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Important Notice

AMENDED CLOSING DATE

£100,000 Tattersalls Somerville Auction Stakes
£150,000 Tattersalls October Auction Stakes

Trainers are requested to note that the closing date for the **£100,000 Tattersalls Somerville Auction Stakes** at Newmarket on Saturday, August 23rd, 2025 and the **£150,000 Tattersalls October Auction Stakes** at Newmarket on Saturday, October 4th, 2025 is **12 noon on MONDAY 13TH JANUARY** and not Monday 6th January as previously published on pages 1234 & 1235 of last week's Irish Racing Calendar 12th December.

Please see page 1258 of this week's Irish Racing Calendar for details.

Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board

The Directors of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board have approved the following appointments for 2024:

Mr. C. Irving - Handicapper



Christmas Notice

Horse Racing Ireland will be **closed** over the Christmas and New Year period on the following days: **Tuesday 24th December, Wednesday 25th December, Thursday 26th December** and **Wednesday 1st January, 2025**. The Entries and Declarations Department (045-455422) will be **open** on **Thursday 26th December** to receive **DECLARATIONS ONLY**.

There will be no Irish Racing Calendar published on Thursday 26th December.



2024/25 Christmas & New Year Schedule - Hunters Certificates and Close of Entries

Handlers of horses, who wish to run at Duhallow (F) Kanturk on Monday 30th December 2024, should ensure that relevant Hunters Certificates are lodged at the Office of the INHSC for registration no later than close of business on **Friday 6th December 2024**. Entries for this meeting close at **12 noon on Tuesday 17th December 2024**.

Handlers of horses who wish to run at Shillelagh & District (F) and/or United Hunt (F) Lisgoold on Sunday 5th January 2025 should ensure that relevant Hunters Certificates are lodged at the Office of the INHSC for registration no later than close of business on **Friday 13th December 2024**. Entries for these meetings close at **12 noon on Tuesday 31st December 2024**.

Handlers of horses who wish to run at Clonmel (H) and/or Muskerry (F) Aghabullogue on Sunday 12th January 2025 should ensure that relevant Hunters Certificates are lodged at the Office of the INHSC for registration no later than close of business on **Friday 27th December 2024**. Entries for these meetings close at **12 noon on Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

I.N.H.S. CLG

Point to Point Certificates Received - Autumn 2024

Ballinagore (H)
Limerick (F) Bruff @ Rathcannon
Louth (F)
Shillelagh & District (F)
West Waterford (F) Boulta

Notice To Trainers

Stable Employees Bonus Scheme

Please be advised of the **supplement** to this week's Calendar relating to the **Stable Employees Bonus Scheme**. These are guidelines of the scheme that should be shared with your staff.

HRI Directive Changes

The Directors of Horse Racing Ireland have approved the following modifications to the below HRI Directives:

HRI Directive 1 Race Programmes
HRI Directive 5 Jockey Fees
HRI Directive 10 Balloting & Elimination
Appendix B IRE - Weight For Age Scale

Please see **supplement** for further details and implementation dates

IRISH HORSERACING REGULATORY BOARD

The Directors of the IHRB, at their **Board Meeting on 11 December 2024** approved the following changes to **Rule 267** and **Rule 278 (vi)(a)** which will become effective on **12 December 2024**:

COSTS

267

- (i) Costs and/or expenses incurred by the IHRB in connection with any Appeal, Referral, Enquiry, Investigation or any other matter in accordance with these Rules, or by the Referrals Committee, the Licensing Committee or the Appeals Body in relation to determining any matter, shall be paid by such person or persons and in such proportions as the Referrals Committee, the Licensing Committee or the Appeals Body may direct. Any deposit which may have been paid may be forfeited as part of the award of costs and expenses.
- (ii) Awarding Costs: The award of costs and expenses shall be at the discretion of the Referrals Committee, Appeals Body or Licensing

Committee as the case may be. Unless the Referrals Committee, Appeals Body or Licensing Committee provide otherwise any costs awarded against any party shall be recoverable on a party and party basis.

