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INDUSTRY NEWS

GBR - BBC Sport Personality of the Year Award – Frankie Dettori shortlisted

I'm sure you've seen the exciting news that Frankie Dettori has been shortlisted for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award.

Voting for the award will take place during the live show on BBC One at 7pm on Tuesday 19th December.

To show our support as a sport, we have created the following assets for your use which can be found here: [Frankie - BBC Sports Personality Assets](#)

Social media graphics & video | CCTV graphic | Racecard graphics

We will be using #VoteFrankie and would be grateful for your support in sharing the assets where possible. We have also posted the video on our social channels:

[Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)

Please feel free to contact **Laura-Jayne Roberts** email: ljroberts@greatbritishracing.com if you have any questions or need alternate sizes for the assets. You can also read more on why it has been a sensational year for Frankie both on and off the track in the [GBR blog](#).

RACE PLANNING

NTF Flat and Jump Committee meeting

As detailed in a previous weekly email, we have recently updated our Flat and Jump Racing Committees. Now that these are in place we are looking at items that we intend to discuss in the coming weeks. At our call next week we will be discussing the following:

The recently publicised request for a view on the concept of limiting races to a maximum number of runners per trainer

The policy around the addition of fixtures at times of abandonment

The vaccine requirements and how they fit with the challenges caused by periods of poor weather and abandonment

These views will then feed into a meeting of the Industry Racing Group in January.

Should you have any other items that you would like the Committees to consider please contact George Noad

Sunday evening trial fixture race programmes

Upon review of the published race programme for the six trial fixtures it became apparent that, following a miscommunication that we did not pick up on, the race programme and values were not all in line with the agreement reached with racecourses at the time. Our view was that it was important that the programmes were as intended in this agreement and the BHA has worked with HBLB to make amendments. This includes one amend to a programme already published in the calendar. We recognise that such changes are less than ideal for trainers planning campaigns but felt that this was an important matter to get right and requested that the changes be made.

EMPLOYMENT

ACAS BITESIZE TRAINING - £35 per person

Bitesize Bullying in the workplace

Bullying in the workplace can have a detrimental effect on employee wellbeing, productivity and retention.

This event will provide you with key information to help you promote engagement and inclusivity in the workplace and avoid common pitfalls that can lead to costly tribunal claims.

Book your place: [31 January 2024](#)

Bitesize Acas framework for mental health at work

Employers who engage positively with wellbeing at work and provide a safe, supportive environment can encourage good employment relations and see real business benefits.

This event will provide you with practical tips to manage, support and promote staff mental health, helping you achieve a more engaged and productive workforce.

Book your place: [8 February 2024](#)

Further ACAS training available via this link [here](#)

BHA Updated Health and Safety Guide for Trainers - (Red Book)

As you will know the updated Red Book industry Health and Safety advice is now part of the Health and Safety Section on Racing2learn. The pdf of the Safety Guide for Trainers (Red Book) is available [here](#)

The Racing2learn website has had a revamp and the other documents should now be downloadable [on this link](#)

MEMBER SERVICES

NTF Members Digital Calendar Feed – includes updates throughout 2024

To access the Digital Calendar Feed, NTF members can register their details via:

theracingdiary.com/digital-calendar-2024

The Digital Calendar Feed will sync to the computer calendar / phone calendar and detailed instructions on how to do this are on a link once details are registered.

The Digital Calendar feed includes all the race meetings / sales dates / key races listed in the diary as well as any updates which occur throughout the year.

NTF RACING DIARY 2024 – 20% DISCOUNT extended to Monday 18th December

NTF members may like to take advantage of the 20% discount available for members looking to purchase extra hard copies of the diary.

Click here <https://www.theracingdiary.com/> for the order process and enter the code TRAINER at checkout

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

Regulation Deadlines

Immediately

- BHA starters will no longer carry the hunting crop during jump starts

1st January 2024

- Grabbing or twitching a horse's ear or tail during the loading process will only be permitted for safety purposes.
- Adjustments to the late load requests.
- All persons assisting at the start must have completed the BHA Trainer Representative - Starts Training Module. <https://racing2learn.com/course/index.php?categoryid=97>
- Trainers should consider replacing 2009 EN13158 back protectors for grooms as they will have reached the end of their lifespan.
- Environment Agency (EA) to withdraw RPS248 on the use of shredded waste carpet in equestrian surfacing.
- Race Planning Updates <https://bhaplus10.cmail20.com/t/j-e-stkldjy-tuhtutgih-r/>

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- Changes to National Insurance Contributions

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