



BRITISH HARNESS RACING CLUB

Rule Changes 2014

Rules in this section have been adopted and are now printed in the Rule book:

F9[a]

The Track Stewards shall have the power to punish at their discretion and in accordance with the rules, any person subject to their control. All such facts should be reported to the BHRC Stewards who may at their discretion themselves hold a further enquiry into the matter and make such order as they think fit.

F18

No person has authority to remove the horse concerned until the sample has been obtained, unless permitted to do so by the personnel who ordered the sample be taken.

K12

Exercise Induced Pulmonary Haemorrhage (EIPH) - Any horse found to have bled during a race or warm up shall be automatically suspended from racing for 14 days.

K16

Once a horse that is entered to compete has arrived at a race meeting, it shall not be permitted to leave the racecourse until it has fulfilled all engagements, except with permission of the Stewards.

Penalty: £1000 fine, one month suspension of horse

S16

A participant must wear a protective helmet with a chin strap securely fastened under the chin at all times when mounted in a sulky or other vehicle behind a horse, or in the saddle, on the track. The protective helmet must meet, as a minimum, BS EN1348 standard or equivalent. No appendages will be permitted.

W5

When an Owner is suspended, the BHRC will not recognise for the purpose of racing the transfer of his/her horses as from the date on which the penalty was imposed, and until the suspension is terminated.

W40

[a] Any person wishing to take out a Public Trainer's Licence will be required to provide details of their premises and facilities, together with names of referees.

[b] Licence Renewal Applications in reference to a Public Trainer Licence must be made prior to 31st January of the year for which the licence will be valid. Only licences for persons never having previously been registered as a Public Trainer will be considered after this date, except in the cases of extenuating circumstances and at the discretion of the BHRC.

W57

[a] The trainer is responsible for ensuring that every horse wears a properly numbered saddle cloth on a horse when warming up.

[b] Any trainer who allows a horse that is not entered to compete on the day to workout wearing the number cloth of another horse will be liable to a fine.

Penalty - £250

Y1

With the objective of protecting the integrity of harness horse racing, through controlling the use of substances capable of giving a horse an advantage or of it causing it to be disadvantaged in a race, contrary to the horse's inherent merits, a BHRC Council Member, Deputy Regional Steward, Integrity Office and/or Chief Track Steward are empowered (in majority) to order an integrity test on any horse competing.

[a] Any person(s) who administers, or attempts to administer or allows or causes to be administered, or connives at the administration to a horse of a prohibited substance with intention to affect the racing performance of that horse in a race, or with knowledge that its racing performance in a race could be affected, shall be guilty of a breach of regulations and may be declared a disqualified person or otherwise penalised by the BHRC.

[b] Any person who gives, allows or causes a transfusion of blood or other substances to be given to a horse for the purpose of enhancing its performance in a race shall be in breach of the regulations of the BHRC and may be declared a disqualified person or otherwise penalised.

Appendix V

Upon receipt of a positive integrity result, notification will be provided as follows:

- Chairman informed
- Trainer informed
- Owner informed
- BHRC Council members informed
- Promoter informed
- Notice provided on BHRC website stating the fixture, date of test and class of substance

Rules in this section will be printed in the next edition of the BHRC Calendar and will be adopted at the next Committee meeting likely to be mid March 2015:

Q1. Penalty

Minimum fine of £20 (this to be split 50/50 between Promoter and BHRC)

U3[c]

A deposit of £500 must be lodged with the BHRC by the appellant, which may be forfeited if the appeal is dismissed.

X9.

Eligibility to Race in Classic Races - To be eligible to race in any Classic Race a horse must have qualified by time applicable to a particular track and have competed in and completed two races under betting at least five [5] days prior to the event in question. In the case of two year olds, these may complete two qualifying races and one betting race as an alternative; this to be documented in the horses passport.

M2[d]. Penalty

Driver fined minimum of £100

M4[k]. Penalty

Fine minimum of £100

Brought Forward for inclusion in BHRC recommendations:

The procedure to cover the event of a horse sustaining a fatal injury, i.e. that there are blinds available, a vehicle or phone number and that the issue is dealt with quickly.

Lorries and Horse boxes must be parked in the paddock prior to racing in comparison to other boxes and may be instructed to move by the Paddock Steward or an official if deemed necessary.

In the event of an enquiry involving two or more licence holders, all parties should be present during the enquiry and investigation. Each person should be given the opportunity to give their explanation and evidence without interruption. Any party that disrupts the process may be removed from the enquiry.