

## **DIVISION OF RACES ON RACEDAY:**

### **DIVISION OF RACES AT DECLARATION (REGULATION 113) & BALLOTING PROCEDURES**

If, on the day of the meeting the number of declared runners exceeds the Safety Factor, the Stewards shall order a division to be carried out. The division should be made by randomly drawing the declarations by lot into two equal divisions and these shall be run consecutively. However, in exceptional circumstances (i.e. with the declarations only just exceeding the safety factor and where the Stewards have already decided that any second division may result in the non-completion of the racecard), the Stewards may choose to "ballot out" (by randomly drawing lot(s) of the horse(s) declared that have Hunter certificates registered with the host area) the necessary horses so that only one "division" need be run but with the maximum number of runners as governed by the safety factor. The second "division" would then not be run. This ensures that as few owners as possible are subsequently disappointed by not getting a run. Organisers cannot state in their race conditions that balloting will occur. Where divisions occur on the day of racing, the deadlines for declarations are to be put back to the appropriate later time.

### **DIVISION OF RACES ON THE DAY (REGULATION 111 (ii)) - RIDERS PREFERENCES**

If on the day of the meeting it is anticipated that the number of declared runners in a race is likely to exceed the Safety Factor, a rider can be declared to ride two or more horses with the anticipation of riding one horse in each division. If a rider is declared for more than one horse, the rider must, at the time of the subsequent declarations, state their order of preference to the Declarations Clerk and inform the owners accordingly.

### **PROCEDURE FOR RIDERS TO DECLARE TO RIDE TWO HORSES IN A RACE THAT IS ANTICIPATED TO DIVIDE**

(i) When taking declarations the Declarations Clerk may find it helpful to complete the declarations table as per Appendix C(2) in the Instructions booklet. When a declaration is made the Declarations Clerk should scan down the list of previously declared horses and check for any rider that has already been declared. If the rider has been declared for another horse the rider should be asked to state which horse will be ridden (the preferred horse) if the race is not subsequently divided.

(ii) The declared rider will then have the responsibility of informing the respective owners of their order of preferred horses, and if the race is not divided he / she will then ride their first preference.

(iii) Before declarations close the owner, or the owner's representative, of a non-preferred horse, shall then state to the Declarations Clerk whether, in the event of the race not dividing, the horse will be withdrawn or an alternative rider will be substituted.

(iv) The owner or owner's representative shall inform the Declarations Clerk of the name of the alternate rider. The alternate rider will only be able to be nominated as an alternate for one horse and must not have been declared for another horse in the race.

(v) At the closing of declarations, if the safety factor is exceeded then the race will be divided, in the manner described in Instruction 4.3. The declared rider will ride the horses for which declared unless such horses are in the same division, in which case the non-preferred horse would either be ridden by the named alternate rider or withdrawn as per stated to the Declarations Clerk before declarations closed.

(vi) In the event of the race not being divided, the non-preferred horse will either be withdrawn, or the named alternate rider will be the declared rider of the non-preferred horse.

(vii) In the event of a declared horse being the non-preferred ride and the owner not nominating an alternate rider, the declaration will be invalid, and the horse not allowed to run.

(viii) If the declarations table (Appendix C(2)) has been filled out, on completion of the declarations, the declarations sheet (Appendix C(1)) should be completed and distributed as outlined in (f) below.

(f) When the declaration sheet has been completed the Declarations Clerk must make a copy available to the Stewards, Starter and Clerk of the Scales, who in turn will make a copy available to the