

PENALTY FREE RACING

Further to the success of the Penalty Free racing, the Handicap Panel have decided to extend the Penalty Free periods

Criteria for Penalty Free from 1st October to 31st December 2015:

- Horse must have completed six betting races under BHRC Rules between 19th May and 30th September 2015
- Total race purse must be £400 or less
- Maiden and Novice horses will not be included in Penalty Free (due to the earnings of Maiden and Novice horses not being applicable after the horse qualifies as Grade 1)
- Penalty Free runs will not be included in any End of Season Lifts (if applicable)

Horses that are eligible under the above conditions and compete in Penalty Free races will have any prize money won added to their handicap through the Penalty Free period, and at the end of that period those horses will revert to the handicap mark applicable to them on the first date of the Penalty Free period.

Any races that have a total purse in excess of £400 will not be classed as Penalty Free. All prize money paid out will be incurred as a handicap penalty on horses competing in these races.

Horses may compete in more than one Penalty Free race on the same fixture date (e.g. Heat and Final) provided that the races qualify under the above conditions and that section M32 of the BHRC Rules and Regulations is adhered to.

Horses that have not completed the relevant number of betting races are still eligible to compete during Penalty Free periods but will incur a handicap penalty on any winnings as in standard racing.

Maiden and Novice horses will not be included in Penalty Free racing due to the fact that earnings as Maiden and Novice are not carried through the handicap after the horse qualifies as Grade 1.

**** NO HANDICAP PENALTY ****

The Handicap Panel reserve the right to alter conditions or withdraw Penalty Free racing at any time