

The following document is split into 2 sections. The first section is rule changes proposed after the 2023 season. The second section is rule changes previously proposed at the beginning of 2023 but not ratified. All rule changes are subject to feedback from members on or before Tuesday 9th of January.

Rule Change Post 2023 Season.

New Rule

M3[c] The maximum number of runners permitted in a 2 year old only race shall be 8.

New Rule

M3[d] The maximum number of runners permitted in a C Class Drivers only race shall be 8.

L4. Warming Up - After one or two warm up laps, the Starter shall notify the Drivers to come to the starting gate.

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New Rule

M38. If in the opinion of the stewards a horse is distressed or laboring during a race both the trainer and driver will be interviewed as well as the horse being examined by the vet.
[a] If the horse is found to be distressed then the horse will be suspended for a minimum of 14 days.
[b] If driver is found not to be considering the horses welfare then driver to be fined and/or suspended.

PENALTIES

[a] Minimum 14 day suspension of horse

[b] Minimum £50 Fine

K5. The withdrawal of an entered horse must be done by the Owner/Trainer to the Track Secretary at least 48 hours prior to the race date unless accompanied by a Vets Certificate. Failure to withdraw or declare in the time allowed, will mean a penalty will be applied. (Amended 2009/2018) Withdrawal of an entered horse published on the official List of Entries does not remove liability under section J4.

K5. The withdrawal of an entered horse must be done by a the responsible person to the BHRC secretary by 10am on the next working day following close of entries. Failure to withdraw or declare in the time allowed, will mean a penalty will be applied and a reason must be supplied for the withdrawal.

PENALTIES - Payment of all entry fees

D1. The day to day administration of the BHRC shall be in the hands of the office presently situated at Delfryn, Llwynpiod, Llangeitho, Tregaron, Ceredigion, SY25 6TA.

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New Rule

H8[c] Drone - The BHRC shall ensure that drone facilities are provided at every meeting, unless there are approved unforeseen circumstances, which footage will be made available for the Judge to determine finishing order of races if photo finish equipment fails or for Track Stewards in the conduct of an enquiry. Any footage and photographs obtained must also be provided upon request to the BHRC for use by the BHRC or for internal purposes only, within a timely manner.

Proposed Changes Pre 2023 Season

Section A

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 horses for racing, and the conduct of Harness Racing. All rules and regulations and/or modification or amendments thereto adopted by the Directors 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.

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A3. The proprietors of every licensed racecourse and every person who is an Owner, Steward, Track Steward, Licensed Official, Trainer, Driver, Groom, Starter, Judge, Race Secretary, and any person employed in any capacity, having the care or maintenance of horses affected by these Rules, shall be deemed to have read the Rules of Racing of the British Harness Racing Club, and to have agreed to abide by and submit himself to such rules and to the jurisdiction of the Stewards of the British Harness Racing Club, and to consent to the publication to such bodies as may be appropriate, or in the press (The Harness Racing Calendar and otherwise), of any matter or decision under such rules.

A3. The proprietors of every licensed racecourse and every person who is an Owner, Steward, Track Steward, Licensed Official, Trainer, Driver, **Trainers Assistant, Assistant, Junior Member,** Starter, Judge, Race Secretary, and any person employed in any capacity, having the care or maintenance of horses affected by these Rules, shall be deemed to have read the Rules of Racing of the British Harness Racing Club, and to have agreed to abide by and submit himself to such rules and to the jurisdiction of the Stewards of the British Harness Racing Club, and to consent to the publication to such bodies as may be appropriate, or in the press (The Harness Racing Calendar and otherwise), of any matter or decision under such rules.

Section B

Advertised - means published as an advertisement in the Calendar or a newspaper.

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Amateur Driver - is a person who owns a licence to drive as an amateur and who has never ridden or driven for hire.

Amateur Driver - Remove this definition

Assistant - A person over the aged at least 18 licensed to attend a horse.

Banned Substance – is any substance or any isomer or homologue or diagnostic metabolite

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Council – means the Stewards of the BHRC who are the legal Directors of the Company

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Cup – means any prize not given in money

Cup - Remove this definition

Disqualified Person - A person who has been declared a disqualified person by the Stewards of the BHRC under these Rules and who, during the term of his disqualification, is prohibited from acting in any capacity and is warned off all racecourses and premises licensed under these rules.

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Driver - means a person licensed under these Rules to hold, and holding, a driver's licence and also includes a rider in the case of pacing races held under saddle.

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Fallen horse – a horse that falls while on the racetrack so that either its shoulders and/or quarters have been in contact with the track, or the driver has lost contact and/or control of the horse.

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Fees - All licence fees stipulated including Registration Fee and Calendar Subscription. The BHRC shall have the power to amend such fees from time to time. All amendments will be published in the Calendar **and/or the official website/social media** and shall become effective from the date of such publication.

Governing Body – means the organisation, which, by convention, recognition or law is or is deemed to be in control of harness racing in any named state or territory. For the purpose of these rules, and with reference to Great Britain, it is the BHRC.

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Handler - shall be the person in charge of the horse: [Owner, Trainer, or their appointed agent].

Handler - shall be **a licensed person** in charge of the horse.

New Definition Added

Harness Racing Horses - Within these rules refers to pacing horses only.

New Definition Added

Junior Member - A person between the ages of 12 and 18 licensed to attend a horse.

Month - means 28 days not a calendar month

Month - Remove this definition

New Definition Added

Official Fixture - Any event authorised by and ran under the rules of the BHRC.

Open Preferred Handicap - Is a race open to any horse. Horses starting position is determined by monies won as appearing in the BHRC Handicap System.

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Add in new definition for E section

Regional Steward - An Official appointed by the BHRC to represent that body at any racecourse who is 'ex officio' a member of the Council but not a Director of the Company. One of the principal duties of the Regional Steward is to determine, assist and operate within the integrity testing programme.

Add in new from E section

Deputy Regional Steward - An Official appointed by the BHRC Directors, there to assist/deputise for the Regional Steward. This person carries the same obligations, rights and duties as the Regional Steward but does not have a vote on the BHRC Council

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Racecourse/Track Stewards - Persons appointed by individual racecourses, affiliated to and licensed by the BHRC, who have the responsibility for the conduct of individual meetings in accordance with these Rules and who are licensed as Track Stewards by the BHRC.

Racecourse Executive - is the person or persons or Company incorporated under the Companies Act or other incorporated or unincorporated body, appearing in the records of the BHRC as the proprietor or of a racecourse.

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New Definition Added

Trainers Assistant - A licensed person aged 18 or over who can take over the duties/responsibilities of a trainer in their absence.

United Kingdom - Remove this definition

Update - Remove this definition

Workout - anytime a horse is presented with a Driver on the track of an official affiliated venue/racecourse. For the purposes of these rules, work out races and working out will fall under the directions of Section N of these regulations

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Section C

C13. A club may exclude from its racecourse, premises or other place under its control, a person under disqualification or a person currently warned off or excluded from a racecourse under these rules but if it so does:

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SECTION C - AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

C10. All BHRC licence holders must be allowed to race on all affiliated BHRC tracks unless their privileges have been withdrawn by the Governing Body. Failure to abide by this rule may result in the affiliation of such track being revoked.

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[b] No member of any unaffiliated GB harness racing organisation can:

[i] be a licence holder of the BHRC

[ii] serve on any committee or sub-committee of the BHRC in any capacity whatsoever

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SECTION D - ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

D5. The Secretary shall sign such contracts, documents or instruments in writing as require his signature and shall perform all duties incident to his office that are properly required of him by the Board and shall be custodian of the seal of the Society.

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D7. Assistant Secretaries may perform any of the duties of the Secretary.

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D8. The BHRC office shall:

[a] issue and keep records of all licences issued to participants in the categories of Owner, Trainer, Driver, Saddle and Groom

[b] issue and keep records of all licences granted to Track Stewards and other licensed officials

[c] issue Race Certificates to entitle horses to participate

[d] check vaccination records and ensure all requirements have been complied with before issuing Race Certificates

[e] keep records as to who is the horse's current Owner and trainer

[e] keep records of horses' performance record, earnings and handicap status

[f] supply the Race Framer with all information on horses' performance record, earnings and handicap status for horses entered for any particular Race-meeting

[g] produce the quarterly Harness Racing Calendar (Amended 2017)

[h] maintain records of Steward's enquiries (Amended 2015)

[i] liaise with the selected laboratory regarding medication control

[j] Withdrawn 2012 [k] undertake such duties as may be contracted to them by STAGBI

[l] arrange for all agreed disbursements to be paid out

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PART 2 - STEWARDS AND THE STEWARDING OF RACE-MEETINGS SECTION E - THE STEWARDS OF THE BRITISH HARNESS RACING CLUB

E4. The BHRC Directors shall have power:

- [a] at their discretion to grant, suspend and to withdraw licences to or from the proprietors of a Racecourse, Racecourse officials, Owners, Trainers and Drivers without assigning any reason; to allow any person to act or continue to act as an authorised agent or Steward; to make enquiries into and deal with any matter relating to harness racing under these rules; and to disqualify horses.
- [b] Meeting in Committee to approve the allocation of dates on which all meetings shall be held, to cancel such fixtures, to make any alteration to the date of any such Meeting and to supervise and make such alterations as they may think advisable in the programme of, or the conditions of any race at any Meeting.
- [c] Meeting in Committee to authorise the level of fees as they shall from time to time determine, in relation to these Rules.
- [d] to grant or refuse to grant, or to renew or refuse to renew, affiliation in respect of racecourses to the Managing Executives thereof.
- [e] 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.
- [i] To correct a decision of the Track Stewards where the Stewards have failed accurately to

apply any mandatory provision in these Rules. In such circumstances the person concerned will be informed in writing of the corrected decision. Should the person concerned wish to object to the correction he must apply in writing to the BHRC office for the matter to be referred to the Appeals Panel within 48 hours of his being given notice of the corrected decision which shall stand unless and until the Appeals Panel after having considered the matter decides otherwise.

