



**Point to Point Authority General Instruction (PPAGI) 1**  
**For 21-22 Season**  
**The Framing of Races**

All races have to abide by BHA Regulations and Instructions for Point to Points with special reference to Definitions and Regulations 32-34 (being amended), 72-76 (see Appendix 4). This document provides further direction and clarification on what may be allowed as well as some advisory notes on what can be done with the different types of races.

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## Introduction

The following provides a guide and further restrictions to those in Regulation book, which are adjusted from time to time to assist with achieving competitive racing for all. Whilst some of the terminology may be new, and therefore may seem confusing, it actually simplifies what had become very complex/anarchic.

### Race Types and Restrictions

**Key Point.** There is greater detail for each race type further on in the Instruction. However, in a change from previous years, The term 'Conditions' will only apply to eligibility and penalties for Conditions/Open races. There will then be further 'restrictions' that can be applied to the various types of race

**Race Types.** In effect there are now six types of races only:

- **Open races.** The top level of races with/without penalties
- **Conditions races.** Standard eligibility and penalty criteria for three different periods (Grades 1 to 3). These are for horses which struggle in Open races but are not qualified for progressive races
- **Intermediate races.** For those who have not won Open races
- **Restricted Races.** For those who have not won a race other than a Maiden, a Flat race or a Hunt race
- **Maiden Races.** For those who have not won anything other than a p2p flat race
- **Flat race.** Only open to those who have never run in another type of race.
- **Hunt race.** Only open to those qualified with the Hunt(s) concerned, but any number of penalties, conditions and restrictions can be applied.

**Restrictions.** Fixtures can then apply further Restrictions to all of the above within the parameters laid out in this PPAGI for each type of race. These restrictions might include:

- **Horse:** Mares and/or age
- **Rider:** Gender and/or age and/or Novice
- **Area(s):** replacement for confined/adjacent.
- **Trainer:** Number of horses / Owner-Trainer

## Open races

**Definition.** Is a race open to any horse, except where further restrictions have been imposed, to be termed as a 'Men's' (to be ridden by Gentlemen), a 'Ladies' (to be ridden by Ladies) or 'Mixed' (to be ridden by either gender) Open Steeplechase.

**Prize Money.** The total prize money shall be between £400 and £1000 as laid out at Regulation 76 (1)(a). However, if a fixture wishes to offer more it may request dispensation (along with a good reason) from PPA who will put it to BHA.

**Types/Weights.** There are five possible types of Open Race:

- **Mixed Open** 11st 7lb plus penalties
- **Mens Open** 12st plus penalties or 12st 5lb without penalties
- **Ladies Open** 11st plus penalties or 11st 5lb without penalties

Mares/Fillies receive a 7lb allowance in all races.

**Penalties.** All Open races adhere to the penalties as laid down in Reg 75:

- For **all** Open races **up to 1 March**: The following penalty for three wins between 1 Oct 20 to 30 Sep 21 inclusive must be imposed:
  - **5 lbs.** For the winner of
    - **Either** three or more eligible steeple chases, hurdle races or flat races under the rules of any recognised turf authority
    - **Or** two of the above plus at least one Mens, Mixed or Ladies Open point to point steeplechase chase
- For Open races with penalties: The following penalties for wins on or after 1 October 2021 must be imposed:
  - **3lbs.** For the winner of one eligible Steeple Chase or Hurdle race under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority or Mens, Mixed or Ladies Open point to point Steeple Chase.
  - **5lbs.** For the winner of two eligible Steeple Chase or Hurdle races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority or Mens, Mixed or Ladies Open point to point Steeple Chases.
  - **7lbs.** For the winner of three or more eligible Steeple Chase or Hurdle races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority or Mens, Mixed or Ladies Open point to point Steeple Chase.

The above penalties are not cumulative. They will be added to the 5lb penalty given if a horse has won 3 races under rules or Open point to points in the previous 12 months, as listed above. However, the total maximum penalty is 7lbs. EG If already carrying a 5 lb penalty for 3 wins in previous season, the penalty will only rise to 7lb on winning an Open.

**Number.** Fixtures may run up to two Opens providing, if running two, that:

- Either they include both a Mens and Ladies
- Or at least one is for Novice riders only.

