

Member Services News



12th July 2024

2024 NTF Badges

The latest application form for ID card applications is open until this Sunday, 7th July. Please submit applications for photo ID cards for badge holders who have yet to have applied [HERE](#).

Making the Most of Your Membership:

Borne out of a need for members to have representation at BHA enquiries and employment tribunals, the NTF legal expenses insurance covers far more than just those matters.

One of the most frequently used area of claims is for contract disputes – that may be a non-paying owner, but the insurance also covers the sale, purchase, hire or lease of goods, so a gallops installation or a new piece of equipment which has not proved satisfactory.

The areas your business could be covered for are:

- Employment disputes and compensation awards
- Tax investigations and VAT disputes
- Legal nuisance, trespass or damage to property
- Legal defence
- Compliance and regulation
- Statutory licence appeals
- Loss of earning
- Contract and debt recovery
- Crisis communication

The cover for BHA enquiries and appeals is tailor made for your business understanding how the BHA rules operate, and the need for specialist legal representatives to be there to help and represent you in what is often a very stressful time. It does not cover placings appeals or safeguarding charges involving assault or violence, and, of course, there are terms and conditions of cover which have to be satisfied for a claim to be accepted by the insurers ARAG.

Full details of the insurance cover is [HERE](#)

Free Gambling Awareness training for staff

EPIC Risk Management is the world's leading independent gambling harm minimisation consultancy. EPIC raises awareness of gambling-related harm in order to identify and mitigate the human, financial, brand and reputational risks that problem gambling can create. Their team proudly contains several reformed problem gamblers. They use their first-hand accounts to educate, caution and inspire.

They are currently offering a free programme to stakeholders from the horse racing industry to take part in training to increase awareness around the dangers of problem gambling. These are designed to be short engaging sessions for trainers and members of staff.

A synopsis of the areas covered is available [HERE](#)

Sessions can be delivered face-to-face in yards in two formats:

1. Tack room talks – The EPIC team would visit the yard for a morning and engage with individual staff or small groups for 20-minute discussions in suitable slots between their other duties
2. Gambling Awareness Education – The EPIC team would visit to provide a single, hour long, session to a group of staff

A short video is available [HERE](#) which provides a little detail and trainer feedback on the session they recently took part in.

19th June 2024

2024 NTF Badges

The latest application form for ID card applications is open until this Sunday, 23rd June. Please submit applications for photo ID cards for badgeholders who have yet to have applied.

14th June 2024

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.

NTF Members Legal Expenses Insurance

Members have been sent information about the business legal expenses insurance renewal in their 2024 membership pack.

We appreciate that there will be issues that arise whilst a trainer is an NTF member but where help is needed after the member has relinquished their license. We are pleased to be able to let members know that the insurance cover will now apply to claims arising whilst a trainer is licensed and an NTF member but where the claim has been submitted after the licence has been relinquished, provided the claim is submitted within three months of that date or the end of the policy year, if sooner. All claims will remain subject to the terms and conditions of the legal expenses insurance and members are reminded that claims must be submitted as soon as possible. This will only apply to claims made on or after 1st January 2024.

NTF Website Development – Newsletter archives

The Weekly Update email is available as usual in the newsletter archives and, from January 2024, (due to member request), separately by each topic; Industry News, Race Planning, Employment Matters, Membership Services, Regulation Deadlines and Useful Links.

<https://www.racehorsetrainers.org/members/newsletters.asp>

Further development of the website is underway. Please let us know any change or additional information you would like to see.

NTF Fees

Members are asked to note the communication that was sent out on May 24th regarding increases to NTF fees that came into effect on 1st June. A full explanation of the background to, and specifics of, the fee increase are available [HERE](#)

5th April 2024

2024 NTF Badges

Thank you to all who have completed the application form for RCA Photo ID Accreditation. We have received 670 responses so far, meaning that we have accounted for around two thirds of NTF badge holders. On this basis, we have agreed with the RCA that the current green NTF badges will continue to allow access to racecourses until the end of April.

If you are yet to complete the accreditation form and upload your photo please do so via this link <https://paulntf.wufoo.com/forms/zvnppt319ngk1c/>

We would ask that anybody who is due to be allocated an NTF badge for 2024 submits their photo via the form available below by no later than 14 April 2024:

<https://www.racehorsetrainers.org/webforms/badgerequest.asp>

We are also aware that some photos that have been submitted are not of suitable quality for use on a photo ID. Please ensure that photos uploaded need to be similar in style to passport photos, ideally a .jpeg, .png or .tif file, and of a resolution that will see a file size of 1mb+.

It is unlikely that photos that are low resolution or which would not be suitable for a passport will be acceptable. We are in the process of reviewing photos received so far and will contact anyone who we think needs to resubmit their photo.

2024 red NTF badges will also now be delayed for a further month as they need to be sent out alongside photo IDs. This means that individuals who have not sent a photo in for accreditation by 14 April 2024 may not be able to access racecourses from 1 May.

Should you have any questions, please contact the NTF office.

The following Q&As are provided to help clarify future arrangements:

Will I have to queue to get in?

NTF members should not have to queue for any significant time. Photo IDs can be scanned by hand-held devices at entrances and NTF members will not have to queue to gain access beyond waiting for the person operating the hand-held scanner to be free to scan their ID. This would be in line with previous arrangements where the member of staff would check that they had an NTF badge.

Will I have to wear my Photo ID at all times?

No, the Photo ID is required by racecourses to ensure that sites comply with current safety guidance for sports grounds. This only requires Photo ID at the point of entry and your NTF

badge will provide you with access to all areas of the racecourse that it has done in the past, once you are in (noting that the RCA recommend that Photo IDs are retained about your person in in order that they are able to be shown upon request).

Access includes the O&T facility and the paddock although some additional restrictions will continue to exist at selected, high profile, meetings. Any such restrictions will be communicated in advance in the same way as they have been before. However, the RCA recommend that the Photo ID should be kept about your person during time on racecourses so as to be available on request.

How can I gain access to the racecourse if I forget my Photo ID?

In such circumstances, it will be necessary to queue at the O&T desk to gain access.

Can I get a replacement for my Photo ID if I lose it?

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Can my Photo ID be uploaded to my mobile phone and will this be accepted by racecourses?

At present, no. However, we intend to work with the RCA to put this in place later this year.

21st March 2024

NTF Subscription and Legal Expenses Insurance premium

We confirmed the renewal of the Legal Expenses Insurance scheme for members in our December letter to members.

With the charge for individual trainers based on the number of people on the stable register at 1st January 2024, your NTF subscription will be charged to your account early next week.

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