

INFORMATION ON HUNTER CHASES AND THE BRITISH HORSERACING AUTHORITIES ON- LINE ENTRY SYSTEM

For those owners and riders who wish to participate in Hunter Chases, their attention is drawn to the following requirements:

- (1) Owners must be on the Register of Owners. Applications should be made online at <http://www.britishhorseracing.com/regulation/ownership/become-an-owner/>. An owner's registration will become effective on the day of approval of the application. Applications, if received at Weatherbys before 12pm, will normally be approved on the same day; however, you should leave at least 48 hours for processing of the application.
- (2) Owners' colours must be registered. Registrations should be made online at <http://www.britishhorseracing.com/regulation/ownership/racing-colours/> or via <http://www2.racingadmin.co.uk> if you are already a registered owner.
- (3) Riders must hold an Amateur Riders Permit. The necessary application form is available from the Licensing Department, British Horseracing Authority, 75 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6LS.
- (4) There is a need to check the conditions of the race, the closing date of entries and the declaration day for the race.
- (5) A Hunter Certificate must have been registered at the Racing Calendar Office, Racing Services, Weatherbys by 12 noon on the working day prior to the closing date for entries.

ACCESS TO RACING ADMIN SITE

Entries, scratchings, declarations to run, declarations of rider and declarations of non-runners must be made on-line via the BHA Racing Administration site www2.racingadmin.co.uk. A full user video guide is available at the following address: <http://media.britishhorseracing.com/nras/#!?video=nbR3lz8CtZE>.

Access to this site is restricted to owners, riders' agents, trainers and keepers. Automatic access will be granted on the approval of registration as an owner or, for a keeper, from instructions following the registration of a Hunter Certificate. Anyone wishing to register, please go to <http://www.britishhorseracing.com/regulation/ownership/become-an-owner>.

REGISTERED OWNER WITH CURRENT ACCESS

If you are already a Registered Owner with current Racing Administration access your menu options will allow you to enter your horse into a Hunter Chase direct from the Find Fixtures & Races option. You will simply need to find and select the Race you are interested in and view the Race Conditions. If the Race is open for entries, you will be able to select the ENTER RACE button and enter your horse.

Once you have made the Entry you will be able to confirm, declare, book rider etc. from the My Entries option under a new Hunter Chase menu.

REGISTERED OWNER WITHOUT CURRENT ACCESS

If you are already a Registered Owner, but do not yet have access to the Racing Administration site, please go to www2.racingadmin.co.uk and select the CLICK HERE option in the login box to request access.

Select Registered Owner (GB) from the list of Customer Types, complete the rest of the form and SUBMIT.

Your access request will normally be processed within one working day, following which you will receive a confirmation email with a link to www2.racingadmin.co.uk. Please login using your email address and the password on your original application and simply follow the initial login set-up.

AUTHORISED KEEPER

If you are an Authorised Keeper, please go to www2.racingadmin.co.uk and select the **CLICK HERE** option in the login box to request access. Select Hunter Trainer/Owner from the list of Customer Types then enter the name of one of your horses. Complete the rest of the form and **SUBMIT**.

Your access request will normally be processed within one working day, following which you will receive a confirmation email with a link to www2.racingadmin.co.uk. Please login using your email address and the password on your original application and simply follow the initial login set-up.

HELP DESK

There is a dedicated Help Desk, open seven days a week, to answer queries on using the Racing Administration site and to guide you through the process. **PLEASE NOTE HOWEVER THAT THE OPERATORS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE ENTRY ON YOUR BEHALF.** If you would like a member of the team to talk you through the process, please call 01933 440011

ENTRIES, DECLARATIONS, RIDERS, SCRATCHINGS and NON-RUNNERS

ENTRIES

Entries will normally close 6 days prior to the race, except for races taking place on a Saturday, which will normally close 5 days prior to the race. Entries for some races close significantly earlier than the six/five day stage. Please refer to individual race conditions for details and be aware that, in such early closing races, a confirmation of entry must also be made at the Confirmation Stage, 5 or 6 days prior to the race.

Once you have made the Entry you will be able to confirm, declare, book rider etc. from the My Entries option under a new Hunter Chase menu.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Entries are accepted in accordance with the terms set out in the Standard Conditions as published in the Races to Close Section of The Racing Calendar, and subject to the Rules of Racing.

QUALIFICATION

The Computer programs will carry out a simple check to determine whether a horse is qualified on age or sex. All other qualification checks will be carried out later in the processing cycle and after the entry has been accepted. Owners/trainers are responsible for ensuring that their horse is qualified to be entered..

CANCELLING AN ENTRY BEFORE CLOSING

An entry already made may be cancelled at any time up to the closing deadline using the website.

ENTRY FEES

The Owner of a horse entered will become liable for payment of the Stake fee, as specified in the individual race conditions, together with an entry handling fee, as detailed in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Race Entry Code. This fee is currently £22.00 (plus VAT) for entries made on the Racing Admin site plus:

- £1.20 is payable to the Horseracing Betting Levy Board for the benefit of the Equine Infectious Diseases Services of the Animal Health Trust
- £1.25 payable to the British Horseracing Authority for the benefit of the welfare of former racehorses.

