

New requirements in 2020-21 Season caused by Covid

(Please keep for reference)

Covid, and the international, national, local response to it, makes it very difficult to predict anything. However, it remains the case that racing in a wet, windy field is as safe an activity as most, and we have no reason to believe it won't happen short of total lockdown. This is made safer still by actions we have taken to reduce risks further. We also have a four level system in position, which will allow us to change our stance relatively easily through the season as the situation changes.

The key to our whole model is that point to pointing is based around the vehicle, whether the horse box or the car. This creates a very light density of population. As such most of your day should be spent around the vehicle, and crowding must be avoided. The following provides some guidance on how we expect pointing to operate into the foreseeable future.

Levels

Firstly we will be operating at Level 4, the highest level until further notice. This affects every aspect of a point to point but only a few will affect Owners and trainers specifically.

Zoning

A p2p will have three zones with absolutely no movement between them:

- Green. Officials and participants. This will include horse box park, the course, the paddock and officials' areas.
- Amber. For Owners. It is in effect a car park with access to paddock viewing (not entry)
- Blue. For paying public. (Not until New Year at least)

Pre-Registration

Everyone will have to pre-register, often as a carload, since everyone in one car must remain in one zone. Owners will automatically be placed in the Amber Zone. If you are an Owner-Trainer you must register as a Trainer/Keeper. Only one trainer per horse and you must be carrying out that role. If someone in your car is an official, trainer or jockey, you will all have to go in the Green Zone. However, those not designated will not be able to go in the horse box Area or the officials area, paddock etc.

Declarations

There will be two systems in place using the same form (see attached). You need to check website etc to ensure you know what type is in place for a fixture. The same form will be in use for both systems (see attached)

- **48 hour Declarations.** To be trialled at both meetings on first weekend. All declaration sheets for weekend (including Mondays) must be sent to PPRC by 1200 on Thursday declarations@pointtopointracingcompany.co.uk.
 - **Horse.** A horse may only be declared for one race over the weekend, and no switches will be allowed. The one exception is where a meeting is officially declared as uncertain that it will occur. In such a case, a second preference may be made for a different course.

NB A horse may be withdrawn after declarations without self certifying. However, this must be done in good faith. A dim view will be taken of serial offenders, and action will be taken to detriment of all.
 - **Rider.** Keepers/Owners must state rider as they normally would at declarations. As normal they may state preferences and options if race divided. The rider may give a second preference in case his first choice is withdrawn.
NB. Whilst we accept mistakes will be made every effort must be made to sort out the jockey so there is no duplication. If it becomes clear that any individual is gaming the system, action will be taken.
 - **On the Day.** On the day of racing, the Keeper must confirm with Declarations that the horse and rider are present at least 45 minutes before the official time of the race (form is attached).

NB The race list will not be released until the day of racing

- **Declarations on Day.** To be trialled on second weekend at Kimble. The Keeper/Owner will fill in attached declaration form before arrival and hand it in at entrance to Declarations Area. The key difference from normal is that there will be no opportunity for discussion or gathering around the table checking who has/has not declared.

Lorry Park

Lorries to be parked at least 3M apart; no Cars can enter. I am afraid no socialising between lorries from different yards or indeed parties. Owners are not allowed to enter the lorry park (or indeed the Green Zone)

Paddock

Numbers in paddock are limited to attendant, jockey and one other per horse. Owners will be able to see their horses from other side of paddock rail. Please ensure that social distancing is maintained and masks are worn. If it becomes clear that too many people want to stand at the paddock numbers will be restricted to those who have horses in the race.

Prizegiving

Since key people are in different zones, they cannot gather for the prize-giving and indeed social distancing must remain in place. However, fixtures will try to organise it so that photos can be taken with all of you on both sides of the paddock rail (suitably distanced).

Numbers

All Owners and their spouse will be able to attend a meeting providing their horse is entered. The one exception is where syndicates and multi-horse clubs have too large numbers where a compromise will be found with PPA Office.

NB All Clubs and syndicates who do not provide a full list on Page 3 of the Hunter Cert must provide a list of members to PPA to allow them entry. Adam@p2pa.co.uk

Bookies

P2P will take a lead from racing under rules. However, we expect bookies to be present at most meetings. You are asked to ensure that you maintain social distancing and wear masks in this area.

Food stands

Nationally, we are happy for food and trade stands to be present. The Local Authority may insist on some restrictions. Again please wear masks and socially distance.

Car Park

All cars are to be parked 2M apart. The aim of our system is to ensure that Owners can have a great day out using their car as a base. However, the rule of 6 remains in force, and it is up to you to ensure that both the spirit and the letter of the law is obeyed. Therefore, groups of 6 changing in personnel every 5 minutes is missing the point. Please do your best to adhere to the system and not act as a minesweeper/super spreader.

Loos

As ever but with regular cleaning, and you should wipe down before and after use.

Course Walk

The course is part of the green zone. However, some fixtures may allow those in the amber zone to walk the course providing they are off it with one hour before any type of racing or activity. If they do, please do not touch anything and keep away from officials.

Conclusion

I hope all of the above reassures that you can all still have a great day out with not too many changes to your normal routines. However, I must ask that you do adhere to the above both for your own health and that of the sport. There will be Inspectors, from local authorities and other organisations, visiting meetings, and there are other elements who would love to cast the sport in a bad light. It would be a shame if we were closed down nationally because of mistaken behaviour at one event.