- (iii) In determining the liability for and apportionment of costs and expenses, the Referrals Committee, Appeals Body or Licensing Committee may have regard to behaviour that is unreasonable, frivolous, or vexatious, where such behaviour is held to have directly caused expense by contributing to the duration or complexity of hearings, or a party has acted with willful disregard for fairness, truth, or these Rules.
- (iv) Amount of Costs: In the event of the amount of such costs not being agreed, the Bill of Costs shall be submitted for adjudication to a mutually agreed independent legal costs accountant whose decision thereon shall be final and binding. The expense of the legal costs accountant shall be borne by the party seeking adjudication. In the event of disagreement as to the identity of the independent legal costs accountant, the IHRB shall request the President for the time being of the Institute of Legal Costs Accountants to nominate such accountant and his nomination shall be accepted by the parties in dispute. The independent legal costs accountant shall, having given each party an opportunity to make submissions (oral or written or both at the accountant's discretion), adjudicate on the matters in dispute and decide on the amount due on foot of the Bill of Costs. The legal costs accountant shall certify the amount due and such certificate shall be final and binding on the parties.
- (v) Recovery of Costs: Costs awarded by the Appeals Body, Referrals Committee or Licensing Committee shall be payable forthwith upon them being agreed or on the issue of a Certificate by the independent legal costs accountant.
- (vi) Enforcement of Orders: Costs awarded but not paid shall be recoverable as a simple contract debt by summary proceedings instituted in any court of competent jurisdiction in Ireland or Northern Ireland at the option of IHRB. In addition, and without prejudice to the institution of such proceedings, any deposit which may have been paid may be forfeited in part discharge of such costs. In addition, and without prejudice to the foregoing, a failure to pay costs shall be a valid ground for the IHRB to refuse to renew any license, permit or permission until such costs have been discharged in full.
- (vii) Right to Appeal: Any party subject to a costs order by the Referrals Committee or Licensing Committee has the right to appeal the decision. Appeals may be submitted to an Appeals Body in accordance with the

Rules of Racing, which will review the order and may confirm, amend, or set aside the costs order as it deems appropriate

278 (vi) The procedure upon the receipt of Dope Test results shall be as set out in this Rule.

(a)

(i) Any Rider whose "A" sample discloses the presence of a Banned Substance or use of a Banned Method shall be so notified in writing by the Doping Control Officer. The Rider shall have the right to request that their "B" sample be analysed to determine whether that sample discloses the same Banned Substance(s) or use of a Banned Method detected in the "A" sample. [text deleted]

(ii) Save as otherwise provided in this Rule, the cost of the "B" sample analysis and all reasonable related administrative, legal, and ancillary costs shall be borne by the Rider. Any such request must be made within fourteen days of the said notification to the Rider. The IHRB shall provide an itemised breakdown of these costs within a reasonable time, specifying the payment deadline and demand. Where any dispute arises regarding the liability or amount of these costs, it shall be determined by the Referrals Committee at the hearing with an appeal against such determinations thereafter to the Appeals Body in accordance with the general provisions relating to Appeals in these Rules.

(iii) In the event that the Rider fails to pay such costs within the specified payment deadline, the IHRB shall have the right to take enforcement action including but not limited to refusing to issue or renew any licenses or permits held by the Rider, or taking legal action to recover the costs through summary proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction in Ireland.

The Directors of the IHRB, at their Board Meeting on 11 December 2024 approved the following changes to Rule 67 (i) (c) together with changes to the approved 'Rules of Racing – IHRB Scale of Weight for Age' table (a supplement to this week's Irish Racing Calendar), which will become effective on 1 January 2025:

67. (i) (c) A Horse shall not be allotted an initial Handicap Rating where in the opinion of the Handicapper its performance would justify a rating below [text deleted] 45

NOTIFICATION OF FORFEITS CLOSING

Forfeits can be made for the majority of races by using RAS but for Trainers who still wish to fax in their forfeits, a form for declaration of forfeit is available for download from the RAS website (www.hri-ras.ie) or please contact the following:-

Racing Customer Support
(045-455416)
Entries & Declarations Section (045-455422)

Closing 12 Noon

Thursday 19th December

Leopardstown, Saturday 28th December

Forfeits and Supplementary Entries close by 12 noon on this day for the following races:

Savills Hurdle (Race 387D)
Savills Steeplechase (Race 387E)

Limerick, Saturday 28th December

Forfeits and Supplementary Entries close by 12 noon on this day for the following races:

Guinness 00 Faugheen Novice Steeplechase (Race 388D)

Leopardstown, Sunday 29th December

Forfeits and Supplementary Entries close by 12 noon on this day for the following races:

Neville Hotels Hurdle (Race 389D)

Declaration of Forfeit

Neville Hotels Premier Handicap Hurdle (Race 389E)

Closing 12 Noon

Monday, 30th December

Naas, Sunday 5th January

Forfeits and Supplementary Entries close by 12 noon on this day for the following races:

Lawlor's Of Naas Novice Hurdle (Race 4D)

Season's Greetings

CORRECTIONS AND LATE**ALTERATIONS TO RACE****PROGRAMMES****NAVAN**

SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 377

- C. The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Handicap Hurdle of €20,000 (Rated 80-116)