### **Additional Conditions**

Novice riders who have not won more than 5 races by the Thursday before the race receive a 5lb allowance. The exceptions are the four Classic races: Lord Ashton of Hyde, Coronation Cup, The Grimthorpe and the Lady Dudley. All four of these are at level weights apart from Mare's allowance.

**Distances.** An Open race can be 2m 4f, 3m or something longer if cleared by the Inspectorate.

### **Further Restrictions that may be placed on an Open race**

- For Novice (and Veteran) Riders Only
- For Mares only
- For Veteran horse only (10+)
- For Area(s) only
- Non-rules only: For horses that have not won under rules other than a hunter chase

## Conditions Races

**Definition. Conditions Point to Point Steeplechase** is a race open to any horse, which satisfies the conditions of the race, and which at starting, other than for the final of a national Conditions Series, has not won more than three Conditions Point-to-Point Steeple Chases.

Note. For the purpose of calculating penalties and eligibility, all races run before the 2020/21 Point-to-Point Season termed Confined, Club or Society, and which were not Open, Intermediate, Restricted, Maiden or Hunt races, will be considered Conditions races.

**Prize Money.** The total prize money shall be between £300 and £750 as laid out at Regulation 76 (1)(a).

**Types.** There are three levels of standard Conditions races according to date from which eligibility and penalties are adopted. These are identified by Levels:

- Level 1. 1 Oct 21
- Level 2. 1 Oct 20
- Level 3. 1 Oct 19

**Weights.** 12st. Regulation 74 applies. Note that a Ladies Conditions race would apply 11st.

**Number.** A fixture may hold up to four Conditions races.

**Distance.** A Conditions race may be held over 2m4f, 3 miles or such longer distance agreed by the course inspector.

**Eligibility/Penalties.** Fixtures can decide whether winners of the following types of races, in the prescribed period, are ineligible or take penalties:

- Winners under Rules of a Steeple chase or Hurdle race. Penalty 7lb each win
- Winner of a Mens, Mixed or Ladies Open p2p steeplechase. Penalty 5lb each win
- Winner of a Conditions Race at same Level or higher. Penalty 3lb each win

NB A fixture may not penalise a higher type of race than one made ineligible. EG '7lb penalty for winner under rules but an Open winner is ineligible' would not be allowed.

NB2. Conditions races were not graded before 1 Oct 2020. Therefore a win of any type of Conditions Race before 1 Oct 2020, and within the period in which eligibility/penalties are relevant, including Novice rider races, will be penalised 3lbs whatever Level the race.

NB3. All Confined, Club and Society races in previous years will be treated as Conditions races for the purpose of calculating penalties, except where they have also been designated Open, Intermediate, Restricted, Maiden or Hunt races.

**Maximum Penalty.** Penalties are cumulative; maximum penalty is 10lbs

**Conditions.** A Level 1 race may not be run before 1 March 2022.

**Wins.** No horse may win more than 3 Conditions races in the current season. Exemption is given to run in all Series finals including: Veterans, Owner-Trainers and Novice rider.

### **Further Restrictions that may be placed on a Conditions race.**

- For Ladies only
- For Novice (and Veteran) Riders Only
- For Mares only
- Age of horse
- For Owner-Trainers only
- For Area(s) only. A Conditions race may be restricted by Area(s) up to a maximum of two, or three providing the total number of Hunts does not exceed 30.
- A small sub set of an Area may be created as a restriction providing it can be defined easily. EG 'Borders' defines 4 Scottish Hunts/p2ps in Northern Area.
- Club. A Club may create its own set of eligibility/penalties providing they have been cleared by PPA and number 10 or more races. In effect a series.
- National or Area Series. Series, which number 10 or more races, may create own restrictions and conditions providing they have been agreed by PPA/BHA.