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[b] To approve the allocation of dates on which all meetings shall be held, to cancel such fixtures, to make any alteration to the date of any such Meeting and to supervise and make such alterations as they may think advisable in the programme of, or the conditions of, any race at any Meeting.

[c] To authorise the level of fees as they shall from time to time determine, in relation to these Rules.

[e] To grant or refuse to grant, and to renew or refuse to renew, without assigning reason, licences to: Owners, Trainers, Assistant Trainers, Assistants, Drivers, Junior Members and Track Officials **without assigning a reason**. 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.

[i] To correct a decision of the Track Stewards where the Stewards have failed accurately to apply any mandatory provision in these Rules. In such circumstances the person concerned will be informed in writing of the corrected decision. Should the person concerned wish to object to the correction he must apply in writing to the BHRC office for the matter to be referred to the Appeals Panel within **72** hours of his being given notice of the corrected decision which shall stand unless and until the Appeals Panel after having considered the matter decides otherwise.

E6. The Stewards shall have the power: [a] to, at their absolute discretion, warn off any person from all racecourses where these Rules are in force without necessarily assigning any reason for doing so, and may at their discretion report such a person to other interested organisations.

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E7 PENALTIES Fine up to £3000

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SECTION F - THE STEWARDS OF THE MEETING [Racecourse or Track Stewards]

F7. The Track Stewards shall regulate, control, take cognisance of, and adjudicate upon, the conduct of all officials and of all Owners, Trainers, and Drivers, Grooms and persons attendant on the horses.

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F8. The Track Stewards shall have power to determine all questions arising in reference to racing at the meeting, subject to appeal under these rules, and should no decision be arrived at by them within three days of an objection being lodged or the question raised, they shall report the case to the Stewards of the British Harness Racing Club, who may, at their discretion decide the matter.

F8. The Track Stewards shall have power to determine all questions arising in reference to racing at the meeting, subject to appeal under these rules, and should no decision be arrived at by them within three days of an objection being lodged or the question raised, they shall report the case to **the directors** of the British Harness Racing Club, who may, at their discretion decide the matter.

F9 [c] Track Stewards and BHRC Directors must give appropriate notice to licence holders of their intention to hold a hearing or enquiry. In the case of Track Stewards on a race day this will be notified to the licence holder by the public address system and/or personal notification. In the case of BHRC Directors where the hearing or enquiry is set down to be resolved at a later date not less than 7 days' notice shall be given in writing by email where possible and by first class, recorded delivery post. Failure to attend a hearing or enquiry has serious consequences, see Section U6.

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F13. Track Stewards will not publish or make public in any way the findings in any enquiry held by them which, by the existing rules, have to be reported to the British Harness Racing Club Stewards, without clearly stating that their findings are subject to confirmation or otherwise by the Stewards, and simultaneously informing the Secretary of the British Harness Racing Club of their findings.

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F16. At any time, a BHRC 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.

F16. At any time, a Steward or BHRC Director **has the right to request that the integrity officer** take 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.

F17 & F18 - PENALTIES Refer to Y Section

F23. [a] In the event of an accident, it shall be mandatory to hold an enquiry and include all details on the Regional/Chief Steward's Report which must be sent to the BHRC office.
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[c] Any person involved in an accident, fall, collision, or incident must be examined by a first aider/medic immediately.

SECTION G - RACE FRAMING AND HANDICAPPING

G1. The Stewards of the BHRC shall, in consultation with the Members of the BHRC, from time to time prescribe a system under which handicaps shall be imposed.

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G7. No person shall approach any Race Framer for any other purpose than to ascertain the mark on which any horse owned or trained by him is assessed. Any person committing an offence against this rule may be fined or disqualified by the Stewards.

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PENALTIES Disqualify, Fine

G7 PENALTIES

Suspension and/or fine a the discretion of the BHRC

G8. The handicap rating of a horse will remain unchanged for that event once the race has been framed (this will include horses whose rating subsequently change between race framing and the race taking place)

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U6. 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 (7) calendar days clear notice. Failure

to attend may result in dismissal of the appeal.

U6. Appeals must be convened within **a calendar month** 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 **or by email**, giving seven (7) calendar days clear notice. Failure to attend may result in dismissal of the appeal.

E2. BHRC Directors and Regional Stewards are referred to as The Stewards. Stewards of the Meeting are referred to as such, or as Track Stewards.

E3. The Stewards shall have the power to act, advise or instruct on any matter that appears to be an infringement of the rules of the BHRC.

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E10. The Stewards shall have power to warn off all licensed racecourses, or disqualify for such period as they may think fit, or otherwise deal with any person who acts in any official capacity on any unapproved racecourse, or who enters, owns, drives or trains a horse entered or running at any unapproved racecourse in Great Britain.

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E12. At any enquiry of the Track Stewards a BHRC Director present may act in the position of Chairman, but in doing so shall not form or voice any opinion as to any decision, this must be left to the Track Stewards under the advice and/or instruction of the BHRC or Regional Stewards.

E12. At any enquiry of the Track Stewards a BHRC Director present may act in the position of Regional Steward, but in doing so shall not form or voice any opinion as to any decision, this must be left to the Track Stewards under the advice and/or instruction of the BHRC or Regional Stewards.

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Add in:

F24. The track stewards shall have the power to withdraw any horse from a race/qualifier that has been examined by the veterinary surgeon and deemed unfit to run.

SECTION H - THE ORGANISATION OF RACE-MEETINGS

H1. Racecourse Executive. The BHRC Directors 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 and that the Lorry Park and Unloading Area are clearly defined, and access is restricted to licensed persons only. At all meetings, other

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H4. The Racecourse Executive shall also appoint a Race Secretary, Licensed Starter, Judge, Timekeepers, a competent person to act as Race Secretary, a Paddock Steward and a Veterinary Surgeon who shall be provided with the clean and necessary facilities to enable him to carry out his professional duties.

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[a] give the names of the officials acting at such race-meeting.

[b] specify the prize money, added money where possible, distance, basic conditions of every race.

[c] give the registered names of horses, breeding, age, sex and colour.

[d] give the names of the Owner, Trainer and Driver of each horse.

[e] specify the racing colours to be worn by each Driver.

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[h] Horses prescribed Omeprazol or Ranitidine must display [OR] on the racecard as per Y section (5) Prohibited Substances 5.2b.

H7[b] Steward's Accommodation - The Racecourse Executive shall provide suitable accommodation i.e. a caravan, trailer or tent, for the conduct of Steward's Enquiries and provide sufficient white coats or other suitable distinctive uniform for the use of the Stewards, who shall wear them at all times whilst on duty.

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H8 [a] Video Facilities - The Racecourse Executive shall ensure that video facilities are provided at every meeting, which will be made available for the Judge to determine finishing order of races if photo finish equipment fails or for Track Stewards in the conduct of an enquiry. Any footage and photographs obtained must also be provided upon request to the BHRC for use by the BHRC or for internal purposes only, within 48 hours of race day.

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H10. Exclusion from Racecourse - The Racecourse Executive shall, on direction from the Track Stewards, be responsible for:

[a] excluding or removing from the racecourse all persons who have been disqualified.

[b] taking such steps as may be reasonably practicable to prevent undesirable persons from having any connection with or influence on the race-meeting or any licensed persons.

[c] investigating and reporting on any matter, which the Track Stewards may require.

PENALTIES [a] Exclusion from Racecourse

H10. Exclusion from Licenced Areas - The Racecourse Executive shall, on direction from the Track Stewards, be responsible for:

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H11. The Start Sheet published to the BHRC website shall be the official publication and thereafter no changes shall be permitted to horses entered in any race, the only exception being that a reserve horse may be entered into a race providing such horse was shown as a reserve on the published Start Sheet. Any publication of Start Sheets on different platforms will be considered provisional and may be subject to change.

Immediately on receipt of the Start Sheet from the Race Framer the Race Secretary shall:

[a] forward a copy to the BHRC immediately

[b] forward a copy of the Start Sheet to all Owners and Trainers with horses engaged at the forthcoming meeting, listing as a minimum the runners in each race with their handicap marks, the time each race is to be run and the time the runners are required in the paddock.

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PENALTIES: £50 Fine

H13. The Race Secretary shall have in his/her possession, for the information of the Track Stewards and Officials, a list of persons warned off and of disqualified persons and of disqualified horses, also a copy of the forfeit list, and they shall not allow any disqualified person or horse, or horse owned by a person on the forfeit list, to start for, or drive, in any race.

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H19. In the event of a licensed official being absent or incapacitated, the Racecourse Executive, or officer of the BHRC, may appoint a substitute to act until a licensed official can be procured. The BHRC shall be advised forthwith of such temporary appointments. In the case of an emergency, a Director of the BHRC may exercise any or all of the duties of an official.

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H28. The Judge must announce his decision, if necessary, after consulting the photograph and/or video recording of the race, and he shall base his decision exclusively on the position of the horses' noses at the time they pass the winning post. Every horse's finishing position, distances between each of the first three to complete the course and race times for every horse must be recorded. In the case of a close or potentially controversial finish, the Judge can consult with the Chief Steward to determine the result.

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H30. The Racecourse Executive shall appoint an Official who shall be responsible for sending a report in the manner prescribed by the BHRC for each race to the BHRC Office at the close of racing on each day, but no later than 10am on the next day. Failure to comply with this will incur a penalty.

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H31. The times **of all horses** shall be correctly recorded and handed to the Racecourse Executive, who shall forward a record of such times to the BHRC Office.

H32. Normally it will suffice to time the first four horses but in the event of prize money being awarded further down the line the times of all placed horses plus the fastest unplaced horse should be recorded.

