

Changes to Regulations for 2021-22 Season (subject to BHA Approval)

Race Regulations

The 5lb penalty in Opens for 3 wins Under Rules in the previous season will now stop on 1 March each season. This brings it into line with introduction of Level 1 Conditions races on same date, and also recognises that that type of horse tends to be hunter chasing by that stage or have already got a maximum penalty.

Further information about race types and how they work can be found [here](#)

Horse Eligibility

Regulations 32-34 are being rewritten to remove ambiguity. The three key points are:

- Hunter Certificates must be registered by the Thursday 1200 before Entries Open rather than the traditional Friday. This will reduce pressure on registering and allow entries to open by 1300 on Friday.
- The purpose of the unregistered Hunter Certificate will be clarified
- Horses which in same season have point to pointed and then gone under rules may not return to point to pointing in that season.
- The trial of the 28 day rule for movement from Under Rules to pointing will be extended a further 12 months due to the disruption last season.

Jockeys

In principle point to pointing tries to follow same procedures for jockeys as Under Rules where it is feasible to ensure no misunderstandings. We await BHA decision on whether the rule brought in for Covid that Jockeys may only ride at one course is continued or not.

Miscellaneous

- **Stop Flag.** Point to point will now use the Orange and yellow quartered flags as used Under Rules.
- **Declarations.** Declarations will now close 60 minutes before the race is due to run.
- **Judges.** Regulations will be adjusted before the new season to ensure Judges have greater support. More to follow

Registration of Keepers

A formal register of Keepers (including Owner-trainers) will be kept from this season coming. This is in line with recent changes in BHA policy re visits to yards, increasing public interest in Horse Welfare and fact that Keepers are recognised for issues such as sponsorship etc.