

BHRC NOTICES

RULE CHANGES

The following rule changes have been approved at the AGM and adopted to the BHRC Rule Book. Please ensure that you read these changes and are fully informed of all changes:

A1. The following rules and regulations, having been duly enacted, are hereby declared to be the official rules and regulations of the British Harness Racing Club which shall apply to and govern the registration of Standardbred **and Trotting** horses for racing, and the conduct of Harness Racing. All rules and regulations and/or modification or amendments thereto adopted by the Stewards of the British Harness Racing Club shall become effective on being published in the Harness Racing Calendar **and/ or the official webpage of the British Harness Racing Club** following the meeting at which they were adopted. In these rules and regulations the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular; the masculine shall include the feminine and the feminine shall include the masculine.

A6. The British Harness Racing Club shall have the power to repeal, amend, suspend or add to its rules of racing from time to time. They shall advertise in the Calendar **and/ or on the official webpage of the BHRC**, every new rule, in which term is included the repeal or amendment of an existing rule, with the date of its final adoption. Such publication in the Calendar **and/ or on the official webpage of the BHRC** shall be made following the date of such final adoption at which time the rule shall become effective.

D8. [h] delete in the Harness Racing Calendar

E9. delete in the Calendar.

F2. The Track Stewards must **complete a registration annually** and be licensed as such by the BHRC, and must have attended Stewards Training Seminars when required and have a proven knowledge of racing and this rulebook.

F19. Taking of Samples: (see also Part 8, Section Y)

[a] The sample **(if blood)** must only be taken by the qualified Veterinary Officer of the racecourse concerned

H1. delete

Racecourse Executive. The BHRC Stewards hold the Racecourse Executive responsible for the general racing arrangements of the meeting, and to see that the track is properly measured, marked and conforms to current health and safety regulations, with particular attention to double roping (at grass tracks). Security netting should be used in front of spectator areas at grass tracks. The Racecourse Executive must ensure that the track can be enclosed completely in the case of a loose horse.

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N5. Supervision of Qualifying Trials

No horse may be eligible to be entered to compete in a Qualifying Trial unless:

- [a] it is registered with STAGBI, or its European passport has been ratified by STAGBI
- [b] the registered owner holds a current licence
- [c] the trainer holds a current licence in the correct category and has been declared (in writing) to the BHRC as the registered trainer
- [d] the horse has been registered with the BHRC as in training for a minimum period of 28 days immediately prior to entry
- [e] a copy of the vaccination record has been supplied to the BHRC
- [f] a microchip number is recorded in the passport
- [g] it complies with rule Q1

N7. [h] delete

Q1. [ii] To be eligible to enter to race ALL horses must:

- [a] same
- [b] same
- [c] have a current flu vaccination record completed in the passport, a copy of which has been supplied to the BHRC, and complies with the criteria laid down in Appendix II
- [d] same
- [e] be registered to an owner that holds a current licence
- [f] be registered, and declared as such in writing to the BHRC, to a trainer that holds a current licence in the correct category
- [g] be registered with the BHRC as in training for a minimum period of 28 days immediately prior to entry
- [h] have all relevant fees relating to a Race Certificate submitted to the BHRC
- [i] hold a Race Certificate issued by an internationally recognised racing body endorsed by the BHRC

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions will result in a fine and/ or suspension and horse may not be permitted to race

Q4. [a] If a flu vaccination is administered whilst a Race Certificate is valid or after any previous copy of the vaccination record has been provided to the BHRC, the Trainer and/ or Owner must supply an updated copy to the BHRC within 72 hours of the vaccination. Failure to comply may incur a penalty and horse will not be permitted to compete until a copy of the vaccination record is provided to the BHRC

[b] If a flu vaccination certificate is found to be incorrect or altered in any way, the Owner and/ or Trainer will be referred to the BHRC and the horse will be disqualified from racing until all vaccination requirements are complied with and a correct vaccination certificate is obtained.

Penalty

Q4[a] - Fine £20. Horses not eligible for entry until rule complied with

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S3. The Stewards of the BHRC shall consider every application for a licence, and where the applicant is eligible under these rules to hold the licence applied for, may:

[a] require an applicant to provide such information as is reasonably considered necessary to determine the application

[b] grant the same subject to such conditions or restrictions, if any, they think appropriate to impose;

[c] in the case of an applicant for a driver factory medical certificate of fitness to ride or drive;

[d] At their absolute discretion refuse to grant the same, where they consider the issue of such licence is not in the interests of racing.