Remove

H38. [a] There shall be a qualified Veterinary Surgeon appointed by each Track who shall remain at the track during the whole BHRC official event and may examine any horse at his, or the Stewards', discretion and submit a subsequent report to the Track Stewards. No racing may take place before the arrival of the Veterinary Surgeon

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H39. The Veterinary Surgeon is empowered to inspect any horse presented to race or physically present on the track and:

[a] perform an identity check on any horse by checking its passport and/or microchip.

[b] to check the vaccination status of any horse.

[c] to examine any horse at the request of the Track Stewards and advise.

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H40. If, in the opinion of the Veterinary Surgeon, the humane destruction of a horse, or an urgent operation is necessary, he shall attempt to contact the Owner or Trainer. If he is unable to do so, he shall be entitled to proceed with either of these operations without the permission of the Owner if the latter is not present or objects. The Veterinary Surgeon shall seek a second Veterinary opinion [where practicable] or consult with the Track Stewards in this eventuality.

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H44. Any complaint made against an official shall be made to the Chief Steward in writing, signed by the complainant, and accompanied by a deposit of £50 [Fifty Pounds], which will be forfeited if the complaint is found on investigation to be frivolous. The investigation shall be conducted by the Track Stewards and they shall report all such complaints to the BHRC Directors, who may take further action as they may deem appropriate under these Rules.

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J2. Every person making a wrong entry is equally liable for the entrance money and stake. Where a horse has been accidentally entered for a race for which it is not qualified, it shall be withdrawn on payment of a fine at any time before the race.
PENALTIES Fine (amount at discretion of Stewards)

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Remove Penalty

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J4. The Owner of any horses entered for a race, which is subsequently withdrawn, shall be liable for the full entry fee unless the horse is withdrawn prior to being published on the official List of Entries. Should payment not be made within thirty [30] days of the date of the race having been run the payment shall become a liability to the Owner, who shall, together with the horse or horses, be suspended until payment is made in full, providing the track notifies the BHRC in writing. (Amended 2017/2018)

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J6. The full amount of all added money, advertised by any meeting to be given in prizes, shall be made to the Owners, Lessees or their authorised agents, within fourteen days from the conclusion of the meeting. All cheques issued for prize money must be crossed 'A/C payee only'. Where the horse concerned has been subject of an integrity test the prize money shall be with-held until a negative result is returned.

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J7. [a] Added money shall be stated on the race-card. If there is no added money, then this should be so stated.

J7. [a] Total prize money shall be stated on the race-card.

K4. Failure to Declare on Time – A declaration received after the specified time of closing may not be accepted, except those omitted due to error or negligence by an official or employee of the Track. At the Promoters discretion horses declaring after the specified time may be allowed to compete but must be given the outside draw.

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[a]Any person who repeatedly declares after the specified time will be investigated by the BHRC and/or fined.

PENALTIES - Fine at the discretion of the BHRC

K8. Horses Omitted through Error - Such ballots shall be final, except when there is conclusive evidence that a horse was properly declared but omitted due to error. If the horse omitted by error was declared, it shall be added to the race and given the last post-position. In

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K9. Except as provided for in X34, where a race is split into heats, horses in the same ownership shall be seeded in separate heats whenever possible.

REMOVE

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SECTION L - STARTING

L8. Reasons for Recall - The Starter may sound a recall only for the following reasons:

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- [a] Delaying the start.
- [b] Failure to obey the Starter's or Stewards instruction. (Amended 2007)
- [c] Rushing ahead of the inside or outside wing of the gate.
- [d] Coming to the starting gate out of position.
- [e] Crossing over before reaching the starting point.
- [f] Interference with another Driver during the start.
- [g] Failure to come up into position.
- [h] Starting in advance of mark, and the horse will be disqualified.
- [i] Loose or no number cloth. [j] Leaving the track without permission.
- [k] Remaining in the race when disqualified.
- [l] Starting in the incorrect gate position and/or advantage of any gate position. The horse will be disqualified. (Addition 2017)(Amended 2013)

PENALTIES

- [a] Fine £25, £50, £100; demerit points – 2
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- [c] Disqualify; demerit points – 1
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- [f] Fine £25, £50, £100; demerit points – 2
- [g] Fine £25, £50, £100; demerit points – 1
- [h] Fine £25 + horse disqualified if Stewards consider there was insufficient effort to control the horse; demerit points – 2
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- [j] Horse disqualified from race; demerit points - 3
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L12 [b] In the case of an Open Preferred Handicap and upon publication of the official start sheet then those positions are deemed to have been drawn and as such cannot be changed. However, where a horse or horses withdraw movement within the line is permitted but not from second line to first or third to second.

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SECTION M - RACING AND TRACK RULES

M1. [a] Every horse shall be in the paddock no later than the time specified on the Start-sheet or announced over the Public Address by the Track Stewards.

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M2. On leaving the paddock to compete in a race the Driver shall:

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M3. [a] It is a recommendation of the BHRC that for safety purposes a field of more than 10 horses should only be allowed to compete on a track measuring 5/8th of a mile or more. (Addition 2013) any track which can only allow 4 on the gate can have a maximum of 8 in a race.

M3. [a] Each track shall have a maximum number of runners in a race and on the gate as determined by their track contract with the BHRC for safety reasons.

M3[b] REMOVE & find a new place for this rule. Move to M4q.

4[c] Fail to give a minimum of ten feet clearance when pulling in front of another horse or in front of the field.

M4[c] Fail to give **sufficient clearance** when pulling in front of another horse or in front of the field.

M4 [k] Failure to drive a horse to the extent of its ability considering track conditions, weather and circumstances of the race.

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M4 PENALTIES

[a] Considered reckless driving, Horse disqualified from race, 1st Offence: Fined £100; demerit points - 5 2nd Offence: Fined £100, 4 weeks suspension; demerit points - 5 3rd Offence: Fined £200, 2 months suspension; demerit points - 5

[b] Driver fined £50; demerit points - 2

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[e] Steward's decision. If deemed intentional, as above

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[k] Steward's Decision - depending on weather, track conditions, race conditions. Fine/Suspend. Minimum fine of £100; demerit points – 3/5 41

[l] Steward's Decision. If deemed reckless or careless treat as above.

[m] Steward's Decision [n] Owner/Trainer/Driver Fined/Suspended. Steward's Decision; demerit points - 1

[o] Fine is at Steward's discretion from £50 - £200; demerit points - 1

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M4. Driving Rules - No Driver shall commit any of the following acts, which are considered violations of driving rules:

PENALTIES - for any of the rules below if the result is affected horse will be disqualified or placings reversed.

[a/b/c/d/e/f/g/h/i/j/l/o/p] Considered reckless driving,

1st Offence: Fined £75; demerit points - 2

2nd Offence: Fined £100, demerit points - 4

3rd Offence: Fined £200, demerit points - 6

[k] Depending on weather, track conditions, race conditions. Fine and/or Suspend.

Minimum fine of £100; demerit points – 4

[m] Remove

[n] Remove

M5[c] Unnecessary conversation between and among Drivers while on the racetrack, up to and including the race, is prohibited. Any violation of this rule may be punished by a fine, and /or suspension or combination thereof.

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NEW RULE - S45: Failure to comply with stewards instructions.

S45: PENALTY: Fine £25, £50, £100; demerit points – 2

M7. No Driver should take the reins in one hand and use the whip to strike the horse with the other hand.

Move into M9

All rules will come under a retrospective stewarding process whereby the footage of the day's racing must be made available to an independent BHRC Director/Steward within a timely manner to be reviewed and any infringements of the whip rule will be reported to the BHRC office within 14 days of the race-meeting, whereby the licence holder will be contacted by the secretary via text and email with the finding, rule breached, and the penalty. If requested there can be a full hearing at the next available opportunity, for example the next race-meeting. After 14 days the details will be published on the BHRC website.

Move to start of Rulebook as Declaration

M9.[a] Drivers shall only use an approved whip. This being flexible, of standard construction, with a fiberglass core covered in linen with a handle and snapper. The whip shall not exceed 48 inches/ 125 cm in length and the snapper shall not to exceed 7 inches / 17cm in length and must be made of standard construction NOT knotted. No whip shall be modified in any way and damaged whips must not be used under any circumstances. No other device is to be used.

List of currently approved whip manufactures: Walsh, Finntack, Yonies, Westfield. This list is non exhaustive and subject to change at any time. No rawhide whips to be used.

For saddle / monte races any whip used must be one approved for use by the BHA either for national hunt or flat racing. Available from Gibsons Saddlers (Newmarket).

Any whip deemed by the stewards unsatisfactory shall be confiscated by the stewards

PENALTIES: If found using a non-approved, or modified whip (on or off the track) automatic £100 fine, 14 days driving suspension

Whip demerit points only refer to breaches of the whip rule these are also referred to as WDP.

Remove this as demerit points getting applied to full rule book

M9[b]The driver shall only use the whip by means of a flicking motion of the wrist, whilst keeping one rein in each hand keeping a good contact with the horses bit. There should be no shoulder action engaged.

The flicking motion shall be used so that no force is generated from the movement of the elbow or shoulder. The forearm should not be raised more than 45 degrees to the track.

The number of strikes used shall not be more than 8 strikes or more than 4 strikes on a 2 year

old.

M9[c] The whip must not be used with severe and extreme force, for example the horse has wheals or whip marks or blood has been drawn. The horse should be examined by the track vet who shall report their findings to the track stewards who alongside video evidence will hold a enquiry into the incident.

M9[d] The whip may be carried over the shoulder when not in use but when brought forward may not be used for 10 metres.

M9[e] **The whip must not be used** continuously without giving the horse time to respond.

M9[f] The whip must not be used on a horse that is: not responding, is not in contention, cannot maintain or improve its position, is clearly winning, has passed the winning line.

M9[g] The driver shall not use the butt end of the whip in a prodding or jabbing fashion.

M9[h] The whip shall not be used outside the confines of the shafts and wheel discs shall not be hit.

