

Proposed Rule Changes 2022

C3a Amended Rule	Affiliation shall be granted on an annual basis subject to the conditions continuing to be met and application for continuance of affiliation be made to the BHRC by 31 st March each year except in exceptional circumstances.	
C19 Amended Rule	Promoters, having been granted racing date(s) must forward a full list of the officials who will operate at their promotion to the BHRC at least seven days prior to the first fixture of that season, any new officials must be notified to the BHRC office prior to the event. All officials must hold an appropriate current BHRC licence to officiate (see E4e).	
E4e Amended Rule	To grant or refuse to grant, and to renew or refuse to renew, licences to: owners, trainers, assistant trainers, drivers, grooms and track officials. Every application for renewal of any licence or permit shall be treated and regarded in all respects and for all purposes as if it were the first application by the applicant for such licence or permit. All licence applications will go to a panel for approval before being processed.	
E7 Amended Rule	The BHRC Stewards (Directors) may impose any fine in accordance with set penalties as laid out in the BHRC Rules and Regulations.	
E21j Amended Rule	After any accident the Regional Steward must ensure that horses involved are inspected by the racecourse vet and any persons involved are checked by the medical team on site. All accidents are to be investigated and a record kept in the Stewards Enquiry Book it should also be recorded on the Regional / Chief Stewards Report, a copy of which must be sent to the office.	
E21k New Rule	Complete and submit to the BHRC a completed Regional / Chief Stewards Report form by 10 am on the day following the fixture.	
F1a Amended Rule	The Executive of each and every racecourse shall appoint a minimum of three licensed Track Stewards whose names shall be approved by the BHRC Stewards (Directors) and who will be issued with licences to act as Track Stewards, to determine all questions arising in reference to racing at the meeting, to supervise all events on the racecourse in connection with the meeting and to maintain the general integrity of the racing.	
F2 Amended Rule	The Track Stewards must complete a registration every year and be licensed as such by the BHRC, must have attended Steward's Training Seminars when required and have a proven knowledge of racing and this Rulebook.	
F3 Amended Rule	Should there not be three Track Stewards present, the senior Steward present shall, without delay, see that any vacancy is filled, so that there shall be three persons to act. See H20	

F9b Amended Rule	No penalty may be imposed upon a licence holder without granting a hearing, unless he/she waives their right to said hearing by signing the form in the Stewards Book. This does not affect the right to appeal.	
F16 Amended Rule	At any time a BHRC Steward (Director), Regional Steward, Deputy Regional Steward, Integrity Officer and/or Chief Track Steward (in majority) have the power to order any examination and/or test by a licensed Veterinary Surgeon [including the taking of samples for analysis] of any horse entered for any event or which has run in any event. If having regard to any pre-race examination or test of any horse due to run at a meeting, those responsible deem it necessary or advisable to do so, the Stewards shall withdraw such horse from racing at the meeting.	
F19 Change sub heading	(Sub heading to read) Taking of Samples: (see Y Section and Appendix V)	
F19 a-d Remove Rules	Take out all Rules F19a-F19d	
F20 Amended rule	When in the opinion of the Track Stewards there is a reasonable suspicion that any person has committed any breach of these Rules which in their opinion ought to be considered by the Stewards of the BHRC (Directors), or where in their opinion any person has committed any breach of these Rules the BHRC Stewards may impose any fine in accordance with set penalties as laid out in the BHRC Rules and Regulations OR refer the matter to the Stewards of the BHRC (Directors).	
F23a Amended Rule	In the event of an accident, it shall be mandatory to hold an enquiry and include all details on the Regional/Chief Stewards Report which must be sent to the BHRC office.	
F23b Amended Rule	Any horse involved in an accident, fall, collision, or incident must be examined by a Veterinary Surgeon.	
G11 New Rule	Once an entry has been made by a trainer the Race Framer cannot change that entry without written approval from the trainer. If conditions must be changed (for whatever reason) a refund must be offered if the alternative is not accepted (in writing).	
H38	To become H38a	
H38b	Tracks should have suitable plan in place to remove an injured horse or deceased horse from a track and should have screens to ensure privacy in case of accident or injury. Plans MUST be returned to BHRC office.	
M Section	Add all demerit points back into M Section itself rather than just appendix	
M31	(m31a) If a horse is classed to have fallen on a track at any stage then (it can't run)	