DECLARATION TO RUN

Under the 6 day entry system, a declaration to run (not cancellation) must be made either 1 or 2 days before the day of the race (as indicated in the race conditions). The deadline for declarations is a strict 10.00am. If the horse is to carry any headgear (blinkers, visor, sheepskin cheekpieces etc) this must be selected at the time of declaration (paragraphs 33 to 36 of the Race Entry Code).

DECLARATION OF RIDERS

Declarations of Riders are also recorded via the entry website. It is normal for the Declaration of Rider to be made at the time of entry or declaration to run. However, such declarations may also be made after 2.30pm. on the afternoon of the closing of entries and until 1.00pm. on the day of declaration to run. All Declarations of Rider will be provisional and may be changed at any time until the deadline. After the deadline, the only circumstances under which a declared Rider may be substituted, are when the declared Rider is injured, ill, late, the meeting has been abandoned, a declared runner is withdrawn allowing the Rider to take another ride, or some other reason acceptable to the Stewards.

For details on how to declare a rider, please visit the help pages on the INFORMATION tab of the MAIN MENU. The deadline for the declaration of riders is 1.00pm. on the day fixed for the declaration of horses. (paragraphs 58 to 66 of the Race Entry Code).

NON-RUNNERS

All non-runners must also be reported via the Entries website except in the hour prior to the race, in which case notification must be made to the Clerk of the Scales, on the racecourse (paragraphs 40 to 57 of the Race Entry Code). The declarations clerk on the racecourse, will be supplied with an up-to-date list of horses and riders. If there are no changes it will only be necessary to sign this list. This must be done at least 45 minutes prior to the race. Any changes must be notified to the declarations clerk at this time.

SCRATCHINGS AND CONFIRMATIONS OF ENTRY

All Scratchings and Confirmations of Entry must be made online www.2racingadmin.co.uk. Scratchings must be made by 12noon on the Tuesday fixed in the race conditions. Confirmations of Entry must be made by 12noon on the date advertised in the race conditions (paragraphs 27 to 30 of the Race Entry Code).

OVERWEIGHT

Under Rule (F)15, no rider may weigh out if he will be carrying 4lbs or more overweight. Owners and Trainers should note that if they wish to substitute a declared Rider because he will be carrying overweight, a request for substitution must be submitted to the Stewards and, having been approved by the Stewards, the substitute rider must have weighed out at least a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the race. (Rule (F)17). Furthermore, where a Rider is prevented from weighing out in the circumstances specified in Rule (F)15, the new Rider must be of a similar level regarding claiming a Rider's allowance e.g. a Rider who claims a Rider's allowance must be replaced by a Rider who also claims a Rider's allowance (paragraph 65 of the Race Entry Code).

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship cannot be carried unless registered in accordance with Rule (E)4.

ACCESS TO STABLES

All horses in Hunter Chases must be in the Racecourse Stables at least 45 minutes before their respective race. In order to gain access to the stables all keepers/attendants must be in possession of photo identification.

INFORMATION ON HUNTER CHASE RACE CONDITIONS

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS IN RACE CONDITIONS

“A” The Riders’ allowances under paragraphs 51 to 58 of the Weights and Handicapping Code CANNOT be claimed.

“HC” A Steeple Chase confined to certified Hunters.

“SNC” (Sponsored Number Cloth) Indicates number cloths to be carried in this race have been sponsored. These number cloths will carry the sponsor’s name/logo and must be carried by all horses running in the race. The sponsorship income will be divided in proportion to the number of horses which have started (as defined in the Rules of Racing). Each horse’s share being paid in accordance with paragraphs 24 to 27 of the Stakes and Prize Money Code.

“AC” (Attendants Clothing) Indicates race sponsor has an agreement to provide branded attendants’ clothing.

DEFINITION OF MAIDEN

“Maiden” for Steeple Chases and Hurdle races, is a horse which has never won a Steeple Chase or Hurdle race other than a Match or Private Sweepstakes, a National Hunt Flat race in Great Britain or an Irish National Hunt Flat race in Ireland, or a French AQPS Flat race, or a Steeple Chase at a Point-to-Point meeting, or a Timber race in Great Britain, at any Recognised Meeting in any country.

N.B. PLEASE ALSO REFER TO INDIVIDUAL RACE CONDITIONS.

DEFINITION OF NOVICE

“Novice” for Hunters’ Steeple Chases in 2020 is a horse which has not won a Steeple Chase before 1st June 2019.

N.B. PLEASE ALSO REFER TO INDIVIDUAL RACE CONDITIONS.

REGISTRATION AS AN OWNER

Entries can only be accepted from owners registered in accordance with the Rules of Racing. Owners of horses trained outside Great Britain must be registered with the Race Authority in the country in which their horse is trained.