M9[i] The whip shall not be used in a sideways motion.

M9[j] No person shall offer inducement to or instruct a driver to use the whip contrary to the above rules.

M9[k] No driver can be seen to be Loose-lining during a race. The reins shall remain taut with contact to the bit at all times during a race.

M9[l] No Driver should take the reins in one hand and use the whip to strike the horse with the other hand.

PENALTIES

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M9[b/e/f/g]

Aged Horse (3 years and above)

1st Offence £50 fine and 2 demerit points

2nd Offence £75 fine and 4 demerit points

3rd Offence £100 fine and 6 demerit points

Two Year Old

1st Offence £75 fine and 3 demerit points

2nd Offence £100 fine and 6 demerit points

3rd Offence £125 fine and 9 demerit points

[c] £500-£1500 and/or 14/28 days driver suspension

[d/i/k]

1st offence £50 fine

2nd offence £75 fine

3rd offence £100 fine

[h] £25 fine

[j] Refer to the BHRC

[l] disqualification, £100 fine, 5 demerit points

The only evidence relied on shall be from the official video, veterinary evidence and stewards' evidence.

Move this to declaration at the start of the rule book

M11. The possession of or use of any device or appliance other than the ordinary whip or crop including reins, upon any horse at any racetrack or in any race shall constitute a violation.

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Add in to M9 Penalties

Any extreme contravention of the rule will lead to the horse being disqualified.

M13. The order of priority set out below shall apply in relation to an Owner or Trainer who has more than one horse engaged in a race and desires to drive in such race. (Amended 2006)

[a] Firstly he shall drive the horse he owns and trains.

[b] Secondly he shall drive the horse, which he owns but which is trained by some other person.

[c] Thirdly he shall drive the horse trained by him but not owned by him.

[d] Fourthly if none of the horses so engaged comes within the categories set out in the foregoing priorities, he shall drive the horse approved by the Track Stewards.

M13. Driving Priorities

[a] Firstly they shall drive the horse they own and train.
[b] Secondly they shall drive the horse, which they own but which is trained by some other person.
[c] Thirdly they shall drive the horse trained by them but not owned by them.
[d] Fourthly if none of the horses so engaged comes within the categories set out in the foregoing priorities, he shall drive the horse approved by the Track Stewards.

M13 PENALTIES If not complied with, fine and/or suspension all categories; demerit points – 1/2

M13 PENALTIES £50 Fine

M14 PENALTIES If either rule not complied with, fine and/or suspension all categories; demerit points – 1/2

M14 PENALTIES £50

M15. Any Driver who commits a breach of any of the sub clauses to this Rule may be fined by the Stewards, who may also suspend or disqualify him for such period as they think fit.

Remove

M4[q] The Driver of any horse who, in the opinion of the Track Stewards, or the Stewards of the BHRC, has intentionally caused interference at any time whilst on the racetrack and whether before or after a race shall be guilty of an offence.

PENALTY: Horse disqualified and driver referred to BHRC

Removing

M18/M19/M20/M21/M22

M23. When a horse breaks from its gait, the Driver shall immediately, where clearance exists, take it to the outside and pull it to the gait at which it was declared to go in the race, and if the Driver fails so to do the horse, if it is placed, shall be disqualified from the race and the Driver may be fined, and/or suspended or disqualified for failure to lose ground by the break.

The following shall be considered violations of Rule M23.

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M25. Any horse making a break, which causes interference to other contending horses, may be placed behind all offended horses. Where there has been no failure on the part of the Driver of the breaking horse in complying with sub-sections of Rule M24, no fine or suspension shall be imposed on the Driver as a consequence of the interference.

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M25 Add in Penalty

PENALTY: Horse may be placed behind all offended horses

M26 PENALTIES Driver fined and suspended according to Steward's decision; demerit points - 5

M26 PENALTIES £100 Fine and 4 Demerit Points

M27 PENALTIES Demerit points - 5

PENALTIES Horse placed behind any horses within one horse and sulky length

M28. In the event a drive is unsatisfactory due to lack of effort or carelessness, and the Stewards believe that there is no fraud, gross carelessness, or a deliberate inconsistent drive they may impose a penalty under this sub-section including, but not limited to, a fine and/or suspension or disqualification.

REMOVE

M29. If at a racetrack which does not have a solid inside hub rail, a horse or part of the horse's sulky leaves the course by going inside the hub rail or other demarcation which constitutes the inside limits of the course, the offending horse shall be relegated one or more positions where, in the opinion of the Stewards, the action gave the horse an unfair advantage over other horses in the race, or the action helped the horse improve its position in the race. If the offending horse causes interference to any other horse in the race by such action, or

causes another horse to penetrate inner track markers, the offending horse will be disqualified.

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M29 PENALTIES 1st offence - fine £100; demerit points - 5 2nd offence - fine £100, 4 weeks suspension; demerit points - 5 3rd offence - fine £200, 2 months suspension; demerit points - 5

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1st offence - fine £100; demerit points - 5
2nd offence - fine £100, 4 weeks suspension; demerit points - 5
3rd offence - fine £200, 2 months suspension; demerit points - 5

M31. [a] If a horse is classed to have fallen on a track at any stage, then it cannot run.
[b] If a horse falls at an official fixture other than in (a) above it can only run with veterinary approval.

M31 [a] If a horse is classed to have fallen at the racecourse at any stage, then it cannot run.
[b] REMOVE

M34. In the case of a trophy, the question shall be determined by lot by the Stewards.

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M35. In the case of a prize which cannot be divided, the question shall be determined by lot by the stewards, who shall also decide what sum of money shall be paid to the other Owner or Owners in respect of such prize.

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M36: If any Driver of jockey is unseated at any period whilst on the track or during a race that Driver or jockey must attend the official trained medical personnel in attendance before driving or riding in any subsequent race on that day.

Remove and move to M31[c]

SECTION N - QUALIFYING TRIALS, TIME TRIALS AND RECORDS

N3c Horses imported from France who have not raced in the last 12 months and/or have no mobile start gate experience.

N3[c] Remove

N3[b] Any horse that has not qualified in the previous season under the rules of the BHRC or the IHRA.

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N5 Failure to comply with any of the above provisions will incur an automatic administration fee at a minimum of £5 per notification. In addition, the horse may not be permitted to compete.

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N7 [f] Pacers any break from gait will disqualify.

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N7[g] Where entries are required before the closing date for entries for the particular racemeeting involved there may be a financial penalty if a horse scheduled to run in a qualifying trial is withdrawn at the discretion of the track.

N7[g] Horses entered to qualify, who do not withdraw before the designated time, will be liable for the full entry fee.

N7[k] It is the discretion of the Chief Steward on the day as to whether horses may trail the start gate in qualifying trials.

N7[k] It is the discretion of the **Starter** on the day as to whether horses may trail the start gate in qualifying trials.

N7[m] All entries for Qualifying races must be sent to the BHRC Office.

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will be accepted after the close of entries.

N10. The list of horses qualifying should be forwarded to the BHRC office on the form supplied within twenty four hours

N10. Results of qualifying trials, including every horse whether it qualified or not, should be forwarded to the BHRC office by 10am on the next working day following racing.

N11. No horse may be entered for a race before it has qualified under the Rules and applied for and had issued a Race Certificate, valid for the current year, by the BHRC Office.

N11 No horse may be entered for a race until it has qualified under the rules and **paid its race fee for the current year.**

N32. An approved timing device is required for all records. In the event of a failure of a timer during the progress of a record, no record will be obtained.

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SECTION P - POSTPONEMENT

P3[b] All horses declared prior to race day, must declare again in line with track conditions on race day before the draw can take place. Only horses declared on race day will be included in the draw

Remove

P4. In order to transfer classic races to another meeting consent must be obtained from two thirds of the track members and those having horses in the event. In the event of the impossibility of racing a scheduled classic race because of the unavailability of the scheduled track, a suitable alternate site may be selected with the approval of two thirds of the Owners of the horses and the BHRC.

P4. In order to transfer classic races to another date or track consent must be obtained with the approval of two thirds of the Owners of the horses and the BHRC.

Q1[g] be registered in writing with the BHRC as in training for a minimum period of 28 days immediately prior to entry

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[h] have all relevant fees relating to a Race Certificate submitted to the BHRC.

[h] have **paid** all relevant fees to race

[i] hold a Race Certificate issued by an internationally recognised racing body endorsed by the BHRC.

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Q2. At the meeting at which such horse first runs after it has been so registered, the Trainer shall produce, or cause to be produced, to the Stewards of the Meeting, a valid Race Certificate and Documentary Proof of compliance with Rule Q1. above [i.e., an approved passport].

Q2. Remove

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

Q4. [a] If a flu vaccination is administered **during the racing season** 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

Q1 PENALTIES [a] Fine £20. Horse not eligible for entry until rule complied with

Q1 PENALTIES [a] Fine **£50**. Horse not eligible for entry until rule complied with

Q5. [a] No horse shall race before April 1st of its two year old year, and no two year old is permitted to take part in a race or trial more than once on any one day.

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Q5 [b] 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.

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Q6. No 'major' two-year-old race will be permitted before June 1st. 'Major' races are defined as all Track Futurities, the Sire Stakes races and the National Pacing Futurity.

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Q7. No two year old shall be allowed to start ANY race unless it has completed at least 2 **qualifiers** (and had the passport signed) at least five (5) days prior to the event in question (see also Classics, Section X). See also X9.

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Insert Heading above Q8 "All Horses"

Q8. No horse will be eligible to race unless it has first qualified by time.

Q8. Remove

Q12. Imported Horses - Application to register an imported horse to race must be made to the Secretary within 28 days of the date of its arrival in Great Britain. All such applications must meet the following criteria:

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[d] Imported horses must qualify before racing (with the exception of French imports who have raced in the last 12 months and have mobile start gate experience), unless they have raced or qualified in the previous season.