### **Advisory Notes for Conditions Races**

*Conditions races have seen the greatest changes over the last 20 years as the sport has tried to find ways of accommodating much larger numbers of horses returning from NH with widely varying levels of ability. The above is to ensure there is a simpler way of identifying the level of horse the race is targeting, as well as making it simpler to administer. Thus races which have eligibility and penalty criteria going back three years are likely to give a better chance to weaker horses than ones where it only goes back one year.*

*There are fewer owner-trainers following the traditional method bringing a young horse up through progressive races. Instead more are buying NH returnees, hence the growth in Conditions Races, and the popularity of Veteran and Owner-Trainer races.*

*All Club races, including PPORA and Countryside Alliance, to follow standard Conditions unless they have specifically grouped together to create their own series, which has been accepted by PPA, or are defined as an Open or other type of race.*

*Confined no longer used and replaced by Area(s). This type of race was losing support, and was very prescriptive. It was also difficult to check both by hand or by computer. Area(s) will give considerably more flexibility and allow some regional planning.*

*Conditions Level 1 should only be used sparingly, particularly if running a Ladies and Mens Open race, as for the most part it is creating another Open race.*

## Intermediate races

**Definition. Intermediate Point to point Steeplechase** Is a race open to any horse, except where further restrictions have been imposed, which at starting has not won:

- (i) a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority, and/or
- (ii) an Open Point-to-Point Steeple Chase, and/or
- (iii) more than one Intermediate point to point Steeple Chase, and/or
- (iv) more than two Conditions or Intermediate Point-to-Point Steeple Chases (in any combination)

**Prize Money.** The total prize money shall be between £300 and £750 as laid out at Regulation 76 (1)(a).

**Types.** There is only one type of Intermediate race.

**Weights.** 12st. Regulation 74 applies

**Number.** A fixture may hold only one Intermediate race.

**Distance.** An Intermediate race can be held over 3 miles or 2m4f.

**Penalties.** A winner of an Intermediate or Conditions race, including Club, Confined, Society, and Service races (Maiden and Restricted races excepted), to receive a 5lb penalty for each such win. Any horse winning 2 Intermediate races is ineligible to run again in an Intermediate.

**Conditions.** Nil outside the definition above

**Further Restrictions that may be placed on an Intermediate race.**

- For Ladies
- For Novice (and Veteran) Riders Only
- For Mares only
- For Area(s) only
- For Owner-Trainers only

### Notes for Intermediate Races

*The number of runners in Intermediate races has dropped year on year over the past 20 years. In the 18-19 season, there were a total of 322 runners and 210 horses running in 62 races. The average of 5.2 runners per race was disguised by the fact that there were 3 or 4 large fields which created high quality racing in preparation for final at Cheltenham. Very few races in April onwards had 5 or more runners. Situation looked to be improving in 19-20 with 15 races providing 196 entries and 127 runners but this may be more a reflection of time in season.*

*NB There are fewer owner-trainers following the traditional method bringing a young horse up through progressive races. Instead more are buying NH returnees, hence the growth in Conditions Races, and the popularity of Veteran and Owner-Trainer races.*

## Restricted Races

**Definition. Restricted point to point Steeplechase** Is a race open to any horse, except where further restrictions have been imposed, which, at starting, has not won any race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority other than National Hunt Flat races or Flat races, or any Point to Point Steeplechase other than Maiden Races or Hunt/Members races.

**Prize Money.** The total prize money shall be between £300 and £750 as laid out at Regulation 76 (1)(a).

**Types.** There is only one type of Restricted race.

**Weights.** 12st. Regulation 74 applies

**Number.** A fixture may hold only one Restricted race

**Distance.** A Restricted race may be held over 3m or 2m4f.

**Penalties.** Nil

**Conditions.** Nil outside the definition above

### Further Restrictions that may be placed on a Restricted race

- For Mares only
- For Area(s) only
- For Owner-Trainers only

### Notes for Restricted Races.

*The number of runners in Restricted races has dropped year on year over the past 20 years. In the 18-19 season, there were a total of 1002 runners and 500 horses running in 156 races. The average of 6.4 runners per race disguises the sad reality that many were far fewer. However, there were 348 entries in the 40 races held in 19-20 season averaging 8.7. Closer analysis indicates the first three weeks had very bad entries and runners but after that it was generally OK, although there was a little congestion at times.*

*NB There are fewer owners following the traditional method bringing a young horse up through progressive races. Instead more are returning from NH, hence the growth in Conditions Races.*

## Maiden Races

**Definition. Maiden Point to point Steeplechase** Is a race open to any horse, except where further restrictions have been imposed, which at starting has never won:

- (i) a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase, or
- (ii) a National Hunt Flat Race, Flat Race, Steeple Chase or Hurdle Race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority, or
- (iii) an Arabian Horse Race

