

Regulation Deadlines



(updated 12th July 2024)

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.

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.
- **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/>
- **BHA starters** will no longer carry the hunting crop during jump starts.
- **Changes to National Insurance Contributions.**