

# 2025/26 HUNTER CERTIFICATE (HC1)

Under the Rules of Racing and British Horseracing Authority (BHA) Point-to-Point Regulations

This Certificate does not come into force before 31st October 2025. **The Hunter Certificate deadline, together with payment, is by 12noon on the Thursday for entries closing the following Monday. (See Note 1 Page 5).**

BRITISH HOUND  
SPORTS ASSOCIATION



To be returned to: Equine Services Administrations, Weatherbys, Sanders Road, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 4BX (Email: [huntercerts@weatherbys.co.uk](mailto:huntercerts@weatherbys.co.uk)).

Where highlighted below – e-signatures are acceptable.

<b>HORSE'S NAME:</b>			<b>YEAR OF FOALING:</b>
<b>Colour:</b>	<b>Sex:</b>	<b>Sire:</b>	<b>Dam:</b>
<b>Name of a horse previously owned by the Owner/Partnership</b> Note: This is to reduce the risk of duplication of Owner and Keeper records			

Please note, some horses are eligible for Hunter Steeplechases but not Point-to-Point Steeple Chases (Please see the Running Requirements Code of the Rules of Racing and Regulation 34 of the Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases)

In accordance with Regulation 42 no Owner shall make use of an assumed name for the purpose of entering or running horses unless it is incorporated into one of the following titles:

"The ..... Family" "The ..... Friends" "The ..... Partners" "The ..... Partnership" "The ..... Group" "The ..... Club".

Any such assumed name must not be offensive and must not have any commercial implications. Any horse entered under an assumed name, which in the opinion of the BHA is offensive or has commercial implications shall be in breach of this Regulation and be required to re-register under an acceptable name. If you intend to race in a partnership name please indicate the name in the box below:

<b>Race card Namestyle</b> Please note this is the ownership namestyle that will be displayed against a horses entry. (individual/club/syndicate/partnership name)	
<b>LEAD OWNER</b> (if club/syndicate/partnership)	Title: ..... Forename: ..... Surname: ..... Date of birth:.....
<b>OWNER'S CONTACT DETAILS</b>	Address:..... ..... ..... Postcode: ..... Tel No(s): ..... Email:.....
<b>OWNER'S COLOURS</b> (provide full description of colours)	
<b>HUNT</b>	
<b>WHICH PARTICIPANT WILL MAKE ENTRIES ONLINE?</b>	Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Keeper <input type="checkbox"/> The selected person will be able to make entries online.
<b>FAMILY LINK WITH KEEPER</b> In accordance with the Regulations, if the Keeper is licensed under Rules, then they must own the horse or there must be a family link between the Keeper and the ownership.	Keeper is one of the following Partner/spouse, parent, child, sibling Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

**OWNER'S DECLARATION - Please read 'Regulations and Conditions' attached to this form, before signing as your signature will be binding. E-signature accepted.**

Signed (Owner):..... Date:.....

**Please note that THE ABOVE-NAMED OWNER must sign the Certificate. Signatures of agents will not be accepted.**

All other owners must be listed in the Additional Owner Details Section. The first named Owner shall receive confirmation of receipt of this Certificate. By signing this declaration, I also confirm that the above-named horse has been residing in Great Britain for at least 7 clear days prior to the date entered on this form.

**HORSE'S NAME:**

**ADDITIONAL OWNER DETAILS**

NAME	POSTAL ADDRESS (please state postcode)	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO
1			
2			
3			
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**HORSE'S NAME:****KEEPER'S NAME & ADDRESS**

(Person appointed by the Owner to be responsible for horse under Point-to-Point Regulations)

This Section does NOT need to be completed if Owner Is maintaining responsibility.

Title: ..... Forename: .....

Surname: ..... Date of birth: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: ..... Tel No(s): .....

Email: .....

**KEEPER'S DECLARATION – Please read Note 10 in the 'Regulations and Conditions' attached to this form before signing.**

I agree to be bound by the Rules of Racing and BHA Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases currently in force and acknowledge that where an Owner has left any horse(s) in my care as the Keeper I become the person responsible thereafter (as if the Owner) for complying with the Rules of Racing and Point-to-Point Regulations.