**Prize Money.** The total prize money shall be between £300 and £750 as laid out at Regulation 76 (1)(a).

**Types.** There are the following types of Maiden races:

- Standard Maiden Race. Open to all subject to restrictions stated in definition above.
- Young Horse Maiden (YHM). Defined as:
  - Jan-Feb: 4-6 year olds, 4-5 year olds only, 4 year olds only, 5 year olds only.
  - Mar- Jun: 4-5 year olds, 4 year olds only, 5 year olds only.
  - Oct-Dec: 4-5 year olds or 4 year old only.
- Maiden Race run off 12st with no weight for age allowances (NWFAA)
- Maiden Race for horses which have already run twice in point to point races before
- Older horse Maiden. Covering age group not included in YHM

**Weights.** Regulation 74 applies. Note we have introduced a sliding scale in weight difference between 4 and 5 year olds as well as 5 yr olds and older.

4 yr old only Maidens will be run off 11st 12

**Number.** A fixture may hold up to three Maiden races providing they take account of the Conditions listed below. However, in most cases two will be enough.

**Distance.** A Maiden race may be held over 3m or 2m4f.

**Penalties.** Nil

**Conditions.**

- If holding only one Maiden, a Fixture may choose any of the above options.
- If holding two Maidens, only one may be a standard Maiden unless one of them has a 'further restriction' (listed below) and is of a different distance.
- If holding a YHM, a second Maiden must be one of the following three options:
  - Maiden Race run off 12st with no weight for age allowances (NWFAA)
  - Maiden Race for horses which have already run twice in point to point races before
  - Older horse Maiden. Covering age group not included in YHM
- If holding 2+ Maidens, at least one must allow 4 year olds to run.
- If holding three Maidens, at least one must be a YHM. The second and third may either be one of the three options listed above or a Mares' Maiden. At least one should be over 2m4f. None may be standard Maiden races.
- If holding three Maidens you may not hold a Flat race.

### **Further Restrictions that may be placed on a Maiden race**

- For Mares only
- For Area(s) only
- For Owner-Trainers only

### **Advisory Notes for Maiden Races.**

*There has been much discussion over the past 5 years over whether 4 year olds have too great a weight advantage. This year there is a sliding scale concerning weight differentials between 4 and 5 year olds as well as between 5 and 6 year olds. It is hoped that this will reduce the perceived problem.*

*The control of what Maidens can be run is to ensure that top class young Maidens have only one race they can run in at any fixture, giving opportunity for others, and preventing deliberate avoidance on the day. Equally, fixtures should provide that opportunity if running more than one Maiden.*

*Maidens for horses that have run twice before are to give opportunity for those that are not 'commercial' but may still be young. For example a 4 or 5 year old, who has proved to have limited ability should have the opportunity to run in lower quality races. This type of race has been trialled at Larkhill and proved very popular.*

*Level weight maidens are an innovation this year. Those with top young horses may wish to take the opportunity to prove the quality of their horse giving it greater credibility in the auction ring.*

## Flat Races

**Definition. Point to Point Flat Race** is a race open to any horse, which at starting has not run in:

- (i) a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase, or
- (ii) a National Hunt Flat Race, Flat Race, Steeple Chase or Hurdle Race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority, or
- (iii) an Arabian Horse Race,

and which has not run in more than two Point-to-Point Flat Races or won a Point-to-Point Flat Race. No horse aged more than 5 years old will be eligible to start in a Point-to-Point flat race, except where specified in race conditions in January and February.

**Prize Money.** The total prize money shall be between £0 and £750 as laid out at Regulation 76 (1)(a).

**Types.** There is only one type of point to point Flat race.

**Weights.** Regulation 74 applies

**Number.** A fixture may hold only one Flat race unless divided. The course Inspector must have provided clearance before the race programme in the Planner goes to print.

**Distance.** A Flat race must be held over 2 miles or thereabouts (recognising that some courses will have specific reasons for slightly different distances).

**Penalties.** Nil

**Conditions.**

- 4-5 year olds only except in Jan-Feb when 6 year olds may be included
- Flat races are to be held at the end of the card unless special dispensation has been given.

