

## NTF WEEKLY – 21 MAY 2018

### **Ice ruling under review**

Richard Hughes's column in the Racing Post on Saturday raised justifiable concerns about the rule preventing the use of ice as a cooling agent in racecourse stables from 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

It is good to give you the positive news that as a result of the NTF Council's discussion with David Sykes at its last meeting, the BHA has suggested a revised rule which would allow ice to be used up to two hours before the horse's race. We understand this is going through the rule change process and should be implemented soon. We will confirm the date as soon as we know.

### **Updated template employment contracts comply with GDPR**

Updated template contracts of employment are now available on our website. These have been updated in the light of the new data protection laws and refer the employee to the Employee Privacy Notice the employer has or will issue to the employee. A template Employee Privacy Notice can be found in the GDPR area of the NTF website.

You do not have to issue new contracts to existing employees but, as previously advised, you should issue them with an Employee Privacy Notice. The new contracts are for employees starting on or after 25th May 2018, the date the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into force.

### **New Racecourse Operations Executive at the BHA**

Nicole Thompson has changed her role at the BHA, becoming the new Racecourse Operations Executive. Nicole has been with the BHA for over a year and before that had extensive experience in the Thoroughbred Industry, including 4 years as the Office Manager at the prestigious Windsor Park Stud in New Zealand.

She will provide operational management assistance to Emma Marley, Head of Racecourse Operations, and will be able to answer your questions about anything affecting your staff, horses and owners on the racecourse,

### **Advice from Gov.uk about avoiding and reporting internet scams**

'Phishing' emails claim to be from a legitimate source and can look very realistic. They come from fraudsters looking to access personal information such as bank details or passwords.

Fraudsters sending these emails out may claim to be from the VOA, usually offering council tax or business rates refunds.

The VOA will never send an email about refunds for business rates or council tax. If you receive an email that claims to be from the VOA offering you a refund, you should delete it immediately.

The VOA does not offer any kind of refund as we are not responsible for collecting council tax or business rates.

You can report misleading emails you think may be suspicious to [Action Fraud](#). Don't give out private information (such as bank details or passwords), download attachments or click on any links in emails if you're not sure they're genuine.

### **Yard wanted**

We know of an established trainer looking to buy or rent a small yard in the South East. Please contact the NTF in the first instance if you can help.

### **NTF 2018 meeting dates**

<b>REGION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
North	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Ripon Racecourse
South West	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Taunton Racecourse
East	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Rowley Mile, Newmarket
South East	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Epsom Racecourse
Central South	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Oaksey House, Lambourn
West Midland and Wales	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Wolverhampton before racing
Council and Committees	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	London

### **Regulation deadlines**

- **25<sup>th</sup> May 2018** – General Data Protection Regulations come into force
- **2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018** – Racing Admin call centre at Weatherbys closes