



## NTF WEEKLY – 14 NOVEMBER 2017

### **Update on the BHA Racing Admin website**

Late last year the BHA made the decision not to close the old racing admin site until after the Ownership changes had been introduced to Ownership Admin. That activity has been completed and a number of workshops and course visits have been staged to provide help and support.

BHA and Weatherbys are now starting the process of shutting down the old Racing Admin website. Some parts of the site will close before the end of the year (such as Horses in Training and Stable Employees) but the entries and declarations part of the website will remain open until the middle of January 2018 at which point the site will become unavailable.

Throughout the site's development the BHA and Weatherbys have asked for feedback and trainers have been fantastic in coming forward with suggestions and amendments, of which over 250 have been implemented since launch to make the website better for you. They ask that any further feedback should be sent to [racingadmin@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:racingadmin@britishhorseracing.com). The team will endeavour to deal with these before the closure. It is worth noting however that the site will continue to be developed as time progresses and this does rely on feedback, so this email address will remain open so you may do that.

Trainers are encouraged to use the time between now and the closure to ensure they are familiar with the new website at <https://www2.racingadmin.co.uk>. You will find help and support within the website under your Information Menu and "Help & Support". Help Videos are also available under "How To Videos".

### **EHV vaccine to become mandatory to race in France**

The BHA has been told by France Galop that from January 2018, it will make vaccination against Equine Herpes Virus mandatory under their rules of racing. We understand that the BHA and Animal Health Trust do not favour the French policy. However, a letter written by France Galop and found on the internet by a British trainer states, "The EHV vaccination was already mandatory in France for the breeding stock...and our stakeholders have expressed the will to have all the racehorses vaccinated. Consequently we have decided to extend the benefit of this vaccination to the training and racing areas."

The French policy appears to disregard the shortage of vaccine in Europe and the problems encountered by trainers who have used imported vaccine. Although the letter indicates that the rule has not yet been published, it would be wise to plan ahead now if you intend to have runners in France after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

### **Nomination form for Lycetts Team Champion**

Nominations for Lycetts Team Champion Award must be with us by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The nomination form, which you download from the [NTF website](#), is a template that allows you to enter text in the boxes for each question. The boxes expand as you type to accommodate the amount of text you want enter. The formatting is fixed so if you want to vary the formatting to make a bigger impact, please contact us at [teamchampion@racehorsetrainers.org](mailto:teamchampion@racehorsetrainers.org) to obtain a plain Word document.

We want you to feel free to describe effectively the ways you and your team work together so please regard the 200 word count for each answer as a guide only. If you need any guidance about the process, please contact Rupert Arnold or Shelley Perham via the NTF office.

### **Brexit impact on staffing raised in MP visit**

A racing industry group is spearheading efforts to influence decisions about key issues caused by the UK's impending departure from the EU. Two major issues are movement of people and movement of horses and the BHA is ensuring that politicians understand the implications

Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP has written about his visit to Jackdaw's Castle in his latest newsletter, including this statement about access to labour after Brexit.

*"Last Friday's schedule began with a fascinating visit to Jonjo O'Neill's racing stables at Jackdaws Castle in Temple Guiting. My tour was conducted by Edward Gillespie, former Chief Executive of Cheltenham Racecourse, and included a detailed tour of the stables and horses with some interesting conversations with the stable lads and lasses.*

*"We then went outside to watch some horses on the gallops which was very poignant for me remembering my old point-to-point days. The purpose of my visit was to demonstrate the absolute necessity for the Government to do a Brexit deal which allows sufficient labour to enter from EU countries to support local industries in the Cotswolds such as racing, farming and tourism. Jonjo has about 140 horses in training and employs 50 staff along with providing indirect employment for a similar number of people in the local economy."*

## Change in contact details for PRIS

Please note that referrals to the administrator of the Professional Riders Insurance Scheme (PRIS) should use the following contact details:

Mrs Marilyn Bracher  
Professional Riders Insurance Scheme  
Jollity Farm, Higher Halstock Leigh, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 9QY  
Tel: 01935 891 974  
Email: [info@pris.org.uk](mailto:info@pris.org.uk)

## NTF meeting dates

<b>East</b>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Rowley Mile, Newmarket. 1.00pm
<b>South East</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Epsom Racecourse. 1.30pm
<b>Central South</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Newbury Racecourse
<b>Committees and Council</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	London

## Rule changes

### No self certs once declaration sheet signed – Rule (F)97

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 once the declaration sheet on the racecourse has been signed, a horse may not be made a non-runner using a self-certificate. This change could be dubbed “the Willie Mullins rule” because it is being enacted in response to the Irish Champion trainers withdrawing horses at Sandown on the last day of the jump season once he was unable to win the British Jump Trainers Championship.

### Notifying pregnant mares

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, trainers will become responsible for reporting any pregnant mare in their care and control. Although this responsibility previously lay with the owner, because the trainer would always have had to satisfy themselves that any mare in their training was no more than 120 days pregnant, there is no additional burden in terms of obtaining information, only in reporting it.

## Regulation deadlines

- Pension auto enrolment staging dates
  - **Up to February 2018** for businesses started since April 2012
- **By the end of 2017** – original Racing Admin website will close.
- **30<sup>th</sup> October 2017** – New non-runner rules take effect: trainer's non-runner percentage, 2-day stand down for Vet Certificates; increased fine for non-runners after 9.00am
- **1<sup>st</sup> November 2017** – in handicaps, if after raising of weights, a horse rated 1lb or 2lbs above the rating band is set to carry more than 10.7 (flat) or 12.7 (jumps), the weights will be lowered so the top weight carried 10.7/12.7 and other weights lowered accordingly. Amateur races on flat – 12st.
- **1<sup>st</sup> January 2018** – minimum ratings applies to all non-two year old Group 1 and non-novice Grade 1 races.
- **1<sup>st</sup> January 2018** – when extending declaration deadline, each trainer with a declaration will be deemed to have declared only one horse
- **1<sup>st</sup> January 2018** – microchip number on any horse under trainer's care must be checked against the number in the passport
- **1<sup>st</sup> January 2018** – a horse may not be made a non-runner on a self-cert once the Declaration Sheet on the racecourse has been signed.
- **1<sup>st</sup> January 2018** – trainer becomes responsible for notifying the BHA when a mare in their care is pregnant.