**Further Restrictions that may be placed on a Flat race**

- Single Age groups: 4 year old or 5 year olds
- Gender of horse

## Hunt Members Race

**Definition.** Hunt Members point to point Steeplechase is a race for horses certified by an authorised signatory of a Hunt affiliated to a Point to point Area to be the property of Masters, Members, subscribers or Farmers of that Hunt authorised to stage the meeting and if so desired, additional Hunt(s) up to an overall total of five.

**Prize Money.** The total prize money shall be between £0 and £750 as laid out at Regulation 76 (1)(a).

**Types.** A Hunt race can have any number of restrictions.

**Weights.** Regulation 74 applies. However a Heavyweight Division may be included where weight does not exceed 13st 11lbs

**Number.** One

**Distance.** 2m4f or 3m

**Penalties.** As decided by the Hunt. However:

- Heavyweight Division has no penalties
- Maximum cumulative penalties must be no greater than 10 lbs and may not exceed 13st.

**Conditions.**

- The horse must be registered with the Hunt(s) concerned in the race. Otherwise Conditions are set by the Hunt.
- Up to 5 Hunts may be engaged in the race. However, the Hunt(s) engaged in this race may not hold their own Hunt race, whether holding a point to point or not, or be cleared to have their qualifiers in any other Hunt race.

**Further Restrictions that may be placed on a Hunt race**

Conditions concerning Hunting, whether horse or rider, are the responsibility of the fixture to police.

**Advisory Notes for Hunt Races.**

*If running a Heavyweight division, Stewards and Vets are to check that the horse is suitable when in the paddock.*

*The option of reducing minimum prize money to zero for this type of race is in recognition that the motivations behind staging one are very varied. Furthermore the prize money is often raised from the subscribers who then compete in the race making it a circular motion.*

## Appendix 1 to PPAGI 1 – Race Framing

### Definition of Race Types

**Open Point to Point Steeplechase** is a race open to any horse, except where further restrictions have been imposed, to be termed as a 'Men's' (to be ridden by Gentlemen), a 'Ladies' (to be ridden by Ladies) or 'Mixed' (to be ridden by either gender) Open Steeplechase.

**Conditions Point to Point Steeplechase** is a race open to any horse, which satisfies the conditions of the race, and which at starting, other than for the final of a national Conditions Series, has not won more than three Conditions Point-to-Point Steeple Chases.

Note. For the purpose of calculating penalties and eligibility, all races run before the 2020/21 Point-to-Point Season termed Confined, Club or Society, and which were not Open, Intermediate, Restricted, Maiden or Hunt races, will be considered Conditions races.

**Intermediate Point to Point Steeplechase** is a race open to any horse, except where further restrictions have been imposed, which at starting has not won:

- (i) a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority, and/or
- (ii) an Open Point-to-Point Steeple Chase, and/or
- (iii) more than one Intermediate point to point Steeple Chase, and/or
- (iv) more than two Conditions or Intermediate Point-to-Point Steeple Chases (in any combination)

**Restricted Point to Point Steeplechase** is a race open to any horse, except where further restrictions have been imposed, which, at starting, has not won any race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority other than National Hunt Flat races or Flat races, or any Point to Point Steeplechase other than Maiden Races or Hunt/Members races.

**Maiden Point to Point Steeplechase** is a race open to any horse, except where further restrictions have been imposed, which at starting has never won:

- (i) a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase, or
- (ii) a National Hunt Flat Race, Flat Race, Steeple Chase or Hurdle Race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority, or
- (iii) an Arabian Horse Race

**Point to Point Flat Race.** Is a race open to any horse, which at starting has not run in:

- (i) a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase, or
- (ii) a National Hunt Flat Race, Flat Race, Steeple Chase or Hurdle Race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority, or
- (iii) an Arabian Horse Race,

and which has not run in more than two Point-to-Point Flat Races or won a Point-to-Point Flat Race. No horse aged more than 5 years old will be eligible to start in a Point-to-Point flat race, except where specified in race conditions in January and February.

**Hunt Members point to point Steeplechase** is a race for horses certified by an authorised signatory of a Hunt affiliated to a Point to point Area to be the property of Masters, Members, subscribers or Farmers of that Hunt authorised to stage the meeting and if so desired, additional Hunt(s) up to an overall total of five.