	(m31b) If a horse falls at an official fixture other than in (a) above it can only run with veterinary approval	
M4k	Add (removed in error) Failure to drive a horse to the extent of its ability considering track conditions, weather and circumstances of the race	
M5d	ADD d) At the stewards discretion a driver may be requested to not carry a stopwatch for a period of time as determined by the stewards of the track on the day.	
M7	ADD BACK IN No driver should take the reins in one hand and use the whip to strike the horse with the other hand. (rule removed 2021) DISQUALIFICATION / 5 demerit points / fine £100	
M9	<p><u>REMOVE - PENALTIES</u> Up until 1st July 2021 only warnings to be issued (to be determined by when the season commences due to Covid19). Only 1 warning will be issued after that the 1st offence penalty starts.</p> <p>These offences will be accrued over 365 days from the date of the offence, each offence being removed from the drivers licence on the 366th day after the offence.</p> <p><u>ADD TO PENALTIES SECTION</u> All demerit points are cleared at the end of the racing season unless they are received after 1st September. These will be carried forward to the next season.</p> <p><u>AMEND IN PENALTIES SECTION</u> If found using (on or off the track) a non-approved whip £25, or modified whip automatic £100 fine, 20 days driving suspension</p> <p>On accruing 12 whip demerit points the drivers licence will be suspended for 7 days. It will be the drivers responsibility to inform the secretary when each 365 day period is completed. TO NOW READ: Any driver accruing 12 DP who serves a 7 day suspension on returning to driving will have all DP reduced to zero (0). For accruing 12 DP for a second time in one season 14 day suspension, for accruing 12 DP for a third time in one season 28 day suspension.</p>	
M9	The whip may only be applied up to 4 times for a 2 year old, and up to 8 times for an older horse during the entire race.	
M11	TO BE ADDED BACK IN: The possession of or use of any device or appliance other than the ordinary whip or crop including reins, upon any horse in on any racetrack or in any race shall constitute a violation. (Removed 2021)	

	If found guilty of the offence, the penalty will be: £1500 fine and 3 months driver suspension add to index under banned devices	
M14b	TO NOW READ: <u>PENALTIES</u> <i>If either rule not complied with, fine and/or suspension all categories</i> <i>(Amended 2021)</i>	
N3b	Any horse that has not qualified in the previous season under the rules of the BHRC or the IHRA.	
N4e New Rule	N4e Qualified horses being driven by a provisional driver as any part of the driving test procedure	
N4h New Rule	An unqualified horse must be driven by a fully licensed driver	
N7f New Rule	Pacers only <u>any</u> break from gait will disqualify	
N13 New Rule	A Veterinary Surgeon must be on site at all official BHRC events	
N14 New Rule	Driving tests (or any component of) can be taken at any official BHRC event	
N18 New Rule	Horses requiring to re-qualify can do so at any official BHRC event. They should notify the office that it is a re-qualifier.	
N30	Sub heading above to now read: BHRC NATIONAL AND TRACK RECORDS	
N31	Add to include track records	
N31 New Rule	Urine or blood tests according to the rules are required for all horses claiming ANY record. A positive test result would invalidate any record set.	
	Add to definitions section at the start– APPROVED TIMING DEVICE – approved electronic timing device	
P1 New Rule	Under exceptional circumstances, or if the weather causes the track to be in an unfit state, the BHRC Stewards, Track Stewards, Land Owners and/or Promoters have the power to postpone or abandon a race meeting. The BHRC Stewards have the final decision as to whether to abandon a race meeting on health, safety or welfare grounds.	
Q1b New Rule	To be identified by a microchip which is usually located on the left hand side. The microchip number must be registered with the BHRC office.	
Q5a	Two-Year-Old horses may race within a seven (7)day period from the last weekend in July onwards, up until this date each season they may only run once within a seven(7) day period"	

Q7 New Rule	No two old shall be allowed to start ANY Classic or Stakes race unless it has completed in at least 2 qualifying races or 1 qualifying race and 1 race (and had the passport signed) at least five days prior to the event in question (see also Classics, Section X). See also x9	
Q13	Visiting horses will be permitted to race on payment of an annual visitor fee and provided full information regarding race performance, current season and lifetime winnings, grade etc. is supplied, along with details of its registered owner and trainer, by the relevant racing authority under whose jurisdiction the horse has been competing, in writing to the BHRC office three weeks before entries close for any event.	
R11 New Rule	Remove from rule "This shall be mandatory from 1 st September 2021"	
S16 & S18	ADD Or current equivalent standard	
S19 New Rule	All drivers must wear footwear with a substantial heel, made of good leather or synthetic material. Under no circumstances should trainers, wellington boots or other insubstantial footwear be worn unless permission is given by the track steward.	
S20a New Rule	All drivers must wear colours when warming up a horse prior to racing or at any time when on the race-track at an official BHRC event unless permission is given by the track steward.	
S23 New Rule	In the event any person is involved in an accident on the track, a record must be completed on the Stewards Enquiry form and noted on the Regional/Chief Stewards Report, copies must be forwarded to the BHRC within 24 hours of the meeting. The officials on duty should ensure that any drivers undergo a medical examination and that the veterinary surgeon checks any horses involved.	
S24 New Rule	It shall be an offence under the Rules for any person to drive while medically unfit to do so, or while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. If a concern is raised drivers may be requested to see the medical facility in attendance who will confirm if they are 'fit to drive'. In certain circumstances stewards may request a formal doctor's certificate.	
S25 New Rule	When directed by the Stewards, or an authorised official of the BHRC, participants shall submit to a breath analysis test, or any other test. Any driver who shows a positive reading shall be subject to disciplinary action. Any participants who refuses to submit to a breath analysis test as required by the rules shall be prohibited from driving on that day and is liable to a fine and/or suspension and being referred to the BHRC.	
U3C New Rule	A deposit of £200 must be lodged with the BHRC (for an internal appeal) or £600 plus costs (for an external appeal) by the appellant, which may be forfeited if the appeal is dismissed.	
U6 New Rule	Appeals must be convened within 28 calendar days of receipt of Notice of Appeal by the BHRC Office. The appellant will be notified of the Appeal Hearing in writing by first class recorded post (and email where possible), giving seven calendar days clear notice. Failure to attend may result in dismissal of the appeal.	
U9 New Rule	In the case of an appeal against rejection or revocation of licences, the appellant must deposit with his/her appeal the sum of £200 in trust with the BHRC. The deposit amount will be refunded to the appellant in the event that no costs are assessed by the Appeal Panel. They may however be applied to costs where the Appeal Panel assesses costs against the appellant.	
V2 New Rule	Written or printed notice of any penalty imposed under these Rules shall be delivered to the person penalised and notice shall be sent immediately to the office of the BHRC. The	