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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 (3) weeks before entries close for any event.

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Q17[b] Failure to forward such documentation within 20 days after purchase of a horse that is racing, will subject the buyer to a fine and the horse will be suspended from racing until all documentation is completed.

Q17[b] Failure to notify the BHRC within 48 hours after purchase or sale of a horse that is racing, will subject the buyer/seller to a fine and the horse will be suspended from racing until all documentation is completed.

Q18. Where the BHRC or any other recognised body affiliated to the BHRC has ordered that costs be paid ("the costs order") in respect of investigations or tests of a specified horse or horses (by way of example but not limited to costs incurred by the BHRC and its agents in furtherance of the Integrity Testing Regime) those horses to which the costs order relates will not be permitted to run in races falling within the jurisdiction of the BHRC or any of its affiliated bodies until those costs have been paid. For the avoidance of doubt this restriction will apply whether or not the horse remains in the same ownership as at the time that the costs order was made. A list of such horses will be published in the Calendar and on the BHRC website.

Q18 Where the BHRC has ordered that fines/costs be paid in respect of enquiries,

investigations or tests of a specified horse or horses, those horses to which the order relates will not be permitted to run in races falling within the jurisdiction of the BHRC or any of its affiliated bodies until the debt has been paid. For the avoidance of doubt this restriction will apply whether or not the horse remains in the same ownership as at the time that the costs order was made. A list of such horses will be published in the Calendar and on the BHRC Website.

Move to V15

Move rule from S32 to Q19

Q19. No Owner or Trainer shall cause or permit any horse which is suffering from any infectious or contagious disease, or which has recently been exposed to the risk of such disease, to be or to remain, upon any racecourse or within the precincts thereof, provided that it shall be a defence to an alleged breach of this Rule to provide that neither the Owner nor Trainer knew, or reasonably could have known, of such disease or the fact of such exposure.

PENALTIES Fine/suspension, refer to BHRC

R4. Each horse must be safely equipped for each race and if it is determined by the Stewards that a horse has been raced with unsafe or faulty equipment, the Stewards may impose a fine, and/or suspension on the Trainer concerned.

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R5. Add in penalty

R5. PENALTIES - Disqualification of horse and/or Fine £25, £50, £75, £100

R7 PENALTIES At Steward's decision. Owner, Trainer, Driver: fined, suspended Demerit points – 2

R7 PENALTIES Trainer Fined £25, £50, £75, £100

R8 PENALTIES At Steward's decision. Fine or disqualification of horse. Demerit points – 2

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R9. Sulkies must be of neat appearance with a properly secured and tight seat. Any

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R9 PENALTIES At Steward's decision. Fine or suspension. Demerit points - 2

R9 PENALTIES **Equipment not allowed for use**

R10. A fine and/or suspension may be imposed for contravening any rules in this section.

REMOVE

R11. It shall be the decision of the stewards at the track and/or a BHRC representative to stipulate if mud guards or mud sheets must be used at a race-meeting due to inclement conditions. It is the responsibility of the Trainer to ensure these are present and fitted correctly and safely in line with the manufacturer's guidelines and fit for purpose. The mud guards shall be of a type approved by the BHRC.

R11. It shall be the decision of the stewards at the track and/or a BHRC representative to stipulate if mud guards **and** mud sheets must be used at a **race-meeting/official fixture** due to inclement conditions. It is the responsibility of the Trainer to ensure these are present and fit for purpose and fitted correctly and safely.

R11 - PENALTIES No sulky can be used without mudguards/mud sheets when required. Fine £50

Add in

S2. All provisions under the rules shall apply to men and women participants equally

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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:

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S3[c] In the case of an applicant for a Driver's licence, may require him/her to produce a satisfactory medical certificate of fitness to ride or drive.

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S5. In dealing with any application for renewal, the Stewards of the BHRC shall have the same power as in S3 above

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S6. The Stewards of the BHRC may, at their discretion, cancel or withdraw any licence or suspend any licence for such period during the currency thereof, if they consider there are reasonable grounds for so doing.

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S11. [a] If in the opinion of the Track Stewards, a Driver/licence holder is for any reason unfit or incompetent to drive or refuses to comply with the directions of the Stewards or is reckless in his conduct and endangers the safety of horses or other Drivers in the race, he may be removed.

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S11[a] PENTALIES - Stood down Fine up to £100 Report to BHRC

Add in

S15. [a] All Drivers on passing their BHRC driving test must register their own racing colours at an annual registration fee.

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S16 PENALTIES Fine £100. Fourteen (14) day suspension

S16 PENALTIES Fine £100 and/or Fourteen (14) day suspension

S17 PENALTIES Fine £25

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S19 PENALTIES £25 Fine

Add in

S20. [a] All drivers must wear registered racing colours when warming up a horse prior to racing or at any time when on the race-track at an official BHRC fixture unless permission is given by the track steward. *(Amended 2022)*

[b] All Drivers must parade or remain in proper post parade order, unless excused by the Stewards, until the parade has passed in front of the grandstand and the horses have turned on the track.

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[b] All Drivers must parade or remain in proper post parade order, unless excused by the Stewards, until the parade has passed in front of the grandstand and the horses have turned on the track.

S21 All participants must produce the horses passports to the race day secretary when declaring said horse. Failure to do so will result in horse not being allowed to run and set penalty being imposed. (*Amended 2021*)

PENALTIES

The horse not allowed to run

1st offence – warning and horse not allowed to run

2nd offence – fine £100 and horse not allowed to run

3rd offence – fine £200 and horse not allowed to run

Fine to double with each offence

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S22 Only owners, trainers, drivers and grooms of horses competing in that race are entitled to admission to the paddock, unless prior permission has been obtained from the Track Stewards for a handler to attend the horse.

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“While all reasonable care is taken the BHRC cannot be held responsible for the safety of any unlicensed person found in a licensed area” [\(Amended 2023\)](#)

S23. 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 Steward's 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. [\(Amended 2022\)](#)

penalty as in rule

S23. In the event any person is involved in an accident on the racecourse a record must be completed on the Stewards Enquiry form and noted on the Chief Steward's 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 and provides a written report for the track stewards. [\(Amended 2022\)](#) [\(Amended 2023\)](#)

S24. 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.

(Amended 2022)

PENALTIES

Steward's decision, refer to BHRC

S24. 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.

(Amended 2022)

PENALTIES

Refer to BHRC *(Amended 2023)*

S25. 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 participant 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. *(Amended 2022)*

PENALTIES

As stated in Rule. Fine, suspend for race day, report to BHRC

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PENALTIES

Fine £100, suspend for race day, report to BHRC (*Amended 2023*)

S26. Where breath analysis testing equipment is not available, if, in the opinion of the Track Stewards a person is unfit to drive, or whose conduct may reflect adversely on the sport due to alcohol or drug impairment, he/she shall be suspended forthwith for the remainder of that day and may be subject to a further suspension and fined as the Stewards see fit and referred to BHRC.

PENALTIES

As stated in Rule. Fine, suspend for race day, report to BHRC

S26. Where breath analysis testing equipment is not available, if, in the opinion of the Track Stewards a person is unfit to drive, or whose conduct may reflect adversely on the sport due to alcohol or drug impairment, he/she shall be suspended forthwith for the remainder of that day and may be subject to a further suspension and fined as the Stewards see fit and referred to BHRC.

PENALTIES

Fine £100, suspend for race day, report to BHRC (*Amended 2023*)

S27. The personal use by any participant of any illicit drug is prohibited. Random testing for personal drug use may be carried out on the instruction of the Stewards.

PENALTIES

As stated in Rule. Immediate suspension, refer to BHRC

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PENALTIES

Immediate suspension, Fine £100 refer to BHRC, *(Amended 2023)*

S28. No licence holder shall use improper language to an official, officer of the BHRC or be guilty of any improper conduct towards such officers or Stewards, or persons serving under their orders.

PENALTIES

Fine at Steward's discretion. Immediate suspension and report to BHRC

Remove complete rule, *(Amended 2023)*

S29. No licence holder, at any time or place, shall commit an assault and battery upon any participant or threaten to do bodily injury to any participant, or address any participant with insulting or offensive language.

PENALTIES

Fine at Steward's discretion. Immediate suspension and report to BHRC

Remove complete rule (*Amended 2023*)

S30. Violation of the following shall make offenders liable to a fine and/or suspension:

[a] Use of offensive or profane language.

[b] Disturbing the peace.

PENALTIES

[a] Minimum fine £25, maximum fine £100, and suspension.

Demerit points – 3

[b] Minimum fine £25, maximum fine £100, and suspension. Report to BHRC

Remove rule (*Amended 2023*)

31. Failure to report fraudulent proposal. - If any person shall be approached with any offer or

promise of a bribe, or a wager, or with a request or suggestion for a bribe, or for any improper, corrupt or fraudulent act in relation to racing, or that any race shall be conducted other than fairly and honestly, it shall be the duty of such person to report the details thereof immediately to the Chief Steward.

PENALTIES

Licence in all capacities suspended immediately, refer to BHRC

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PENALTY

Refer to BHRC

S33. Any licence holder found guilty of committing an act of cruelty on a horse shall be liable to a fine and/or suspension. The Stewards of the BHRC shall have the authority to order an investigation and a hearing and to impose a penalty for any act of cruelty or neglect of a horse committed by a licence holder whether on or off the track. All licensed persons must have regard of the Horse Animal Welfare Statement published by the British Harness Racing Club. *(Amended 2017)*

PENALTIES

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PENALTIES

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S34. [a] Any licence holder who participates at a race meeting which is not approved by the BHRC, or not sanctioned by a recognised governing body of another country, may be fined for each such offence, and may be suspended or expelled.

[b] A horse which has raced at such meetings may return to racing under BHRC rules providing it has become the property of a current BHRC Licence Holder and subject to approval of the Stewards.