## Appendix 2 to PPAGI 1 – Race Framing

### Explanations of specific Restrictions that may be used

The following provides a brief description and explanation for the most common restrictions that could be used:

#### For Horses:

- **Gender.** Very unusual to have a geldings only race but Mares Maidens are popular. It may be that the occasional Restricted or Intermediate race for Mares only might fill a need as many often struggle against geldings above Maiden race level.
- **Age.** Age groups are most commonly used at Maiden level, particularly Young horse Maidens. However, with recognition that many pointers are returnees from NH, Conditions races can be restricted by age.

Young horses are defined as 4-6 in Jan-Feb, and otherwise 4-5 years old.

Veteran horses are defined as 9+ before 1 Jan and 10+ thereafter.

- **Non-Rules Horses Only.** For Open type races only. For horses that have not won under rules other than a hunter chase. There is often criticism that retirees from NH are too good for the horses that progress through p2ps. This provides an opportunity to frame a race accordingly. However, it should only be used very occasionally.

#### For Riders:

- **Gender.** Open races are traditionally defined as Mens, Ladies or Mixed. However, all other types of race can be further restricted to Ladies only. However, whilst there is logic in this for some Conditions races (a lot of female jockeys with ex-NH horses), it should be used sparingly.
- **Novice.** Open, Conditions, and Intermediate races can be restricted to Novice riders only. This means the horse can find its own level, and Novice riders can ride in Novice (Open) races even if they have already won three Conditions races.
- **Veteran.** A veteran is defined as 40 years plus as at 1 October 2021; any other age must be defined at the time of framing. There are not enough Veterans for their own races but it is sometimes added to Novice rider restrictions. ie 'for Novice and Veteran riders only'

#### For Trainers.

- **Train 7 or Fewer.** For Conditions type races only. In line with the national Competition for small trainers, some races are framed for trainers of 7 or fewer horses. This is at time of close of entry. As such it should not be used in early part of season since most horses are now registered only 3 days before entry. This leads some larger trainers to remain defined as 'small' trainers until quite late in the season.
- **Owner-Trainers.** This is to provide opportunity for those training their own horses, who often do not have facilities of the larger yards. As a result it should be used in conjunction with limited number of horses. The current Owner-trainer Series allows only 5 horses to be in training with that family.  
NB Sadly, some individuals look for ways to get around restrictions, and so one is forced to use long-winded conditions

## For Regions

- **Area(s).** Runners can be restricted to those qualified to one or two Areas (three if total number of affiliated Hunts is less than 30).

This replaces the use of 'Adjacent' and 'Confined', which had administrative problems as well as having become outdated and very poorly supported. The use of Area(s) as a restriction provides opportunities for weak Areas, which depend on visitors, to run races for their own owners and trainers and thus encourage redevelopment of their numbers. It also provides an opportunity for an Area or region to run a Championship race or series for their own.

- **Sub-Area.** Only for Conditions type races. A small group of fixtures, which are easily defined, can create a restriction for their own sub-Area if there is a pressing need. However, this will normally be far too restrictive.
- **Clubs.** Only for Conditions type races. Clubs may be used as a restriction, but must use standard conditions as laid out for each type of race unless there are 10 or more races of same type. For the latter, a single set of non-standard conditions may be applied if agreed by PPA creating in effect a mini-Series.

## Appendix 3 to PPAGI 1 – Race Framing

### Race Titles

The following in bold provides the order of key information provided in a race title

#### **The**

**Sponsors name.** Vital that sponsors' names are prominent

**Club Name** if specified. In this sense PPORA and Countryside Alliance are considered Clubs.

**Age of horses** if specified. To include term 'Veterans'

**Restrictions for Types of race.** This covers a large number of options several of which could be in play at once and should therefore follow this order:

- **Gender of Rider.** Mixed/Mens/Ladies. The first two for Opens only, Ladies could be used as a restriction for all types of race
- **Area(s)**
- **Specific** eg Owner-Trainer

**Type of Race** ie Open/Conditions/Intermediate/Restricted/Maiden/point to point Flat/Hunt  
**'Race'**

**Horse Gender** for Mares/Geldings

**Rider Restriction** for Novice/Veteran riders

**Distance** if different to standard. EG over 2M 4f

**Standard weight**

## **Appendix 4 to PPAGI 1 – Race Framing**

### **Regulations for Horse Eligibility and Race Framing.**

(Full regulations can be found on Website under Guides and Downloads for Owners)