If the Keeper has already signed another HC1 for the current Season, please state the horse \_\_\_\_\_ as a further signature is not necessary. The HC1 will not be registered if no previous signature is registered.

Signed (Keeper): ..... Date: .....

☐ Please tick the box if you DO NOT wish to give your name, training address, mobile telephone number and email address to appear in the directory of Keepers on the National point-to-point website [gbpointing.co.uk](http://gbpointing.co.uk)

**HORSE WHEREABOUTS**

If the horse is not kept on the premises of the Owner or Keeper, please provide details of where the horse is kept as required by Regulation 1 (xiii).

Address: .....

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Postcode: ..... Tel No(s): .....

**DATA PROTECTION**

The Owner/Keeper agree that the information provided by me/us may be held by the Point-to-Point Authority Limited, British Horseracing Authority, Weatherbys or the Point-to-Point Racing Company. All respect the privacy of individuals and are compliant with the General Data Protection Act (GDPR) 2018. Your details may be properly disclosed to other agencies registered to receive such information in connection with the management, regulation and integrity of horseracing.

A copy of the Point-to-Point Authority privacy policy can be viewed on the downloads page of the National Website [gbpointing.co.uk](http://gbpointing.co.uk)

**HUNTER CERTIFICATE REGISTRATION FEE AND HUNT SUBSCRIPTION: £339 (VAT incl)**

**to be paid when Certificate is lodged with Weatherbys** ☐

£1 of this fee will be donated to the Retraining of Racehorses.

£184 is the Hunt subscription which will be passed to the BHSA for onward distribution to the qualifying Hunt.

**POINT-TO-POINT HORSE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME (HSS1): £75 (VAT incl)** ☐

\*Please provide the HSS1 form with the hunter certificate application. See page 6, section 9 for the Regulations and Conditions.

**PPORA OWNER MEMBERSHIP 2025/26: £30** ☐ **YOU ONLY NEED TO SUBSCRIBE ONCE**

The PPORA is a voluntary committee of knowledgeable, passionate, people in point to pointing, providing a service to its members. By ticking the box in you are consenting for your postal address, your email address and phone number to be shared with the PPORA who will use this information in line with their Data Policy which can be found at [www.ppora.co.uk](http://www.ppora.co.uk)

PPORA membership becomes current from the date on which the Hunter Certificate is issued. In the case of multiple ownership, membership will be allocated to the person named in the Owner's Section of this form. Please read the 'Regulations and Conditions' attached to this form for important information regarding PPORA Club Members' Race Eligibility.

**POINT-TO-POINT RACING COMPANY PUBLICATIONS:**

**I would like to order** (please tick as required)

Option 1 – Digital Planner - £45 ☐

Option 2 – Ring Bound Point-to-Point Race Planner (£58 inc p&p) ☐

Please remember to add **all** additional costs from left hand side  
Please select payment method:  
**Total payable:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(the sum of the fees)

☐ **Please debit one of the following accounts:**

**Weatherbys**  
Account No:

**BHA**  
Account No:

**Bank Transfer:**  
Account name: Weatherbys Ltd - Hunter Cert Collection Account  
Account number: 13011429  
Sort code: 60-93-03  
Ref: .....  
(please put horse name as reference)

CHEQUES ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED

**To pay by card please call 01933 304 808**

THE PLANNER

Details of the race conditions of every race scheduled to take place in the coming season are accompanied by Race definitions, details of National Sponsorships, course maps and descriptions, essential contact numbers and detailed information for owners and keepers on how to make on-line entries for point-to-points.



THE DIGITAL PLANNER

A digital format of the printed version.  
Race conditions are updated as they change during the season.

The following section requires the signature of the Hunt



OWNER'S NAME:	HORSE'S NAME:
HUNT:	QUALIFICATION: (State if Master, Member, Subscriber or Farmer)

**HUNT OFFICIAL DECLARATION**

I/we certify that the above-named owner is a Master, Member, Subscriber or Farmer for the current season with the  
..... Hunt

**Electronic signatures will be accepted.**

Signed:..... Name (Block Capitals):.....

Date: .....

PLEASE NOTE: Signature of any Hunt Official will be accepted.

# REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS

(OWNERS SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING)

## 1. REGISTRATION OF HUNTER CERTIFICATE - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY (e-signatures are accepted)

By signing and submitting the Hunter Certificate for registration, signatories certify that:

- a) The details of age, sex and pedigree are correct and that the horse's name is registered under the Rules of Racing.
- b) The Hunt Declaration on the Certificate is correct and that the horse is owned by a Master, Member, Subscriber or Farmer with the said Hunt and is qualified to be entered for any Hunter Steeple Chase run under the Rules of Racing and any race run under the Point-to-Point Regulations for which it is eligible.
- c) The horse has been residing in Great Britain for 7 clear days prior to the lodging of the Certificate, and will continue to reside in GB for the purposes of running in point-to-point races and Hunter Chases thereafter.
- d) I/We agree to be bound by the Rules of Racing and the BHA Point-to-Point Regulations or part thereof currently in force.

**TO BE ENTERED IN A POINT-TO-POINT STEEPLE CHASE** (other than Hunt Members races held under Regulation 72) the Certificate must be registered by noon on a Thursday to qualify the horse for entry for meetings whose entries close the following Monday. Please note earlier registration dates for meetings staged during the Christmas period. Please refer to the National Planner.

**TO BE ENTERED IN HUNTER STEEPLE CHASES** the Certificate must be registered by noon the day before entries close (normally 6 days prior to the race meeting except for race meetings on a Saturday, which will normally close 5 days prior).

However, it should be noted that registration will not occur on a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday, Good Friday or Christmas Day but by noon on the first day thereafter that the Equine Services Office is open for business. No Certificate will be registered without prior payment.

## 2. REGISTRATION OF HORSE NAME

This Certificate cannot be registered until the Name of the Horse is registered under the Rules of Racing. If you are in any doubt as to the identity of this Horse, please email [naming@weatherbys.co.uk](mailto:naming@weatherbys.co.uk)

N.B. There is no necessity for either Names registration or Hunter Certificate registration to be affected if horses are to be entered and run solely in Hunt Members races but owners must submit the Hunter Certificate to the Point-to-Point Secretary with their entry for this race.

## 3. PASSPORTS

Owners/Keepers must ensure that the Passport for every horse running in a Hunter Steeple Chase or Point-to-Point Steeple Chase is available for inspection on the day. Any horse whose identity cannot be verified from its passport (microchip and markings) will not be allowed to run.

## 4. HUNTER CHASES

For entry in Hunter Steeple Chases (not Point-to-Point Steeple Chases) all owners must be registered as an Owner with the BHA and have Racing Colours officially registered with the BHA under the Rules of Racing.

## 5. VACCINATIONS FOR HORSES

Owners/Keepers must ensure that every horse running in a Hunter Steeple Chase or Point-to-Point Steeple Chase is: correctly vaccinated in accordance with the Rules of Racing and Point-to-Point Regulations; that the vaccinations are correctly recorded in the respective horse's passport; and that the vaccinations have been correctly loaded onto the BHA Vaccination App, and been approved by the BHA, in advance. Horses must, as a minimum, have had two primary injections given between 21 and 60 days apart, and where sufficient time has elapsed a first booster given not less than 120 days and not more than 180 days after the second primary injection. Thereafter they must receive further boosters at intervals of not more than 6 months apart. Where any horse's vaccination programme has lapsed, a new course of vaccinations must be commenced and the two primary injections given before the horse can race.

### VACCINATION APP REQUIREMENTS

No entry will be accepted for a Hunter Steeple Chase unless the horse's vaccinations have been loaded onto the Vaccination App and been approved by the BHA in advance.

Every horse entered into a point-to-point must have their vaccinations loaded onto the Vacc App and been approved by the BHA by 4pm on the Thursday before running. NO HORSE WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE DECLARED OR RUN UNLESS ITS VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BHA.

Advice or guidance on how to use the Vaccination App can be obtained from the Equine Services Team either via email at [vaccapp@weatherbys.co.uk](mailto:vaccapp@weatherbys.co.uk) or by phoning 01933 304808

## **6. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY**

Unless the horse has been placed in the care of a Keeper, the Owner will always be the person responsible for the care and training of the horse, and the ongoing compliance with the Rules and Regulations. Where the horse is placed with a Keeper the responsibility passes to the Keeper (as if the Owner) unless the Keeper can show that any breach was the result of an action by the Owner, to which they were not a party, in which case the responsibility will remain with the Owner.