PENALTIES

Immediate suspension of all licences, refer to BHRC

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PENALTIES

Immediate suspension of all licences, refer to BHRC

S35. Road Racing in any form is absolutely forbidden, and it is illegal for any licence holder to participate in such racing. Any licence holder participating in Road Racing in any capacity shall be subject to a mandatory fine of not less than £3,000 and warning off for a period of not less than three years. (*Amended 2016*)

PENALTIES

As stated in Rule

S35. Road Racing in any form is absolutely forbidden, and it is illegal for any licence holder to participate in or promote such racing. Any licence holder participating in Road Racing in any capacity shall be subject to a mandatory fine of not less than £3,000 and warning off for a period of not less than three years. The BHRC reserve the right to share any information they have regarding road racing with the police. (*Amended 2016*) (*Amended 2023*)

PENALTIES

As stated in Rule

S36. No owner, trainer, driver, attendant of a horse, or any licensed person or steward shall use improper language (By any means either speech or any form of communication) to an official, or an officer of the BHRC, or be guilty of any improper conduct toward such officers, or Stewards, or person serving under their orders.

PENALTIES

At the discretion of the BHRC

S36. No owner, trainer, driver, attendant of a horse, or any licensed person or steward shall use improper language (By any means either speech or any form of communication) to any persons, licenced or unlicenced or to an officer of the BHRC, or be guilty of any improper conduct toward any persons, licenced or unlicenced, or Stewards, or person serving under their orders.

PENALTIES

Fine, £50, £75, £100 (*Amended 2023*)

S37. No owner, trainer, driver, or attendant of a horse, or any other person, at any time or place shall commit an assault, or an assault and battery, upon any driver who shall drive in a race, or shall threaten to do bodily injury to any such driver, or shall address to such driver language outrageously insulting.

PENALTIES

Fine/suspension, refer to BHRC

S37 a). No owner, trainer, driver, or attendant of a horse, or any other person, at any time or place shall commit an assault, or an assault and battery, upon any person, licenced or unlicensed.

b) No owner, trainer, driver, or attendant of a horse, or any other person, at any time or place shall commit a breach of the peace

PENALTIES

Refer to BHRC (*Amended 2023*)

S38. If any owner, trainer, or driver of a horse shall threaten or join with others in threatening not to race, or not to declare in, because of the entry of a certain horse or horses, or a particular person, thereby compelling or trying to compel the Race Secretary to reject certain eligible entries, it shall be immediately reported to the BHRC Office and the offending parties may be suspended pending a hearing before a BHRC Disciplinary Panel.

PENALTIES

Steward's discretion, fine £25 minimum, £100 maximum

Immediate suspension of all licences, refer to the BHRC

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PENALTIES

Steward's discretion, fine £25 minimum, £100 maximum

Immediate suspension of all licences, refer to the BHRC

S39. No owner, trainer or driver of a horse shall bet, or cause any other person to bet on his behalf, on any other horse in the race in which he has a horse engaged.

PENALTIES

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PENALTIES

Refer to BHRC

S40. Any person shall not:

[a] carry out any misconduct, on their part or on the part of a licence holder of the BHRC, fraudulent in its nature or injurious to the sport of Harness Racing. Any such misconduct, although not specified in these rules, is forbidden.

[b] say, publish, write, or cause to be said, published or written, anything malicious, intimidatory or otherwise improper about a Governing Body, its members, employees or its officials or anyone else associated with the harness racing industry.

[c] whether alone or in association with others, say, publish or write, or cause to be said, published or written, anything intended improperly to influence a decision of the BHRC, its members, employees or its officials or anyone else associated with the harness racing industry, on any matter.

[d] whilst acting as administrator to social media pages, allow comments to be published which are malicious, intimidatory or otherwise improper about a Governing Body, its members, employees or its officials or anyone else associated with the harness racing industry. Said administrator shall be deemed to take full responsibility for such comments.

[e] whether individually or in concert with one another, fraudulently and corruptly, by any means, affect or attempt to affect the outcome of any race or affect or attempt to affect a false registration, or commit any other act fraudulent in its nature and/or injurious to the sport.

All licensed persons must have regard of the Social Media Policy published by the BHRC. *(Amended 2017)*

Any person found guilty of a breach of section S40 shall be subject to a suspension and/or fine and/or warning off. *(Amended 2017)*

PENALTIES

1st offence - immediate 2 month suspension, refer to BHRC

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[c] whether alone or in association with others, say, publish or write, or cause to be said, published or written, anything intended improperly to influence a decision of the BHRC, its members, employees or its officials or anyone else associated with the harness racing industry, on any matter.

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Any person found guilty of a breach of section S40 shall be subject to a suspension and/or fine and/or warning off. *(Amended 2017)*

PENALTIES

Refer to BHRC *(Amended 2023)*

T1. Objections may be made by an Owner, authorised agent, Trainer or Driver of one of the contending horses and shall be made **in writing**, to the Chief Steward of the Track, and contain at least one specific charge which, if true, would prevent the horse from winning prize money or competing in the race. **A deposit of £50 shall be lodged by the appellant, which will be forfeited if the objection is dismissed.** An objection may also be made **without deposit**, by a Track Steward or licensed official of a meeting in his official capacity. Such objection must

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T2. Every objection shall be determined by at least three Track Stewards.

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T4. Any person found guilty of making an objection falsely or without cause may be liable to a fine and/or suspension.

PENALTIES Steward's discretion, fine minimum £50 and/or suspension

Remove

T7[f] a horse was not duly registered at the BHRC Office.

Remove

U1. Appeal - An appeal is a request for the BHRC to appoint a Panel of Appeal to investigate, consider, and review any decisions or rules of the Stewards or officials of a meeting. The appeal may deal with placings, penalties, interpretations of the rule, or any questions arising out of the conduct of a race-meeting.

Remove

U4. All appeals must be made in writing on the official form, which may be obtained from the Race Secretary or BHRC office.

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U6. 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 (7) calendar days clear notice. Failure to attend may result in dismissal of the appeal.

U6. Appeals must be convened within a **calendar month** 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/or email, giving seven (7) calendar days clear notice. Failure to attend may

result in dismissal of the appeal.

U10. In every case where a penalty is imposed, and such penalty has been appealed to the BHRC, such appeal, if requested, may stay such suspension until a hearing has been held and the merits of the appeal ruled upon. The stay will begin when the person appealing files in writing with the notice of appeal a request for a stay with the Secretary of the BHRC, such notice to be filed within 72 hours after the posting of the decision or penalty from which the appeal is taken. Notice shall state the grounds of the appeal.

U10. In every case where a penalty is imposed, and such penalty has been appealed to the BHRC, such appeal, if requested, may **delay** such suspension until a hearing has been held and the merits of the appeal ruled upon. The **delay** will begin when the person appealing files in writing with the notice of appeal with the Secretary of the BHRC, such notice to be filed within 72 hours after the posting of the decision or penalty from which the appeal is taken. Notice shall state the grounds of the appeal.

U11. Costs. The Governing Body may determine all such costs and apportion such costs to be payable by such persons **as they see fit.**

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V1[a] All persons who shall have been fined under these rules shall be suspended until said fine shall have been paid in full.

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V1[b] Where fines have remained unpaid for a period of five years, they may be dropped from the accounts of the Treasurer of the BHRC. However, such action will not affect the suspension.

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V1[c] Unpaid obligations will attract a monthly administration charge of £5 which shall be added to and become part of the original debt.

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V1[e] All track fines should be paid within 8 days and all other fines should be paid within 28 days.

Add in

V1[f] In cases where debts remain unpaid the BHRC reserves the right to pass debts over to a debt collection agency or refer the case to the small claims court.

Add in

V3. Commencement of any Suspension shall normally be 7 days from the day of imposition of the suspension when imposed on a licence holder, being a Trainer or Driver. For all other categories of licence holder such as Owner/Groom the suspension shall be immediate, as shall a suspension imposed on any horse/s. Stewards shall, however, have the authority to impose an immediate suspension should they deem it necessary.

V3. Commencement of any Suspension shall normally be 8 days from the day of imposition of the suspension when imposed on a licence holder, being a Trainer or Driver. For all other categories of licence holder such as Owner/Trainers Assistant etc the suspension shall be immediate, as shall a suspension imposed on any horse/s. Stewards shall, however, have the authority to impose an immediate suspension should they deem it necessary.

V4 PENALTIES

Remove PENALTIES Fine £50 minimum

V5. Fraudulent Transfer - The fraudulent transfer of a horse by any person or persons under suspension in order to circumvent said suspension, shall constitute a violation and shall be punishable by a fine, further suspension or a combination thereof.

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V5 PENALTIES Immediate suspension and report to BHRC

V5 PENALTIES Refer to BHRC

V6 PENALTIES As stated in Rule, refer to BHRC

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V7. A suspended or disqualified person cannot act as an officer of a track. A track shall not, after receiving notice of such penalty, employ or retain in its employ a suspended or

disqualified person at or on the track during the progress of a race-meeting. Any Track found violating this rule shall be fined.

V7. A suspended or disqualified person cannot act as an official of a track. A track shall not, after receiving notice of such penalty, employ or retain in its employ a suspended or disqualified person at or on the track during the progress of a race-meeting.

V7 PENALTIES As stated in Rule, refer to BHRC

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V8. A person warned off or disqualified by the Stewards of the British Harness Racing Club may not attend any recognised meeting under the Rules of Racing of the British Harness Racing Club, or enter the stables or premises of any racecourse licensed by the Stewards of the British Harness Racing Club.

V8. A person warned off or disqualified by the Directors of the British Harness Racing Club may not enter the licenced areas of any racecourse licenced by the British Harness Racing Club.