#### **Regulations 32 - 34 HORSE ELIGIBILITY**

To follow

#### **CONDITIONS OF RACES REGULATIONS 72-76**

**72. Number of Types of Races.** The number of Steeple Chases and Point-to-Point Flat Races in the programme of the meeting authorised under Regulation 60(i)(a) shall not exceed seven. Where the meeting is scheduled between the day after the Cheltenham Festival and 12 May 2021 and does not include a Hunt Members Point-to-Point Steeple Chase, the number of Steeple Chases and Point-to-Point Flat Races in the programme of the meeting shall not exceed six. Meetings may apply to the PPA for dispensation from the six race restrictions except for the Easter weekend.

The number of Steeple Chases and Point-to-Point Flat Races in the programme of the meeting authorised under Regulation 60(i)(a) shall be no fewer than six, unless the fixture is scheduled over the Easter or May Day Bank Holiday where there shall be no fewer than five.

If more than one Maiden Steeple Chase is scheduled in the programme, one of them must allow eligibility for the participation of four year olds.

The programme shall not include more than the following:

- (i) Two Open Steeple Chases
- (ii) One Intermediate Steeple Chase.
- (iii) One Restricted Steeple Chase.
- (iv) Three Maiden Steeple Chases (two if a Point-to-Point Flat Race is also being run).
- (v) Four Conditions Steeple Chases.
- (vi) One Point-to-Point Flat Race.
- (vii) One Hunt Members' or Military Service Steeplechase
- (viii) One additional Hunt Members Race over natural country which has been authorised by the British Horseracing Authority.

Up to two Steeple Chases may be run over 2m4f, unless at least one is a Maiden in which case up to three Steeple Chases may be run over 2m4f.

#### **SERVICE, CLUB, ASSOCIATION & SOCIETY MEETINGS**

73. Deleted and amalgamated into Regulation 72

#### **WEIGHTS**

74. The minimum weights to be carried in Point-to-Point Steeple Chases shall be as set out in the conditions of the race, which shall be determined consistent with the following table, no horse shall carry less than 10st:



### **In Mares (and fillies) only Point-to-Point Steeple Chases:**

- The weight for Mares (and fillies) only Point-to-Point Steeple Chases may be set at either 12st or 11st 7lbs.
- During November and December, four-year-old fillies shall have a 7lbs allowance.
- During January and February, five-year-old mares shall have a 7lbs allowance and four-year-old fillies shall have a 21lbs allowance.
- From 1 March until the end of April, five-year-old mares shall have a 4lbs allowance and four-year-old fillies shall have a 14lbs allowance.
- From 1 May until the end of the season four-year-old fillies shall have a 10lbs allowance.

### **In Point-to-Point Flat Races:**

All 5yo and 6yo horses and geldings shall carry 11st 12lb in a Point-to-Point Flat race. 5yo and 6yo Mares will carry 11st 5lb, to incorporate their 7lb sex allowance. The table below outlines the weight 4yos shall receive from 5yos carrying 11st 12lb. 4yo Fillies will also receive their 7lb sex allowance in addition to the w-f-a allowance. It should be noted that in November and December, 4yos do not receive a w-f-a allowance and will carry 11st 12lb, unless they are in receipt of the 7lb sex allowance and carrying 11st 5lb.

In races restricted to a single age group, horses and geldings will carry 11st 12lb with fillies or mares carrying 11st 5lb.

Point-to-Point Flat Race	Weight for Age Scale / lbs
Age	4yo
Distance	2 miles
Jan 1-15	12
Jan 16-31	11
Feb 1-14	10
Feb 15-28(29)	9
Mar 1-15	8
Mar 16-31	7
Apr 1-15	6
Apr 16-30	5
May	4
Jun	3
Oct-Dec	Nil

Note: Following the abandonment or postponement of a fixture a new date may be applied for. If such date be granted and be not more than sixteen days after the original date all entries and weights (ignoring any intervening performance) shall stand good as if the Meeting had taken place on the day originally fixed.

