

# Owner and Trainer Information Pack

## 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 (as demonstrated in November and again in January to March). 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 may 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. (Not until 10 April earliest) It is in effect a car park with access to paddock viewing (not entry)
- Blue. For paying public. (Not until 17 May at least apart from possible pilots). This may be folded into Amber zone depending on expected numbers.

#### Pre-Registration

Everyone will have to pre-register, often as a carload, since everyone in one car must remain in one zone. Owners will 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.

- Everyone going to a fixture will need to pre-register and provide their contact details. The site will open for participants by Monday afternoon and **close by 1200 noon Friday**.
- If you insist on registering for tickets on behalf of others, you must still give their contact details and are responsible for them. Trainers please remember to brief your teams
- Owners should only be in green zone if they are doing something practical to prepare the horse (holding its headcollar on occasion does not count)
- If going to a meeting in a Tier 3 area (if tiers return), the team must be a bare minimum
- To get onto site use the following link: <https://embed.futureticketing.ie/c/point-to-point-uk/> or go to [www.pointtopoint.co.uk](http://www.pointtopoint.co.uk) and click on black box with white writing, which is on front page (right hand side) and under fixtures

**Entries.** Entries are as normal. They may open slightly later than we like on Fridays due to large numbers of Hunter Certs that have to be processed after the 12 noon weekly deadline. Hint – it would be helpful if the HCs were sent in earlier than Friday morning.

**Declarations** This is new so do read separate sheets for details

- **Early Declarations.** This will be the norm for the rest of the season. Declarations will normally have to be made by 1200 on the Thursday for any day including Monday that weekend. However, there are a few oddities.
  - **Racing on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March.** Declarations must be made by 1200 on preceding Thursday
  - **Easter 4 days.** Declarations for all 4 days must be in by Wednesday 1200.
  - **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Apr.** Declarations must be in by Wednesday 1200.

Having declared early, on the day the Owner or Trainer must hand in a physical copy of the declaration sheet with any hand written amendments.

- **Declarations on Day.** 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 may be 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, providing an amber zone is available. 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](mailto:Adam@p2pa.co.uk)

### **Bookies**

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. No movement between zones – any such movement will lead to reports to BHA and automatic ban from all racecourses for a long period of time.

### **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.