V9. Dishonoured Cheques:

[a] Any licence holder of the BHRC who pays an entry, a fine or other claim to the BHRC, or an entry or fine to any Track affiliated to the BHRC, by cheque, which upon presentation is protested, payment refused or otherwise dishonoured, shall be subject to a fine, and the winnings of the horse or horses of that particular race, declared illegal and said persons and horses suspended until the dishonoured amount and fine are paid and the illegal winnings returned.

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V9[a] PENTALTIES As stated in rule, refer to BHRC

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[b] Any Track Affiliated to the BHRC, which pays prize money to a Licence Holder of the BHRC by cheque, which upon presentation is protested, payment refused or otherwise dishonoured, shall be referred to the Stewards of the BHRC.

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dishonoured, shall be referred to the Directors of the BHRC.

V11. Reciprocity of Penalties - All persons and horses under suspension or disqualification by a recognised Trotting Association of a foreign country shall, upon notice from Association to the Secretary of the BHRC, be suspended or disqualified by the BHRC.

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V13[c] Where a participant leaves an enquiry before it is concluded they will incur an automatic suspension in all capacities [with immediate effect] until such time as they appear before the Stewards concerned.

PENALTIES A, B & C Refer to BHRC

Add in

V13[b] Where a participant fails to appear before the Track Stewards the Race Secretary must notify the BHRC Office within 24 hours.

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W4+5 Merge with V5

V5[a] Fraudulent Transfer - The fraudulent transfer of a horse by any person or persons under suspension in order to circumvent said suspension, shall constitute a violation and shall be punishable by a fine, further suspension or a combination thereof.

[b] In the event of an Owner being the subject of an enquiry by the British Harness Racing Stewards or the Stewards of a Meeting, the BHRC will not recognise for the purpose of racing the transfer of his/her horses pending the result of the enquiry. Such enquiry must be held within twenty-one (21) days of his receiving notice of the enquiry.

[c] 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.

W6. If any registered Owner shall become bankrupt or have a bankruptcy order made against him, his Licence shall immediately become void.

Remove

W7 merge with W9

W7[a] Except as in W11. below, no Owner shall make use of an assumed name for the purpose of entering or running horses, and any horse entered under an assumed name is liable, on objection, to be disqualified.

[b] Any person running a horse under a false identity will be declared a disqualified person and warned off by the Stewards of the BHRC.

W8. In the event of the death of a registered Owner his personal representative may continue to run any horses currently registered in his name under the description "Executor of ...(deceased)" provided that notification is given to the BHRC

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W11. Stable names may be registered either as a prefix or suffix on payment of the appropriate fee.

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W16. [a] No person shall drive a horse in any race without having first obtained a Driver's licence, valid for the current year, from the BHRC. No Driver, holding a licence from the BHRC, shall participate or drive at a race-meeting, which is not affiliated to the BHRC. Any person violating this rule shall be fined and/or suspended and no licence shall be issued to such person thereafter until all fines have been paid, and any suspension lifted.

W16. [a] No person shall drive a horse in any race without having first obtained a Driver's licence, valid for the current year, from the BHRC.

[d]No Driver, holding a licence from the BHRC, shall participate or drive at a race-meeting, which is not affiliated to the BHRC.

W16 PENALTIES [a] Horse disqualified, lose prize money, refer to BHRC

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[d] Refer to BHRC

W17 [c] Provisional Drivers may only work out the horse they are recorded to drive in a qualifying race at that meeting and during work out time must wear high visual jackets (or equivalent) over the top of their driving colours.

Remove

W18. A provisional Driver may not take part in any race under betting. The provisional Driver

must wear some clearly visible armband, colours or other distinguishing item as directed by the Racetrack Management.

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Change all Qualifying race to qualifying trial.

W20. After successfully completing the verbal driving test and then demonstrating all the 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).

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W21. Driving Tests can be taken at either Hard or Grass Tracks with a mobile gate start. Anyone wishing to take a test must apply to the racetrack concerned giving seven (7) days' notice.

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W22[b] Part Two: Will take place in qualifying trials (minimum of 4) with at least four (4) horses taking part.

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W23 PENALTIES Steward's discretion

W23 PENALTIES Any infringement of the rules by a Provisional Driver may result in a fine or other action and will be recorded on his/her licence card.

[b] Should the applicant fail the test this will be recorded on the card and a report sent to the BHRC office. The applicant may re-apply for a further test after two more drives in qualifying races.

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W24 - Remove as moved to penalty

W26. Minimum age - The minimum age for driving licences shall be 15 years in Sulky and 14 years in Saddle.

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W25. Saddle Licence - Test will be conducted by Track/Associations holding such events, on similar lines to a driving test. Holders of saddle licences are not licensed to drive in races and holders of driving licences are not licensed to race under saddle.

W25. Saddle Licence - Assessments will be conducted by **stewards at tracks** holding such events. Holders of saddle licences are not licensed to drive in races and holders of driving licences are not licensed to race under saddle.

W27. An Amateur Driver is a Driver who does not drive for hire. An amateur licence may be held in any category, 'C', 'B' or 'A'.

Remove

W28. Any holder of an Amateur Driver's Licence who asks, or receives any, remuneration or reward [other than a Trophy] for riding or driving in any race, and any person who offers or gives any such remuneration or reward, may be fined by the Track Stewards and the horse, ridden or driven by such Driver, may be disqualified from the race, and the Driver will forfeit amateur status forthwith.

Remove

W29. A C Class Driver is a Driver who has less than eight wins to his credit and is not permitted to drive for hire. Upgrading from 'C' to 'B' – 'C' Class licences will be upgraded to 'B' Class upon the Driver achieving 8 wins, 50 drives and approval from the licencing panel.

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W31. 'B' Class Drivers are permitted to drive for hire.

Remove

W32. The additional fee for 'B' Class Licences, after upgrading, will not be payable until the following year.

W32. The additional fee for 'B' or 'A' Class Licences, after upgrading, will not be payable until the following year.

W33. Upgrading from 'A' to 'A*' - 'A' Class licences will be upgraded to 'A*' Class upon the Driver achieving 150 wins and approval from the licencing panel.

Remove

W35. Lapsed licences - If a Driver has held a licence under BHRC rules within five [5] years of application, such licence may be re-issued. Applicants may be required to drive in one or more qualifying race[s] to the satisfaction of the Stewards in order to prove they are safe and competent to hold a licence before it will be issued.

Should an application come from a person that has let his or her license lapse for over five [5] years then such a person will need to complete a new application.

Should a Driver applying for a licence have driven under the jurisdiction of another body in the intervening time the licence issued shall be at the discretion of the BHRC.

W35. Lapsed licences - If a Driver has held a licence under BHRC rules within five [5] years of application, such licence may be re-issued. Applicants may be required to drive in one or more qualifying trial[s] to the satisfaction of the Stewards in order to prove they are safe and competent to hold a licence before it will be issued.

Should an application come from a person that has let his or her license lapse for over five [5] years then such a person will need to complete a new application **and test.**

Should a Driver applying for a licence have driven under the jurisdiction of another **recognised governing** body in the intervening time the licence issued shall be at the discretion of the BHRC.

W36[b] No person shall train horses or be programmed as Trainer of record, without first having obtained the appropriate Trainer's Licence from the BHRC. Violations of this rule shall 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.

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PENALTIES Refer to BHRC

W37[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.

W37[c] Where a person is a Trainer in name only, a possible reason for this being to allow another person **licenced** or not licenced or suspended or warned off to train.
PENALTIES - Fine not less than £1,000 and warned off for a period of not less than one year.

W38[d] Under no circumstances can premises where a suspended or warned off person resides be approved.

Remove

W38[d] he holds or has held during the past five years, and by production of such licence or otherwise proves that he holds or had held during the past five years (and is not disqualified from holding), a Trainer's Licence from any recognised Harness Racing Authority and can demonstrate the capability and competence to train and properly gear a horse for a race.

Remove

W38 A Public Trainer licence will be issued at the discretion of the BHRC Council.

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W40[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.

W40[b] [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. Applications received after this deadline, unless applying for the first time, will incur a daily fee of £10.
PENALTIES - Daily £10 late fee

H2. Insurance - All racetracks affiliated to the BHRC must have adequate employers and public liability insurance cover and policies must be available for inspection prior to commencement of racing. It is the responsibility of the Racecourse Executive to maintain

such policies, a copy of which must be lodged with the governing body prior to any scheduled fixture.

H2. Insurance - It is mandatory that all race tracks affiliated to the BHRC must use the insurance provided by the BHRC.

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.

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W43. Grooms are required to obtain a licence from the Stewards of the BHRC before they are allowed into the stable area on any racecourse. Holders of such licences must be more than 12 years of age at the time of issue.

W43. Junior Members/Assistants are required to obtain a licence from the BHRC licensing panel before they are allowed into any licenced areas on any racecourse. Junior members must be between 12 and 18 years of age at the time of issue. Assistants licence will be for anyone aged 18 plus.

W45 - Remove as already in R4

W46d - Where a trainer obtains custody of a horse from an unlicensed premises the horse cannot run for 28 days

Add in

W47 - Remove as already in M1

W48[a]. PENALTIES Report to the BHRC

Add in

W48[b] remove as Q1

W50. Every Trainer must guard or cause to be guarded, each horse trained by him in such a

manner and for such period of time prior to racing the horse, so as to prevent any person from administering any substance resulting in a positive test for a prohibited substance.

Remove as Y Section

W51 & W52 Remove

W54. It shall be the responsibility of the Trainer to see that each horse under his supervision is safely equipped for each race and, if it is determined by the Stewards that a horse has been raced with unsafe or faulty equipment, the Stewards may impose a fine, and/or suspension.

Remove as already in R4

W55. It shall be the responsibility of the Trainer to seek the permission of the Track Stewards to alter the equipment on a horse during a race-meeting. Failure to obtain such permission could result in disqualification of the horse and a fine.

Remove as R5

W56. It is the Trainer's responsibility to ensure that no horse in his charge is left unattended at any time whilst on a racetrack during or prior to a race-meeting until all its engagements for that day have been completed.

