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INDUSTRY NEWS

Racing League races inclusion in trainer stats – member survey closes at 5pm on Friday 30th September

Following requests from some members for the NTF Council to reconsider the decision not to allow Racing League races outcomes to be included in 2023 trainer stats, the Council met recently for a further discussion. Although some concern remains over the role of Team Captains in determining which horses take part for each team, and there was a recognition that some trainers may have elected not to run in such races given on the understanding that they would not be included, it was felt that this matter was one that wider member views should be sought over.

In order to gather these views, a very short survey is available at the below link enabling members to vote on whether the 2023 Racing League results should be retrospectively added to the stats:

Whilst the survey is open to all members, we would expect that it would generally be for flat or dual trainers to express a view. <https://paulntf.wufoo.com/forms/z1tjj67e0gsd1n4/>

MEMBER SERVICES

NTF RACING DIARY 2024 - 30th September is the last day for changes

NTF Members address and contact details and contact name are on the NTF website [here](#)

Please check as these will appear in the NTF Racing Diary 2024.

Email alterations to: diary@racehorsetrainers.org

Nathan Taylor - Reducing the risk of a positive test

An NTF member who recently had a site survey and report from Nathan Taylor has spoken very highly of this service, recommending that all trainers, large and small, take up the opportunity including benefitting from the 30% total discount offered by Nathan and the NTF to members. The survey really helped highlight areas of risk and improvements that could be made – as members will know being able to show that you took all reasonable precautions to avoid a positive test result is important in minimising any penalty imposed by the BHA Judicial Panel.

Nathan's service is a full survey of your training premises identifying areas of potential compromise in relation to cross contamination and biosecurity, an on site consultation with key staff members in respect of best practice enabling you to improve onsite processes immediately and a comprehensive report highlighting any identified areas of potential compromise, along with a bespoke user friendly, anti - contamination positive sample prevention strategy.

Nathan has agreed to offer a 15% discount to NTF members which will be matched by the NTF, meaning a total discount of 30%.

For more information please click [HERE](#) or visit www.nttsportinginvestigations.com

Alternatively, contact:

Nathan Taylor: Email Info@nttsportinginvestigations.com Phone 07462 530846

Lorry Weights

A reminder about lorry weights:

Both a driver and their employer can be prosecuted and fines imposed for each offence of exceeding an individual axle weight or the maximum permitted gross weight of the vehicle. Police officers and DVSA officials have the power to issue graduated fixed penalties for overloading offences – the responsibility for paying the fixed penalty rests with the driver but employers have a duty of care to provide a safe working environment and an employer allowing a driver to operate an overweight vehicle could be violating health and safety at work.

When working out the weight being carried, fuel must, of course, be included – 1 litre of fuel weighs 1kg so a full fuel tank can add quite a bit of weight to that already being carried.

Aside from potential penalties, the handling of an overweight lorry may be affected and stopping distances impacted. VOSA guidance with links to lorry weight information can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-horsebox-and-trailer-owners>

For Sale - 3 Horse starting stalls

3 horse starting stalls, in full working order. Have been used for this season and now ready to find a new home. Looking for offers of around £2500.00

Contact :

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[NTF Regional Forums Confirmed for the Autumn – Please sign up here](#)

- **South West and Wales Region** on Monday **16th October** at Taunton Racecourse at 2pm
- **South East Region** on Wednesday **18th October** at Lingfield Racecourse 1:30pm
- **Scotland and the North Region** Monday **6th November** at Newcastle Racecourse at 2pm
- **Midlands and Central North Region** Monday **20th November** at York Racecourse and via Zoom at 2pm
- **Central South Region** on Tuesday **21st November** at Oaksey House at 1:30pm
- **East Region** on Tuesday **28th November** at Newmarket Rowley Mile Racecourse at 1pm

If you are planning to attend a Regional Forum, please sign up here <https://paulntf.wufoo.com/forms/z6959sp0i71j3r/> . The agenda will be out 1 week before the meeting.