Trainers are requested to note that the **distance** of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

About 3 miles 1 furlong

- E. The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Handicap Steeplechase of €20,000 (Rated 0-116)

Trainers are requested to note that the **distance** of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

About 2 miles 4 furlongs 120 yards

(See page 1161 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 14th November, 2024 issue)

NAAS

MONDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 378

- C. The Sign Up To GavinLynchRacing.com Maiden Hurdle of €12,500
- D. The Bar One Racing 'Guaranteed Multiples All Shops' Maiden Hurdle of €12,500

Trainers are requested to note that the **distance** of the above races have been amended to read as follows:-

About 2 miles 3 furlongs 118 yards

- E. The Gener8 Engineering Mares Maiden Hurdle of €12,500
- F. The John Thomas McNamara Series (Q.R.) Handicap Hurdle of €10,500 (Rated 80-95)
- G. The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Auction (Pro/Am) Flat Race of €15,000

Trainers are requested to note that the **distance** of the above races have been amended to read as follows:-

About 2 miles 51 yards

(See page 1162 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 14th November, 2024 issue)

**LIMERICK**

THURSDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 384

- G. The Limerick Membership 2025 Mares Flat Race of €10,000

Trainers are requested to note that the **name and value** of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- G. The JJ Kavanagh Buses Mares Flat Race of €10,500**
(Generously sponsored by JJ Kavanagh Buses)

(See page 1182 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 21st November, 2024 issue)

LIMERICK

FRIDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 386

- G. The Whitebox Property Group Handicap Hurdle of €11,500 (Rated 80-109)

Trainers are requested to note that the **race conditions** of the above race should now read as follows and not as previously published-

- An extended handicap hurdle for three years old and upwards rated 80-109 that have not won a hurdle race before 5th May 2024**

(See page 1184 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 21st November, 2024 issue)

LIMERICK

SATURDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 388

- F. The Book Online At limerickraces.ie Handicap Hurdle of €11,000

Trainers are requested to note that the **name and value** of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- F. The Infinity Lifts Handicap Hurdle of €11,500**
(Generously sponsored by Infinity Lifts)

- G. The Follow Us On Social Media Flat Race of €10,000

Trainers are requested to note that the **name and value** of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- G. The Doherty Woodshavings Flat Race of €10,500**
(Generously sponsored by Doherty Woodshavings)

(See page 1188 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 21st November, 2024 issue)

**LIMERICK**

SUNDAY, 29th DECEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 390

- A. The Racing Again On 28th January 2025 Maiden Hunters Steeplechase of €10,000

Trainers are requested to note that the **name and value** of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- A. The Masterchefs 2025 Maiden Hunters Steeplechase of €10,500**
(Generously sponsored by Masterchef)

- F. The Follow Us On Instagram Maiden Hurdle of (In Memory Of Andrew McNamara) of €12,000

Trainers are requested to note that the **name and value** of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- F. The Cuchulainn Maiden Hurdle (In Memory Of Andrew McNamara) of €12,500**
(Generously sponsored by the Cuchulainn Bar)

- G. The Limerick Racecourse Handicap Hurdle of €10,000

Trainers are requested to note that the **name and value** of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- G. The RAYN Safety & Security Handicap Hurdle of €10,500**
(Generously sponsored by RAYN Safety & Security)

(See page 1190 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 21st November, 2024 issue)

FAIRYHOUSE

WEDNESDAY, 1st JANUARY, 2025

Meeting No. 1

- C. The Easter Festival 18th - 20th April Handicap Hurdle of €11,000
- D. The Fairyhouse Membership 2025 Handicap Hurdle of €11,000

Trainers are requested to note that the **value** of the above races have been amended to read as follows:-

- C. The Easter Festival 18th - 20th April Handicap Hurdle of €11,500**
- D. The Fairyhouse Membership 2025 Handicap Hurdle of **€11,500**

(See page 1203 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 28th November, 2024 issue)



TRAMORE

WEDNESDAY, 1st JANUARY, 2025

Meeting No. 2

- F. The Mercedes-Benz Wexford Rated Novice Steeplechase of €11,000

Trainers are requested to note that the value of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- F. The Mercedes-Benz Wexford Rated Novice Steeplechase of €11,500

(See page 1205 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 28th November, 2024 issue)

NAAS

SUNDAY, 5th JANUARY, 2025

Meeting No. 4

- F. The Adare Manor Opportunity Handicap Hurdle of €13,000

Trainers are requested to note that the value of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- F. The Adare Manor Opportunity Handicap Hurdle of €13,500

(See page 1209 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 28th November, 2024 issue)