Remove

L9[i] Remove and move to R12 Add header above to say Number Cloths

PENALTIES: Fine trainer £25

R13 - All promoters must ensure number cloths are maintained to a good standard and fit for purpose.

PENALTIES Fine promoter £50

Add in

W57. [a] The Trainer is responsible for ensuring that every horse wears a properly numbered saddle cloth 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. (Addition 2014)

[c] The Trainer is responsible for ensuring that every horse wears a properly numbered saddle cloth at all times when present on the track.

W57. [a] Remove

[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. (Addition 2014)
[c] Remove

W58 PENALTIES Fine £25 Demerit points - 1

W58 PENALTIES Refer to BHRC

W59. The Trainer is responsible to ensure that at each and every grass track meeting, all horses racing, qualifying and/or working out must wear grass nails. Any horse racing unshod must be notified to the Stewards at time of declaration.

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PENALTIES: Fine £20 per foot and/or horse not permitted to run

W60. 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 nor 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.

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[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.

Remove

W62. Any person who collaborates in the participating in a race held at a meeting under BHRC rules, of a person not holding the appropriate BHRC licence, shall have his licence immediately suspended and be referred to the BHRC. It is the responsibility of the person collaborating to ensure that a person participating is fully licensed for his participation.

Remove

W61. Any person who participates in a race at a meeting held under BHRC rules, without the necessary and appropriate licence, shall not be granted a BHRC licence of any discipline for a

period of 12 months, from the date of the participation.

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PENALTIES: Immediate suspension, refer to BHRC

W63. All applicants for a licence will be automatically included on the relevant Public Liability Insurance policies at a premium as determined and published by the BHRC, to be included within the annual registration fee. Policy documents available upon request from BHRC.

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[a] Races for horses rated between 10 and 120 (Amended 2012), (Amended 2021)

[b] Open Handicap Races

[c] Free For All Races

[d] Open Preferred Handicap Races (Addition 2011)

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X9. Eligibility to Race in Classic Races (3yr old and above): 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 (2) races under betting at least five (5) days prior to the event in question.

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 (2) qualifiers or one (1) qualifying race and one (1) race at least five (5) days prior to the event in question. See Rule Q7.

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N4[b] Horses that have not raced under BHRC rules for a year or more and are required to requalify, for the only exception see rule N3(b).

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- [f] Whether the event will have a supplement option

X25. All nominations to Classic Races must:

- [a] Be made in writing.
- [b] Be signed by the Owner or his/her authorised agent.
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PENALTIES: Refer to BHRC

X32. Minimum Declarations Required to Race - Classic races must be contested if one or more horses are declared to start. In the event only one horse, or only horses in the same interest start, it constitutes a walk over. In the event no declarations are made, the total of nomination and sustaining payments shall be divided equally to the horses remaining eligible after payment of the last sustaining payments, but such distribution shall not be credited as purse winnings, except in the case of the Sires Stakes, where such monies will be carried forward in accordance with Sire Stakes' provisions.

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X36[b] Any official violating any provisions of this rule may be fined, suspended or disqualified by the BHRC, unless otherwise provided.

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Appendix 1

Licence Fees - All licences are valid between the 1st January and the 31st December and are renewable annually. This is intended for information only; such fees may be amended from time to time.

Annual Registration Fee (inc. Public Liability Insurance) £50

Syndicate Owner £20

Trainer's Assistant Licence £20

Assistant's Licence (Age 18+) £10

Junior Member Licence (Age 12-18) £10

Appendix 2

BHRC Flu Vaccination Programme

Primary course intervals (horses not previously vaccinated):

Primary course intervals are only required for horses that have not yet been administered a primary course or are required to re-start a new primary course. An initial primary course of three vaccinations must be given (V1, V2 and V3); the second vaccination (V2) must now be

administered within 21-60 days of the first vaccination.

Horses must not attend any official BHRC fixture/venue until 7 days after the second vaccination of the primary course.

Vaccine 3 (V3) must then be administered within 120-180 days of the administration of the second vaccination (V2). Boosters should be administered no more than 6 calendar months apart, according to calendar months rather than a fixed number of days. For example, a horse that is fully vaccinated on 01 January would require a booster on or before 01 July.

This means that:

- after 01 January 2023 (i.e.) all horses must have been administered a booster within six months.

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Appendix 3

STAGBI HORSE REGISTRATION FEES

DEFRA regulations state that every horse must have a passport which must accompany the horse at all times:

- a) by 31st December of the year of its birth; or
- b) by six months after its birth, whichever is the longer; or
- c) if, before then, it leaves the premises on which its dam is normally kept for a continuous period of two weeks or more.

Appendix 4

This is intended for information only and may be subject to amendment from time to time. Such amendments will be notified in the BHRC Calendar or on the BHRC website.

BHRC SIREs STAKES NOMINATION FEES

Nomination Fee fees: Yearlings - due by 31st October £50

Supplement Fee Yearling between 1st November and 31st December - £100

2 year olds -

1st Sustaining Fee due by 1st February £50

2nd Sustaining Fee due by 1st April £50

Admission Fee (see website for dates) £50

3 year olds -

1st Sustaining Fee due by 1st February £50

2nd Sustaining Fee due by 1st April £50

Admission Fee (see website for dates) £50

All sustaining fees must be paid each year to keep the horse eligible for future Sires Stakes Races

Fee for nomination of Stallions - due by 1st April £250 Includes automatic nomination of all

resulting progeny from coverings in the nomination year.

Any stallion which covers 3 or less mares (as confirmed by STAGBI or IHRA covering certificates) will be eligible for a refund of their nomination fee, however their progeny will remain eligible for the series.

Stallion Supplement Fee - After 1st April and Before 31st December covering year - £500

Stallions supplemented after 31st December of the covering year - £1000

Supplemented stallions are not eligible for a refund of the supplement fee if covering 3 or less mares.

Appendix 7

QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

The qualifying times for Pacers at different tracks are:

- (a) Dunstall Park 2.15.0
- (b) York 2.10.0 (Amended 2014)
- (c) Tir Prince 2.10.0 (Amended 2014)
- (d) Corbiewood 2.14.0 (Amended 2014)
- (e) Amman Valley 2.10.0 (Amended 2014)
- (f) Grass Tracks 2.20.0
- (g) 2-year-olds Qualifying Time for individual tracks plus 4 seconds

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Appendix 8

PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED AT TRACK STEWARDS ENQUIRIES

The Track Stewards must first of all fully assess the incident or complaint.

If the matter is one that the Track Steward/s, or a BHRC Director/s, or Regional/Deputy Regional Steward/s, has brought to their attention then they must ensure that they have cause to investigate the matter and what rules apply to the incident.

On convening a Steward's Enquiry the Chief Steward shall act as chairperson with the Regional Steward/Deputy Regional Steward/Director in attendance. The person acting as

Regional Steward may take no part in decision-making, a further two Track Stewards shall be appointed as the Track Steward's Enquiry Panel.

The person acting as Regional Steward shall be responsible for informing all parties as to their rights during the enquiry and to advise both the panel and persons appearing before the panel.

A person shall be responsible for keeping a record of all matters. This may be done by the making of contemporaneous notes or, if available, the enquiry shall be recorded on a sound recording device (written notes/recordings shall be sent to the BHRC Office within 48 hrs). If the meeting is being recorded all parties must be informed that it is being recorded and consent.

From the outset of the enquiry all parties shall be present at all times during which any complaints or alleged breaches of the rules shall be made common to all persons involved. The reason for this is so that no allegations shall be made against a person that is not present to hear such allegations, they must be present in order that they may defend themselves with regard to any such allegations.

Any individual shall be entitled to have present a person to act as an independent witness to any statements made but not take part in the meeting.

Any person aged under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Any persons suspected of a breach of the BHRC rules must be informed of the rule applicable and the nature of the offence for which they may be questioned. [A copy of the BHRC rulebook shall be available to all parties during an enquiry].

Having heard from all parties the Steward's area or room shall be cleared of all persons excepting the panel and the person acting as Regional Steward, who shall remain to advise as to the rules and penalties that may be applied.

The panel shall consider the statements and any evidence submitted and must make a decision as to whether they are guilty of a breach of the BHRC rules or not [this must be a clear decision either guilty or not guilty]. The decision made can be that of all of the panel or if they cannot agree, then the decision of the majority shall be the decision made.

On reaching a decision then the persons concerned shall be called back to hear the decision of the track stewards, should any person be found guilty of breaking the BHRC rules then the chairperson shall inform them of the penalty that may be imposed.

The panel will then be asked to consider what penalties shall be imposed in accordance with the penalties laid down in the BHRC rulebook The chairperson should then inform the parties of any penalties applied, also he should inform the parties of their rights as to any appeal they may or not be entitled to make and how to proceed should they wish to.

A short report on the BHRC enquiry form should be forwarded to the BHRC Office by 10am on the morning next following racing, followed by a full report within 48hrs.

Appendix 10

Notes

- a) WARNINGS may only be given to Provisional and 'C' class licence holders - one warning only per person per racing season.
- b) Remove
- c) Track Stewards have the power to issue fines and suspensions in accordance with the penalties set out in the rule book.
- d) Where three amounts given, penalty dependant on severity, experience of driver
- e) All penalties at Steward's discretion (majority vote)

DEMERIT POINTS

When a person reaches 10 demerit points, they will receive a written warning.
On accruing 12 Demerit Points or where the stewards feel there has been a serious breach of the rules the driver's licence will be suspended for 7 (seven) consecutive clear days (for first occurrence), 14 (fourteen) consecutive clear days for a second accumulation of 12 (twelve) points and 28 (twenty-eight) consecutive clear days should a third offence occur. .
Demerit points are zeroed at the end of every season, except where a person receives demerit points one month before the end of the season – these are then carried forward to the next season.