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MEMBER SERVICES

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.

INDUSTRY NEWS

NTF Insurance survey

As communicated in weekly update 1383, we are seeking feedback from trainers regarding the cost of their liability insurance in recent years. This is to help the industry working group that is looking at this matter to understand more of the specifics of the issue. So far, we have had 35 responses but we would like to hear from as many trainers as possible.

The survey is available [HERE](#)

National Racehorse week – Trainer support needed

As per the recently circulated update, we have seen a decline in the number of yards planning to participate in this year's National Racehorse Week and would like to encourage trainers to take part if they are able to.

You can sign up for this important initiative for the sport [HERE](#)

Trainer short comments on runners

Feedback from bettors has suggested that one of the barriers in engaging with Racing over other sports is the idea that insufficient information exists to be successful at betting. As part of the Industry Strategy, the BHA are looking at ways to provide more insight to would-be bettors and would like to widen the existing work that is done by the Racing Post in providing short comments on horses prospects at the 24-hour stage. The intent here would be to be able to gather a comment for every horse that is running at a Premier fixture for a trial period covering around a month. The purpose of the trial would be to test the logistics of gathering comments on a larger scale than is currently the case and the consumer feedback on having access to such comments.

There are various options as to how to gather comments from trainers but it is likely that the most effective for such a trial would be for direct contact to be made via telephone throughout the morning of the day before racing.

As this matter is due for a short discussion at the Commercial Committee on 27 June, we would like to invite trainers to provide their comments via the very short survey that can be accessed [HERE](#)

GBR Shared Ownership Promotion

As part of Great British Racing's continued commitment to promoting Shared Ownership across the sport and beyond, they are building on their previous work in this area by launching a programme of work to support trainers in their efforts to maximise promotion opportunities for their own shared ownership entities (racing clubs and syndicates).

This includes:

Trainer Workshops :

GBR are offering all trainers the chance to join one of two workshops covering best practice across comms, digital, marketing, and social media, as well as hearing from other trainers about their experiences establishing their own shared ownership entities. Attendees to the sessions will also receive a Shared Ownership Toolkit with best practice guidance on setting up, promoting, and running their own Racing club or syndicate effectively.

The workshops will be held virtually on Teams on the following dates –

- Wednesday 3rd July, 1-2pm

- Thursday 4th July, 1-2pm

Please click [HERE](#) to select the session you would like to attend. These two sessions will be for trainers themselves, and we will be offering additional workshops for office staff further down the line.

Trainer Support Programme :

The second element of this work involves working closely with two individual trainers to provide a package of promotional support through the year. This will include the creation of

video content, development of tailored promotional assets, and GBR guidance across all channels.

To apply for this opportunity, you will simply need to complete the short application form [HERE](#). This is a free programme that is open to all trainers looking to improve and develop their shared ownership offering - applications will need to be submitted by **Monday 8th July**.

In the meantime, if you have an existing shared ownership entity which you are looking to promote, [In The Paddock](#) provides a Shared Ownership hub where you can **list your racing club/syndicate for FREE**. Please fill in the [form here](#) and David Letts, GBR Shared Ownership and EDI Lead, will be in touch.

David is also available to answer any questions trainers may have on the promotion of shared ownership and can be contacted at dletts@britishhorseracing.com

Weatherbys bank accounts for syndicates

We have been contacted by trainers who have had issues with arranging the setting up of syndicates due to changes in procedures at Weatherbys. With the ROA and Racing Syndicates Association, we have written to Weatherbys to question changes that, amongst other things, now require syndicates of 11 or more to bank in the name of a registered UK company.

We aim to meet with Weatherbys to discuss and will update in due course.

On behalf of Racing Welfare : Racing Staff Week

Horseracing industry staff are to be celebrated during Racing Staff Week which takes place from Saturday 22nd – Friday 28th June 2024 and is spearheaded by racing's human welfare charity, Racing Welfare. The [press release](#) has full details of the week.

Generously supported by Betfair and now in its eighth year, Racing Staff Week will include a range of events and activities taking place all over the country to celebrate the hard work of racing staff and retirees.

The highlight will be a series of four charity stable staff races. Nearly 40 members of stable staff will get to experience the thrill of riding in a race, while raising vital funds for Racing Welfare in the process. The races are as follows:

Saturday 22 June – Ayr

Monday 24 June – Chepstow

Tuesday 25 June – Newbury

Thursday 27 June – Nottingham

We're really excited about Racing Staff Week and looking forward to bringing racing staff and followers together to celebrate the sport and the wonderful people who work so hard to make a day at the races possible.

OTHER BUSINESS

USEFUL LINKS :

Careers in Racing Jobs Board : <https://recruit.careersinracing.com/>

National Racehorse Week - 7 – 15 September 2024 : [SIGN UP](#)

HMRC – New [VAT Scale charges from 1st May 2024 – 30th April 2025](#)

Assistance at the start : [Training on racing2learn](#)

Point to Point : [Pointing Route to Training Under Rules](#)

Trainer Support Network : A [network of knowledgeable and empathetic people](#) for trainers and [Available Roles](#)

Latest Edition of IFAR's Global Aftercare [Newsletter](#)

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Regulation Deadlines

1st 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.

1st 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 if 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.
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