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EMPLOYMENT

[Racing Home – a short yet powerful film to share](#)

The Racing Home project aims to improve the working lives of parents and carers in the horse racing industry. As a part of this project they have produced a short, yet powerful film demonstrating the key support structures now in place to help balance working life and parenthood.

[link here](#)

For NTF members, the NTF employment guide provides comprehensive guidance upon maternity and other family rights and individual advice can be obtained from Dawn Bacchus at the NTF Office, T. 01488 71719 or email d.bacchus@racehorsetrainers.org .

RACE PLANNING

[Change to Flat handicap rating qualification criteria](#)

For races run from **1 April 2023** (entries close Monday 27 March), Flat horses that win on their second start will be eligible for a handicap rating to run in a Class 5 or 6 handicap race, subject to the Handicapper being prepared to allot a rating of 77 or lower.

The horse may then run in a Class 5 or 6 handicap in its next race, rather than being required to run in another novice or other weight-for-age race, providing its rating remains at the appropriate level at the time of entry.

Horses that have already fulfilled these criteria and currently do not have a published mark will have a rating allotted and published within the announcements section of the Racing Admin site by noon on Thursday 23 March.

This rule is being introduced on 12-month trial basis, following agreement by the industry's Racing Group, having been proposed by the NTF. At present, horses are generally required to run in three Flat races before being eligible for a Handicap Rating, or in two races if having won first time out.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Dominic Gardiner-Hill, Head of Handicapping: dgardinerhill@britishhorseracing.com

Chelmsford City Racecourse Cardinal Stakes – Saturday 1st April

Please note that Chelmsford City racecourse will be refunding all entry stakes for those horses that run in the £100,000 Cardinal Stakes on 1st April. For any enquiries please contact Neil.Graham@chelmsfordcityracecourse.com

8 Easyfix schooling chase fence sections for Sale.

Never been used To be collected - Sheriff Hutton Please contact Chris 07340432785

OTHER BUSINESS

Energy consultants

In this time of high energy prices we are aware that there are energy consultants contacting companies offering their services. If contacted by one, it is important to do due diligence including checking any testimonials or references. The NTF has an energy consultant with a scheme for NTF members to join – speak to Charlie Barker at <https://www.powerfulallies.com> charliebarker@powerfulallies.com 01380 860196.