CLONMEL

THURSDAY, 9th JANUARY, 2025

Meeting No. 5

- A. The Jossestown Handicap Steeplechase of €11,000

Trainers are requested to note that the value of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- A. The Jossestown Handicap Steeplechase of €11,500

(See page 1218 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 5th December, 2024 issue)

PUNCHESTOWN

MONDAY, 13th JANUARY, 2025

Meeting No. 9

- B. The John Thomas McNamara Series (Q.R.) Handicap Hurdle of €11,500

Trainers are requested to note that the value of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- B. The John Thomas McNamara Series (Q.R.) Handicap Hurdle of €12,000

- D. The Festival 2025 Hospitality Selling Fast Novice Handicap Hurdle of €11,000

- F. The Join The Punchestown Members Club Handicap Hurdle of €11,000

Trainers are requested to note that the value of the above races have been amended to read as follows:-

- D. The Festival 2025 Hospitality Selling Fast Novice Handicap Hurdle of €11,500

- F. The Join The Punchestown Members Club Handicap Hurdle of €11,500

(See page 1239 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 12th December, 2024 issue)

FAIRYHOUSE

THURSDAY, 16th JANUARY, 2025

Meeting No. 11

- B. The Book Your Easter Early Bird Tickets Handicap Steeplechase of €11,000

Trainers are requested to note that the value of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- B. The Book Your Easter Early Bird Tickets Handicap Steeplechase of €11,500

(See page 1242 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 12th December, 2024 issue)

NAVAN

SATURDAY, 18th JANUARY, 2025

Meeting No. 13

- D. The Ardmulchan Handicap Hurdle of €11,000

Trainers are requested to note that the value of the above race has been amended to read as follows:-

- D. The Ardmulchan Handicap Hurdle of €11,500

(See page 1245 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 12th December, 2024 issue)

LEOPARDSTOWN

SATURDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 2025

Meeting No.24

- A. The Nathaniel Lacy & Partners Solicitors Novice Hurdle of €150,000
(Generously sponsored by Nathaniel Lacy)

Trainers are requested to note that the below notice has been added to this race:-

(€50,000 Cheltenham Bonus For Stable Staff Race)
A €50,000 bonus which will go towards the stable staff of the trainer of the winner of the race if that horse goes on to win any race at the Cheltenham Festival 2025. It will be the owner's sole discretion as to how the €50,000 bonus is distributed among the winning trainer's stable staff. The €50,000 will be paid by the end of May 2025 should the bonus be attained.

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FOREIGN RACE PROGRAMMES

U.K. - All entries for Irish trained horses in U.K. should be made to Horse Racing Ireland (but entries may also be made direct to Racing Calendar Office of Weatherbys subject to the payment of a handling charge in accordance with the provisions of Order 111 (iii) (b)). **All subsequent transactions** (i.e. declarations of forfeit, confirmations of entries, declarations to run etc) **must be made to the Racing Calendar Office, Weatherbys:-**
Telephone: 0044 1933 440011
Fax: 0044 1933 276 151

STANDARD CONDITIONS

The Racing Calendar Office of Weatherbys Thoroughbred Ltd. receives entries submitted for acceptance as agents for the Racecourse Authority and only upon the terms of the Standard Conditions. Acceptance of entries is subject to the power to refuse to allow entries to be accepted conferred by the Orders and Rules of Racing on the British Horseracing Authority Ltd. Entries are accepted by the Racing Calendar Office, acting as aforesaid, causing the name of the horse in question to be published as being entered for the race in question either in The Racing Calendar, when the race closes more than six days before running, or, for other races, on the British Horseracing Authority Racing Administration Internet site (www.racingadmin.co.uk) and ordinarily in the Sporting Press.

For further details on Standard Conditions, reference should be made to "Standard Conditions" on the Racing Bulletin area of the Racing Administration Internet site (www.racingadmin.co.uk) for the full details.

FRANCE - Owners and trainers of horses trained outside of France are reminded that, to enter any horse in a French race for the first time, they must register their horses in training through their access online at least 8 days before the closing time of entry, with the correct name of the horse, its suffix, sex, year of foaling and pedigree (sire, dam and sire of dam).

This declaration is not considered as an entry. Trainers are to make their entries and other declarations directly online. They must also supply a complete race record of all the performances of the horse(s) entered on the Internet, by fax (33 1 47 61 93 37) or email (fgperf@france-galop.com). The entry will not be valid if these performances are not received by the international department at Racing Operations by the time of the first forfeit, or on the eve of the declaration to run (if entries were made more than a month before the race). When declaring a horse to run, it is the responsibility of the trainer to check the weight carried.

