

RCA / NTF METAL BADGE POLICY AND PASS CARDS 2023

DISREGARD OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ISSUE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL & NO RE-ISSUE IS PERMITTED

All reports of badge misuse will be reported to the BHA and may be subject to further penalties

All Badges must be accompanied by a valid PASS Card. The Racecourse Association (RCA) publishes Terms & Conditions relating to PASS Cards which should be read in conjunction with the following information. PASS Cards are required for access to racecourses, whilst the badge allows freedom of movement between enclosures. Badges are issued annually and only badges for the current year are valid. Trainers retain responsibility for all badges allocated to them, their nominated users and guests and must ensure out of date badges are not used to attempt to gain access to racecourses.

BADGE ALLOCATION

- All Badges and PASS Cards are allocated individually and are non-transferable. Entry to each racecourse is subject to the Terms and Conditions of entry at that racecourse.
- Badges are valid from 1 January to 31 December and posted to Members during the first week in December.
- Missing badges must be reported to the NTF. **Requests for replacement badges after January 1st will be treated as a lost badge*.**
- Trainers eligible (with over 40 horses in training) for Assistant Trainers Badges are asked to apply online via this link <http://www.racehorsetrainers.org/webforms/badgerequest.asp>

LOST BADGE CHARGE*

Badges are issued free of charge and holders are requested to take good care of them. In the event of loss replacement is strictly limited but if replaced incurs a charge of **£150** by donation to the NTF charity of the year.

GENERAL REQUIREMENT / ENTITLEMENT FOR ENTRY TO RACECOURSES

Fully Licensed Trainers

- A named PASS Card
- NTF Members will be issued with an NTF Trainers Metal Badge for their own use and a Supplementary Trainers Metal Badge for use by their spouse or partner who must be named and hold a PASS Card.
- Members will be issued with one Trainers' car park label for access to the Trainers Car Park.

Assistant Trainers

Members may apply for up to seven Assistant NTF Trainer Metal Badges depending on the number of horses in training:

- 40+ 75+ 100+ 150+ 200+ 250+ 300+ horses in training
- One Trainer Car Park Label
- One Stable Pass, which is valid when a horse is running.
- A named PASS card

Retired Trainers

Retired Trainers apply for a Category 'A' PASS Card and an RCA Metal Badge if they have been a member of the NTF for 15 years and spouse/partner if a member of the NTF for 25 years from the RCA. Retrospective applications for retired badges will not be considered.

- Category 'A' PASS Card from Weatherbys PASS card department – e-mail PASS@weatherbys.co.uk
- On retiring from the NTF with at least 15 years membership contact the NTF to apply for an RCA Badge.
- Retired Trainers already receiving an RCA Badge will continue; there is no need to re-apply.
- Multiple badges may not be held – therefore any retired trainer who also receives an Assistant NTF Trainer Metal Badge or NTF Officials Badge will not qualify for an RCA Badge

NTF Officials

- Category 'A' PASS Card
- An NTF Metal Badge plus one for their spouse/partner to allow movement within the racecourse.
- Trainers' car park label for access to the Trainers Car Park.

SECURITY

Badges are numbered and a record of issue is kept. The British Horseracing Authority Integrity Department, Weatherbys and The Racecourse Association are advised of the issue, loss or return of all badges and this information is published in the RCA UPDATE.

- **Loss of PASS Card must be reported to the PASS Card department PASS@weatherbys.co.uk**
- **Loss of the Trainer Metal Badge must be reported to the NTF on 01488 71719.**
- The main reason for loss of badges has been from stolen binoculars and handbags and cut cords. Badge holders are recommended to **secure their badge to the lapel with both the cord and pin** and to examine at regular intervals. Should there be an indication of weakness the badge should be returned to the NTF for a free replacement. PASS Card/Badge holders must co-operate fully with racecourse officials conducting spot checks.

EXTENT OF USE OF THE BADGE AND PASS CARD

PASS Cards are the only means of **access** to Racecourses which operate the PASS System. Badges will admit only trainers/assistant trainers with runners to the Weighing Room.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS will be advised for the following meetings prior to the event but in general:

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| Aintree - Grand National | -Trainer Metal Badge holders apply in advance to Aintree. T Car Park Label not active |
| Royal Ascot | -Trainer Metal Badge holders apply in advance to Ascot. T Car Park Label active |
| Epsom Derby and Cheltenham Festival | -Trainer Metal Badge and T Car Park Label allow entry |