



Fixture Secretary Webinar 1 2021 Introduction





The Main Entities



- **The British Horseracing Authority (BHA)**
- **The Point-to-Point Authority (PPA)**
- **The Point-to-Point Secretaries Association (PPSA)**
- **The Point-to-Point Owners & Riders Association (PPORA)**
- **The Master of Foxhounds Association (MFHA)**
- **The Horse Race Betting Levy Board (HBLB) (not Racing Authority)**
- **The Point-to-Point Racing Company (PPRC)**



The BHA



- **Ultimately responsible for everything but has delegated authority for management to PPA, which is conduit for everything**
 - **No need for you to contact it**
- **Regulation, regulation, regulation**
- **Expertise:**
 - **Medical**
 - **Veterinary**
 - **Inspectorate**
 - **Discipline**
 - **Legal**



The PPA Board



PPSA and Vice Chair



PPORA



MFHA



JOCKEY CLUB



PPA BOARD MEMBERS THE INDEPENDENTS



**Andrew Merriam
- Chairman**



Jeremy Barber



Fiona Needham



The PPA Team



PPA Communication
Events
PR
Promotion
Sponsorship

PPSA
Officials
Riders Licences
MFHA
HBLB

Riders Medical Clearance
Liaison with BHA (?!)
Medical Communications
Medical Seminars
Support



Other Key Players



- **HBLB. Grants for:**
 - **Fixtures –85%+ of total (bids & accounts)**
 - **PPA activities**
- **PPRC – 3 people!**
 - **Entries**
 - **Racecards**
 - **Planner**
 - **And much much more**

Some Realities

- Requirements are fundamentally the same but there is no national blueprint. Courses are very different.
- Fixture Secretaries do very different jobs – find out what is expected of you or decide for yourself:
 - Decision-maker
 - Co-ordinator
 - Administrator
 - Record-Taker

Support – Other People

- Full time Offices at PPA and PPRC
- Area Secretaries, Chairs and PROs.
- Other Secretaries
- The Hunt and MFHA
- The Course – a luxury
- Your own Committee but ...

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Support – Guides etc

- Regulations
- Instructions
- PPA E-Mails, E-Newsletters and weeklies
- Predecessor's blueprint and timetable
- National Website – guides and downloads
<https://www.pointtopoint.co.uk/about/get-involved-officials>
- Purple Guide

2020/21 (2018/19) Season Headline Statistics



- 51 (173) Fixtures

- 94 (99) Courses

- 1608 (2223)
Horses

- ??? (300,000)
Audience

Age	Number
16	10 (13)
17-19	69 (86)
20-25	141 (166)
26-30	77 (95)
31-40	50 (67)
41-50	9 (16)
51-75	6 (14)

362 (456)
Riders

63 (100) First
timers

60/40 M/F
Spilt. Last
year over
50% new
were Female

2021-22 and (2020-21) Season - Programmed



Area	
Devon & Cornwall	24 (25)
Wessex	22
Wales	14 (15)
West Mercian	21 (21)
South Midlands	13 (14)
Sandhurst	3
South East	11 (10)
East Anglia	12 (15)
Midlands	12 (13)
Yorkshire	13 (15)
Northern	14
Total	159 (167)

	Number of Fixtures	Change (+/-)
Oct	2	-
Nov	8	- (+1)
Dec	7	-1 (-2)
Jan	14	-2 (+2)
Feb	16	-3 (+1)
Mar	34	- (+2)
April	26	+1 (-6)
May	29	-3 (-1)
June	5	+1 (-)
Easter	18	-1 (-)

Amalgamations reducing Areas to 11

2 new courses / loss of Cottenham
Loss of 7 Hunt meetings