DISTANCE OF RACES

The distances given for all races must be regarded as approximate only and they may vary slightly from time to time due to minor variations when dolling-out is necessary on bends to maintain turf. No distance, however, will be less than the minimum distance stipulated by the Rules of Racing.

STANDARD QUALIFICATIONS FOR HUNTER STEEPLE CHASES

The following qualifications apply to all Hunter Chases. Details of any variations or qualifications are added to individual races:

The horse’s name must be entered in the register of horses names maintained by the BHA. A Hunter Certificate must be registered for the horse. The Hunter Certificate must be sent to the Racing Calendar Office on the prescribed form, together with the appropriate fee for registration specified in Schedule (A)1. Registration before noon on any day qualifies the horse to be entered in any Hunter Chase which closes on or after the day immediately following, and for which the horse is eligible, in accordance with Paragraphs 14 and 16 to 19 of the Running Requirement Code:

14. *Once it has run in a Hunters’ Steeple Chase, a horse under the care of a Trainer may not run in any Steeple Chase other than a Hunters’ Steeple Chase, the Grand Military Gold Cup and the Royal Artillery Gold Cup, during that same Hunters’ Steeple Chase Season.*

16. *A horse must have a Hunter Certificate to run in a Hunters' Steeple Chase.*
17. *A horse cannot run in a Hunters' Steeple Chase if, at any time on or after 1 November in the year before the Race, the horse was in the care of a Permit Trainer who was not permitted to train horses for the Owner of the horse in question at the time when the horse was in their care.*
18. *A horse cannot run in a Hunters' Steeple Chase if, in the 15 months prior to the beginning of the Hunters' Steeple Chase Season it has:*
 - 18.1. *won a Class 1 or Class 2 Steeple Chase in Great Britain which was not confined to Amateur Jockeys, or equivalent overseas Race; or*
 - 18.2. *been placed first, second or third in a Grade 1 or Grade 2 Steeple Chase in Great Britain or Ireland, or equivalent overseas Race.*
19. *After a Hunter Certificate has been registered for a horse, the horse may be entered into any Hunters' Steeple Chase for which it is eligible subject to the following:*
 - 19.1 *if the Hunter Certificate was registered before 12pm, the horse may not enter any Hunters' Steeple Chase that is Closing on the same day the horse was registered;*
 - 19.2 *if the Hunter Certificate was registered after 12pm, the horse may not enter any Hunters' Steeple Chase that is Closing on the same day or day after the horse was registered.*

SAFETY FACTOR/MAXIMUM FIGURE

The number appearing underneath the conditions of the race is the maximum number of horses which will be started for that race, subject to the Field Size Limit, and above which Rules (I)9 and (I)10 will come into force, i.e. elimination or division will take place. The number is published for information only and may be subject to variation.

Hunter Chases are not permitted to divide. At the declaration to run stage, if the number of horses remaining engaged in any race exceeds the Safety Factor/Maximum Figure, the number of horses will be reduced to the number permitted by the Safety Factor/Maximum Figure or the Field Size Limit, as appropriate, by elimination or ballot in accordance with the provisions of Rules (I)9, (I)10 and the Race Administration Code.

FIELD SIZE LIMIT

The Field Size Limit will only be used to restrict the number of runners in a race below the Safety Factor/Maximum Figure when the number of declared horses for all races, including divisions, exceeds the Stabling Capacity for the fixture. The runners will be reduced by addressing each race in turn in a specific sequence order, until the total number of declared horses is no longer above the Stabling Capacity.

The provisional Field Size Limits published in the Races to Close section of The Racing Calendar may be subject to further revision at the entry/confirmation stage and at the declaration to run stage, once the final entry and declaration numbers are known, but in no circumstances will they exceed the Safety Factor/Maximum Figure for each race.

All Hunter in Classes 4, 5 or 6, where programmed, will be reduced to a Field Size Limit down to a figure of 9 for the race, as necessary, before the application of Field Size Limits for the remaining races.

STABLING CAPACITY

The Stabling Capacity published at the head of each day's race programme in the Races to Close section of The Racing Calendar indicates the total number of racecourse stables in the secure stable yard available to runners on a specific day, as notified by the Managing Executive of the Racecourse. The number is published for information only and may be subject to variation. Unless otherwise directed by the British Horseracing Authority, the final total number of declared runners on any one day shall not exceed the Stabling Capacity.

WEIGHT ALLOWANCE FOR FILLIES AND MARES

Attention is drawn to the provisions of paragraph 49 of the Weights and Handicapping Code which reads as follows:

- 49. Subject to the minimum weights permitted for the Race by paragraph 17, and excluding Handicap Races, fillies and mares shall receive the following weight allowances unless otherwise directed by the BHA - 7lb for a Jump Race*

MAXIMUM WEIGHT

No horse may carry more than 13st in a Steeple Chase (paragraph 18 of the Weights and Handicapping Code).