Owners that continue to take responsibility and act for themselves are strongly advised to consult the current Regulations and, before making entries, to check all relevant details contained in the Point-to-Point Race Planner. They should also ensure that any third party acting on their behalf at a meeting is familiar with and aware of their responsibilities under Regulations 111(i), 141 (i), 115 (iii) & (v) and 118.

Further copies of the Point-to-Point Planner can be obtained from The Point-to-Point Racing Company, Sanders Road, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 4BX Tel: 01933 304795.

Owners are informed that should any of their horses running in Point-to-Point races consistently fall, unseat or show unruly behaviour they may have their Hunter Certificate suspended for the remainder of the season. The performance of all horses is monitored, and Owners will be contacted if a Hunter Certificate suspension is being considered.

7. Owners should note that where a horse moves to a new Keeper, a Change of Keeper form must be completed and, if the Keeper has not already done so, the Keeper signed to agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations.

The form can be found on the point-to-point website under Guides and Downloads.

## **8. ENTRIES**

It should be noted that the ability for a Keeper to make entries is an extension of the powers given to the Keeper by the Owner, so as the Keeper can act on their behalf; it does not prevent an Owner from continuing to make their own entries by other means or acting for themselves at a meeting.

## **9. DEFRA HORSE PASSPORTS REGULATIONS**

Under EU Regulations, to be considered valid by DEFRA, a horse passport must contain certain pages including the declaration pages necessary to declare whether the horse is destined for human consumption – or not. Failure to have a valid passport for a horse is an offence under these regulations. We strongly advise you to check for the presence of the necessary pages within the passport. A fee of **£24** will be due to Weatherbys for each set of pages issued. The BHA advise that horses are declared not for human consumption to allow a full range of medicines to be used.

## **10. POINT-TO-POINT AUTHORITY HORSE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME (HSS)**

In order to enjoy the benefits of the HSS, the business name of the sponsor (maximum 45 characters including spaces) must be added to this Hunter Certificate or subsequently registered with a HSS1 form. The business name may NOT appear in any racecard nor on any paddock sheet until this registration is confirmed (in a letter from Weatherbys) and the appropriate fee (**£75** inc. VAT) has been paid. If you would like to register a multi-horse sponsorship – which has differing price bands depending on the number of horses sponsored – you will need to complete a HSS2 form (available to download at [www.gbpointing.co.uk](http://www.gbpointing.co.uk)) and return to the Point-to-Point Authority. **Please note** – you cannot be removed from the single-horse scheme (HSS1) once registered and no refund to the fee will be made if you subsequently register a multi-horse sponsorship (HSS2), which has slightly different conditions. For further detailed information on the scheme, please refer to Appendix L of the BHA Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases or visit <https://gbpointing.co.uk/participants/owners-and-keepers/#bha-regulations>

## **11. KEEPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

By signing the Declaration and taking a horse into their care and training, the Keeper is accepting responsibility for compliance with and any possible breaches of the Rules and Regulations under the name of the 'Owner'. Where the Keeper can show that any breach was the result of an action by the Owner, and that they were not a party to the breach, the responsibility will remain with the Owner and any disciplinary action will be taken against the Owner.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**'Keeper' is a person to whom an Owner has passed the care and training of their horse and who, as the Keeper, becomes responsible for compliance with the Point-to-Point Regulations for Steeple Chases as if the Owner. No action will be taken against the Keeper where it can be shown that any breach of the Regulations was the result of an action of the Owner, to which the Keeper was not a party, in which case the Owner will be responsible.**

## **12. PPORA RACES 2025/26 HORSE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

No horse shall be eligible to run in a PPORA Club Members' Point-to-Point Steeple Chase unless the owner is EITHER a current Life, Honorary, or 2025/26 Owner or Rider member of the PPORA by declaration of the horse on the day of racing. For full details of how to satisfy this Race Condition, including an explanation of how PPORA membership requirements apply to horses entered or running in joint or assumed names, and how to become a member of the PPORA, please refer to the PPORA website: [www.ppora.co.uk](http://www.ppora.co.uk) or [pporacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:pporacommittee@gmail.com).