the steps you need to take at the end of the tax year and how to set up your payroll records for the new tax year, including:

- sending your last Full Payment Submission (FPS)
- confirming your final submission
- updating your software for the new tax year
- issuing P60s
- entering tax codes for the new tax year

#### **[Register here](#)**

If you missed the live webinar or would like to listen again, catch up with the recorded webinar '[Employers – what's new for 2023 to 2024?](#)' for a round-up of changes affecting payroll in the coming tax year.

There are also short but useful videos on HMRCs YouTube channel, including:

#### **[When and how to pay PAYE](#)**

#### **[How do I use payroll software to send reports to HMRC?](#)**

## RACE PLANNING

### On behalf of the BHA – Adjustments to new whip rules

As part of the ongoing roll out of the new whip rules the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) has engaged in ongoing communication with the Professional Jockeys Association (PJA) and senior jockeys from both codes.

As a result of this constructive dialogue and the BHA's monitoring of bedding-in period and implementation, a selection of small adjustments have been introduced to the rules and processes involved, as below.

#### 1. Repeat offences

Currently any rider who commits three offences of any type is referred to the Independent Judicial Panel. However, on an interim basis, the rule has been changed such that:

Any jockey will be referred to the Independent Judicial Panel following their **third above permitted level-only** offence within a six-month period.

However, a jockey will not be referred to the Independent Judicial Panel after just three 'technical' offences.

Instead, once a jockey commits **five** offences of **any type** (this can be a combination of above permitted level and other misuse offences) within a six-month period they will be referred to the Independent Judicial Panel.

Should a jockey be referred for either three above permitted level offences or five offences of any type, then these offences drop off their referral record so a jockey cannot be referred twice for the same offence

This is to distinguish between offences for use above the permitted level and those offences which are in relation to technique, as jockeys continue to adjust their riding styles.

This is an interim adjustment which has been put in place until the BHA and PJA hold a formal review in the summer after full implementation across both codes has passed.

#### 2. Suspension dates

During initial drafting of the rules it was intended that a suspension imposed by the Whip Review Committee (WRC) should be imposed 14-days from the date of the referral by the stewards.

However, following discussions with the PJA it was felt that there could be several occasions where there would be insufficient time for a jockey referred to the WRC (and suspended) to

lodge an appeal, and for it to be heard prior to the suspension.

The position agreed therefore was that all suspensions imposed by the WRC should start 14-days from its written decision.

Having been through the bedding-in period, and with suspensions now being imposed, the PJA and its members have asked to have the option to serve a suspension as if imposed by stewards on a raceday.

Therefore, jockeys in receipt of a notice of suspension from the WRC will now have the option of requesting that the suspension commences 14 days after the date of the referral by the stewards, should they not wish to appeal the penalty.

Otherwise the suspension will be served 14 days from the date of the WRC decision.

### 3. Riding fees

The rule has now been changed such that should a rider be disqualified from a race due to excessive use of the whip they will also forfeit their riding fee.

### 4. Whip Review Committee meetings

The Whip Review Committee will now switch to meeting twice a week rather than once.

The basic structure of the WRC's meetings will be as follows:

<b>Meet</b>	<b>Rides considered</b>
Tuesday	Previous Thursday – Sunday
Friday	Previous Monday – Wednesday

The next meeting of the WRC will be on Friday 31 March, covering rides from Monday 27 to Wednesday 29 March.

### 5. Without regard to stride

References to the misuse offence 'Without Regard to Stride' (double strike) have been removed from the Whip Guidance. Offences of this nature will now instead be categorised as Without Time to Respond

## VETERINARY

On behalf of Deutscher Galopp e.V.

Please find below some updates of the German rules. The vaccination rules are not changed but should be a reminder especially to send passport copies latest at the declaration to run stage to check the correct vaccinations.