	secretary of the BHRC shall transmit notice of suspension to all tracks; and thereupon the offender thus punished shall suffer the same penalty and disqualification with each track . Results of issues may be advertised on the website or in The Calendar	
W17 a	Anyone wishing to obtain a BHRC Driving Licence should apply to the BHRC Secretary, with a completed application form for a Provisional Drivers Licence, photo ID, photograph and relevant fee. A Provisional Licence (Yellow Card) will then be issued.	
W20 New Rule	After successfully completing the oral driving test and then demonstrating competencies (as listed on the Yellow Card) in qualifying races, the holder of a Provisional Drivers Licence will be eligible to take a driving test. Before and after each drive in qualifiers the provisional license holder must report to the appointed Track or Regional Steward who will sign and complete the details on the provisional licence (Yellow Card).	
W22a New Rule	Part One – will take place in a qualifying trial with at least four horses taking part. After the trial the opinions of any A or B Class drivers who participated may be considered. If the candidate is successful in Part One the Track Steward and BHRC/Regional Steward will proceed to	
W22b New Rule	An oral test on the Rules and Regulations of the BHRC	
W36 New Rule	Each application or licence upgrade may	
W46a	46a. All trainers must notify the BHRC Office in writing of the horses in their custody at the commencement of the race season (or within 24 hours of arrival). Public Trainers and Licence to Train must pay the £10 horse in training fee. (a) Is ok – but should become 46b (b) Is ok – but should become 46cc The penalty for breaching 46a or 46b is £25	
W29 W30 W33 W34	C to B 50 drives and approval from licencing panel B to A 50 wins and approval from licencing panel A* 150 wins and approval from licencing panel At discretion of licencing panel	
W38c	They have access to appropriate training facilities which may be inspected and have security of tenure for any premises they wish to register	
W40a - vi	Undergo a satisfactory inspection of facilities	
W53	Remove	
W60a	Where a trainer is unable to attend to horses under his care on race days, he must ensure that his nominated licensed assistant trainer is present. In exceptional circumstances where neither the trainer or assistant trainer can be present horses will only be permitted to race with written permission from the BHRC which will be forwarded to the Chief Steward.	
W60c New Rule	Any person representing a trainer or owner must hold a current Assistants Trainers licence issued or recognised by the BHRC and will be liable for any breach on the rules,	

	disciplinary action or penalties incurred along with the trainer or owner who appointed them.	
X1	To include conditioned races	
X3 remove	X3 take out Roosevelt cup and Prakas	
X11e	Remove rule	
X17	Remove rule	
X18	Remove rule	
X9	<p>Eligibility to Race in Classic Races (3yr old and above): to be eligible 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 days prior to the event in question.</p> <p>In the case of two year olds: to be eligible to race in any Classic race or Stakes race a horse must have completed either two qualifiers or one qualifying race and one race at least five days prior to the event in question. See Q7.</p>	
X8	Remove rule x8	
X37 New Rule	Generally only 'A' Class Drivers are entitled to drive in Classic, BHRC Stakes and Free For All Races, but a 'B' Class Driver may apply to the Licensing Panel for permission to drive a horse in a Classic or Free For All/Free for all type race. Such application must be made in writing giving seven days notice.	
Y Section	Testing: Add a number 5: In the unfortunate circumstances of a horse dying on a track, the Chief Steward must inform the Regional Steward/Integrity Officer. Samples should be collected for analysis. It is not advisable that the carcass be used by local hound kennels.	
Appendix II	New Flu Vaccination programme to replace	
Appendix V	<p>Add to notification process: BHRC Council Members <u>and Responsible Integrity Officer/Regional Steward</u> AND after promoter and before website: <u>Any other Integrity Team notified of Positive Test (last section)</u></p> <p>Throughout Appendix V: Change to BHRC Council Members to BHRC Directors, Regional Stewards and Deputy Regional Stewards</p>	
Appendix IX	Remove ref to BHRC Paper Licence as these are no longer used	
	Para On reaching a decision the persons concerned	
Appendix IX	Add If under 18 must be accompanied by responsible adult	
Appendix X Notes E	Remove use of/means either-or-and, replace with ALL penalties are subject to stewards (majority vote)	