[e] Require any applicant who claims to hold a licence to drive or train granted by any Racing Association outside Great Britain, to produce the same for inspection.

W12. Applications for registered stables shall include the names and addresses of each member thereof. All registered stables, partnerships or syndicates must obtain the correct BHRC licence. Each member of a registered stable must sign a document designating the first named member who shall be the person to whom all correspondence will be sent. In the case of transfer documents, all members must sign. Other documents bearing the signature of the first named member will be considered binding upon the members of the registered stable.

W36. [a] Each applicant for a trainer licence may be asked to satisfy the BHRC that they are competent to and capable of training horses with due regard to the welfare of the horses in their care, the interest of Owners and the sport as a whole. In determining a person competence the BHRC will have regard to all matters they deem relevant.

[b] No person shall train horses, or be programmed as a trainer of record, without first having obtained the appropriate Trainer

incur a fine and/or suspension or disqualification by the Stewards and all horses listed under the name of such trainer shall be suspended and referred to BHRC.

W37. [a] same

[b] All Trainer Licences shall be specific to registered premises and the trainer shall not be permitted to train at or from any other stables [except when attending away race meetings]. Trainers are required to submit a written application to the BHRC for any change of premises, which may involve an interview and/or incur inspection fees.

[c] Where a person is a trainer in name only, a possible reason for this being to allow another person not licensed or suspended or warned off to train, then that trainer shall be fined not less than £1,000 and warned off for a period of not less than one year.

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W38. Applicants for Trainer licences are required to demonstrate or confirm that:-

[a] they are over 18 years of age at the time of issue

[b] they can demonstrate the capability and competence to train and properly gear a horse for a race

[c] they have access to appropriate training facilities and have security of tenure for any premises they wish to register

[d] he holds or has held during the past five years, and by production of such licence or otherwise proves that he holds or has held during the past five years [and is not disqualified from holding], a Trainer

can demonstrate the capability and competence to train and properly gear a horse for a race

[e] they are otherwise in all the circumstances suitable to hold a licence (i.e. that they are

A Public Trainers licence will be issued at the discretion of the BHRC Council

W40. [a] Any person wishing to apply for a Public Trainer Licence may be required, in addition to W38, to demonstrate or confirm that:

[i] they have appropriate insurances if necessary (i.e. Public Liability Insurance)

[ii] they have a minimum of two horses in training

[iii] they have a minimum of two years training experience

[iv] they have at least two referees

[v] they are not currently the subject of any proceedings of a criminal nature, have not been charged in connection with any alleged criminal offence and are not aware of any circumstances which may lead to them being charged

[b] same

W41. A Public Trainer will be required to satisfy the Stewards that he owns, leases or has security of tenure for any premises they wish to register to train from. The Stewards must also be satisfied that the premises are suitable for the training of Standardbred horses and these premises will be subject to an inspection by the BHRC. Under no circumstances can premises where a suspended or warned off person resides be approved.

W42. A Public Trainer Licence shall be specific to registered premises and the trainer shall not be permitted to train at or from any other stables [except when attending away race meetings]. Trainers are required to submit a written application to the BHRC for any change of premises, which may involve an interview and/ or incur inspection fees.

W53. Public Trainers are required to submit a written return in advance every month stating the horses in their care or training for that upcoming period. Returns must be sent to the BHRC Office by the 7th day of each month, after which a fine of £10 per day may be imposed. If the return is not received by the 14th day of the month, the Trainer will be suspended.

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W60. [a] Where a trainer is unable to attend to horses under his care on race days, he must ensure that a nominated person he deems competent and capable has authority to safeguard his responsibilities as a trainer. The Stewards of the BHRC may at any time enquire into the absence of any trainer not already notified to them.

[b] A trainer who trains and races a horse knowing said horse to be owned wholly or in part by a person or persons barred or otherwise disqualified from participating in racing, shall be referred to the BHRC for disciplinary action.

The following suggestions will not be taken forward:

Vets should have more responsibility and authority to check for lameness

- Any horse with a positive integrity result to have an automatic 12 month suspension
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