### **PENALTIES**

75. Penalties for winning may be imposed at the discretion of the Committee or Corporate Entity except:

- (i) In all Open Steeple Chases **up to 1 March 2022** the following penalty for three wins between 1 October 2020 and 30 September 2021 must be imposed:

5lbs for the winner of:

- (a) three or more Steeple Chases, Hurdle Races or Flat Races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority, or

- (b) two or more Steeple Chases, Hurdle Races or Flat Races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority and one or more Open Point to Point Steeple Chase.
  - (ii) In Mens Open Steeple Chases where the weight is 12st, Ladies Open Steeple Chases, where the weight is 11st, and all Mixed Open Steeple Chases, where the weight is 11st 7lb, the following penalties for wins on or after October 1st, 2021 must be imposed:
    - 3lbs for the winner of one Steeple Chase or Hurdle race under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority or Open Point-to-Point Steeple Chase;
    - 5lbs for the winner of two Steeple Chase or Hurdle races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority or Open Point-to-Point Steeple Chase;
    - 7lbs for the winner of three or more eligible Steeple Chase or Hurdle races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority or Open Point-to-Point Steeple Chase;
- The above penalties are not cumulative. They will be added to the penalty in Sub Regulation (i) if applicable. The total penalty cannot exceed 7lb.
- (iii) In Intermediate Steeple Chases a penalty of 5lb must be imposed for the winner of each previous Intermediate or Conditions Point-to-Point Steeple Chase.
  - (iv) Except for in Open Steeple Chases, the maximum penalty cannot exceed 10lbs.
  - (v) If in the conditions of a race a fixed penalty has to be carried for winning a race specified by name, horses running a dead heat for such race shall carry the penalty fixed as if the race has been won outright.
  - (vi) Penalties are not cumulative unless so declared by the Point-to-Point Regulations or conditions of the race.
  - (vii) No horse may carry more than 13 stone in any Point-to-Point Steeple Chase race, other than races held under the provisions of Regulations 72(vii), where no horse may carry more than 13st 11lbs.
  - (viii) Riders in Open Point-to-Point Steeple Chases outlined in Sub Regulation, who prior to the Thursday before the stated date of a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase, have not ridden more than 5 winners under the Rules of Racing, the Rules of a recognised Racing Authority, the Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases or Arabian Horse Races shall receive 5lbs.
  - (ix) In Mens Open Steeple Chases where the weight is 12st 5lbs, no penalty other than that stated in Sub Regulation (i) shall be imposed.
  - (x) In Ladies Open Steeple Chases where the weight is 11st 5lbs, no penalty other than that stated in Sub Regulation (i) shall be imposed.
  - (xi) This Regulation does not apply to:
    - (a) the Lord Ashton of Hyde, Coronation Cup, Grimthorpe and Lady Dudley races; and
    - (b) any other race for which special dispensation has been granted.

## **PRIZE MONEY**

76. (i) (a) The total prize money or other prize save with the express permission of the British Horseracing Authority, shall be as follows:

Open (Men's, Ladies' or Mixed) £400 - £1,000

Hunt Members' and Flat Races £0 - £750

Any other race £300 - £750

(b) Save with the express permission of the British Horseracing Authority, no further prize money or award from any source whatsoever shall be given or accepted in any one race or races except:

1. A memento must be given in addition to the prizes permitted in Sub Regulation 76(i) (a) above, and the value of each such memento shall be £50 - £150, and
2. A perpetual Challenge Trophy may be received by the winner and two other Challenge Trophies may also be given in any races as special prizes for certain contestants, and
3. A memento valued at not more than £50 must be given to the winning rider, and
4. An award for the best turned-out horse of no more than £25

(c) No payment shall be made for the transport of horses to or from the Meeting, save with the express permission of the British Horseracing Authority.

(d) If the winner walks over or no horse has been placed second or in any lower place the prize money for the placings shall not be given at all.

(ii) Subject always to the provisions of the Regulations 72, the British Horseracing Authority may, however, sanction the staging of a series of not less than 10 races, each race complying individually with sub-section (a) of this Regulation as to prize money. Additional sponsored prizes may be awarded separately under a "points system" for a horse, owner or rider obtaining the most (or as stipulated) number of points in a Point-to-Point Season in any area or areas. Application to stage a "points system" series, together with details of the total value of the prize money or any other prize awarded at the conclusion of the series, must be submitted to the British Horseracing Authority, for approval by them, not later than 1st September in the year preceding the staging of the series.