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MEMBER SERVICES

2024 NTF Badges

We are currently producing the third batch of RCA Photo ID Accreditations.

Badge holders attempting to gain access to racecourses using only their red NTF badge are likely to experience difficulties without a photo ID accreditation showing the badge number.

A new photo ID accreditation and application form has been opened and will close on 23rd June, at which point those applications will be processed and produced. It is available [HERE](#)

Racing Post [Members' Club](#) online discount increased to 50%

We are pleased to be able to announce that the discount applied to Racing Post Members' Club for NTF members that was put in place in 2022 has been increased to 50% (previously 25%). This offer is open to all NTF members and can be activated when subscribing by using a discount code that can be provided by [contacting Jill Crook](#) at the NTF office. If you have any queries please contact the Racing Post's dedicated customer service team at help@racingpost.com.

INDUSTRY NEWS

NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK 2024 - 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](#)

OTHER BUSINESS

USEFUL LINKS :

Royal Ascot 2024 – Trainer [MINI-GUIDE](#)

Careers in Racing Jobs Board : <https://recruit.careersinracing.com/>

National Racehorse Week - 7 – 15 September 2024 : [SIGN UP](#)

HMRC – New [VAT Scale charges from 1st May 2024 – 30th April 2025](#)

Assistance at the start : [Training on racing2learn](#)

Point to Point : [Pointing Route to Training Under Rules](#)

Trainer Support Network : A [network of knowledgeable and empathetic people](#) for trainers and [Available Roles](#)

Latest Edition of IFAR's Global Aftercare [Newsletter](#)

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Regulation Deadlines

1st June 2024

- Equine Influenza Vaccinations – Updated Deadline. Trainers 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 is 9am the day after the race closes.

1st July 2024

- 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.
 - Use of Equipment in Racecourse Stables. Unless approved by a BHA veterinary officer, items designed or advertised to have an effect on the horse's body system, (e.g. magnetic boots/rugs, massage pads) should not be brought onto racecourse property
 - Sensory Hair Removal. The removal of sensory hairs (more commonly known as whiskers) will no longer be permitted,
 - Use of Lip Chains. 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.
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