### **VACCINATION OF RACEHORSES AGAINST EQUINE INFLUENZA AND EQUINE HERPES VIRUS**

*The Vaccination Programme for Germany must ensure that:*

*All horses that enter racecourse property must have received a primary vaccination against equine influenza and equine herpes virus consisting of two injections given no less than 21 days and no more than 60 days apart. Then a booster vaccination given not less than 120 days and no more than 180 days after the second component of the primary vaccination followed by a 6 month booster.*

*The first two injections of the primary vaccination course for both influenza and herpes virus are the minimum requirements to race in Germany.*

*Where six-monthly boosters are not given by the due date, a further course of primary vaccinations must be administered.*

*No horse shall run which has been vaccinated within the previous 7 days.*

*Trainers outside Germany should forward pictures of passport from cover/markings and vaccination pages at the pre declaration stage to [renntechnik@deutscher-galopp.de](mailto:renntechnik@deutscher-galopp.de) for advice/clearance prior to travelling.*

Our whip rules have changed from 5 hits to 3 hits during the whole race only for the purpose of correction and help but not for motivation. The penalty for offences with 5 or more hits raised dramatically.

### **SPECIAL WHIP RULES IN GERMANY NEW FROM JANUARY, 1st 2023**

*The use of the whip is limited to a **maximum of 3 hits** that a rider can give to a horse during the whole race only for the purpose of correction and as help. Back handlers with hands on reins on the shoulders are allowed for safety and corrective measures only and will not count to the max. number of 3 hits if they are not exceeding in an unqualified way. Even this number of hits could be too much if the horse is well beaten or easily winning or being clear for its placing. In a case of a rider to be found guilty by the stewards of exceeding use of the whip the following suspensions will be imposed:*

*Offence 14 days suspension*

*Offence 21 days suspension*

*Offence 28 days suspension*

*For each hit more (over 4) an additional suspension will be imposed as follows:*

*5 hits additional 42 days suspension*

*6 hits additional 84 days suspension*

*7 hits additional 168 days suspension*

*8 hits and more additional 168 days suspension*

*Furthermore a rider found guilty for a whip offence will be charged with a minimum of 50 % up to 100 % of the riding percentage.*

For our EMHF General Assembly in Warsaw in May I would like to know from each country (excluding the countries France, Great Britain, Ireland) the interference procedure if they follow the Category 1 or 2 philosophy to have an update and help countries to change to Category 1

As a reminder the Category 1 Protest/Objection rule is laid down as follows:

If, in the opinion of the Staging Authority's relevant judicial body, a horse or its rider causes interference and finishes in front of the horse interfered with but irrespective of the incident(s) the sufferer would not have finished ahead of the horse causing the interference, the judge's placings will remain unaltered.

If, in the opinion of the Staging Authority's relevant judicial body, a horse or its rider causes interference and finishes in front of the horse interfered with and if not for the incident(s) the sufferer would have finished ahead of the horse causing the interference, the interferer will be placed immediately behind the sufferer.

Racing Authorities may, within their Rules, provide for the disqualification of a horse from a race in circumstances in which the Staging Authority's relevant judicial body deems that the rider has ridden in a dangerous manner.

Best wishes

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## INDUSTRY

### ROR ANNOUNCES NEW 'HORSES FOR COURSES' equine ambassador programme

A new initiative to showcase the care given and opportunities open to former racehorses once their racing days end. The RoR Horses for Courses programme will launch their official equine ambassadors with the Jockey Club and independent racecourses.

RoR Horses For Courses ambassadors have been confirmed at the following racecourses:

Aintree – Definitely Red

Ascot – Side Glance

Carlisle – Duke of Navan

Chester – Glen's Diamond

Exeter – American

Goodwood – Magical Memory

Haydock Park – Robinsfirth

Sandown Park – Sire de Grugy

Wetherby – Wemyss Point

A video about Definitely Red and his involvement in RoR Horses For Courses can be [viewed here.](#)

## STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY

The 22<sup>nd</sup> April marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Stephen Lawrence's death. [The Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation](#) has co-ordinated activity with a number of charities, sports and organisations for the anniversary. Given our sport's huge audience, working with Racing Pathway, GBR are helping to show racing's support on what will be a day of national reflection and raise awareness of the ongoing work by the Foundation.

## CAREERS IN RACING and RACING GROOM

Staff who are members of [Racing Groom](#) will have seen the Careers in Racing mention of the 'Youth Collaboration Group'. If racing staff would like to join the group more information can be found in this link [Youth Collaboration Group - Careers in Racing](#)

## DEADLINES

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