Italy - Owners and trainers of horses trained outside Italy are informed that, the first time they enter any horse to run in Italy, they must include with the entry the correct name, sex, year of foaling, pedigree (sire, dam and sire of dam) and the name of the country where the horse was foaled.

Owners and Trainers are reminded that the foreign race conditions published below are based upon information supplied by the relevant authority. For more detailed race conditions please refer to the relevant authorities racing administration website.

CLOSING BY 12 NOON

FRIDAY 10th JANUARY

ASCOT

Clarence House Chase Race Day
Saturday, January 18th

Declarations to run must be made
by 10 a.m. January 16th



48 HOUR DECLARATION

20361

The BetMGM Clarence House Steeplechase
(Grade 1)

Total prize fund £175,000

Distributed in accordance with Stakes and Prize
Money Code

**For five yrs old and upwards which are
allotted a rating of 130 or more by the BHA
Handicapper, taking account of races run up
to and including the day prior to entry.**

Two miles and about one furlong

£875 stake

Supplementary Entry by noon, January 15th
and pay £5000 stake

Weights: 5-y-o.....11st 6lb

6-y-o and up11st 10lb

Mares allowed.....7lb

There will be a parade for this race

CLOSING BY 12 NOON

FRIDAY 10th JANUARY

HAYDOCK PARK

January Meeting, 2025
Saturday, January 18th

Declarations to run must be made
by 10 a.m. January 16th



48 HOUR DECLARATION

20371

**The Sky Bet Peter Marsh Handicap
Steeplechase**

(Premier Handicap)

Total prize fund £100000

Distributed in accordance with Stakes and Prize
Money Code

For five yrs old and upwards

Three miles about one and a half furlongs
£500 stake if the horse is rated 130 or higher,
or £100 stake if the horse is rated 129 or lower
with £400 extra if the horse is declared to run
Penalties, after January 11th, 2025, a winner of
a steeple chase.....5lb

PLEASE NOTE: A novice horse shall only be
qualified to run in this race if it has run a
minimum of three times in Steeple Chases in
Great Britain, Ireland or France in accordance
with paragraph 15 of the Weights and
Handicapping Code.

CLOSING BY 12 NOON

MONDAY 13th JANUARY

**CHELTENHAM
(Old Course)**

**The Festival Meeting, 2025
First Day - Tuesday, March 11th**

Confirmation of entry must be made by
noon March 5th
Declarations to run must be made by
10 a.m. March 9th



48 HOUR DECLARATION

21481

**The Unibet Champion Hurdle Challenge
Trophy
(Grade 1)**

(Total prize fund £450,000)
Distributed in accordance with Stakes and Prize
Money Code

**For four yrs old and upwards which are
allotted a rating or an assessment of 130 or
more by the BHA Handicapper taking
account of races run up to and including the
day prior to confirmation.**

**Two miles and about half a furlong
£560 stake,**

£1,130 extra if not scratched by February 11th
£560 extra if entry confirmed
£18,000 stake if entered by noon, March 5th
Weights: 4-y-o.....11st
5-y-o and up.....11st 10lb
Fillies and mares allowed.....7lb

(No confirmation of entry is required for
Supplementary entries)

PLEASE NOTE: A Declaration to Run will not
be accepted for any horse if, at the time fixed
for declaration, it has been declared to run in
any other race at this year's Cheltenham
Festival, which has yet to take place.

(This will apply whether or not the horse is
subsequently declared a non-runner, unless
the horse has been eliminated from a race, or
declared as a reserve and not been made a
non-runner.)

ELIMINATION: If elimination is necessary from
this race, the elimination sequence shall be
determined by the Elimination and Balloting
Procedures (contained in the Race
Administration Code)

A Confirmation of Entry will not be accepted
for any horse for which Medical Records are
not submitted to the BHA by 4th March, 2025
with a further update to be submitted by
6.00pm on the day before the race.

There will be a parade for this race

CLOSING BY 12 NOON

MONDAY 13th JANUARY

**CHELTENHAM
(Old Course)**

**The Festival Meeting, 2025
First Day - Tuesday, 11th March**

Confirmation of entry must be made
by noon March 5th
Declarations to run must be made
by 10 a.m. March 9th



48 HOUR DECLARATION

21482

**The Close Brothers Mares Hurdle
(Grade 1)**

(Registered as the David Nicholson Mares
Hurdle)
(Total prize fund £120,000)

Distributed in accordance with Stakes and Prize
Money Code

**For four yrs old and upwards,
fillies and mares only which are allotted a
rating or an assessment of 120 or more by
the BHA Handicapper taking account of
races run up to and including the day prior
to confirmation.**

**Two miles and about four furlongs
£150 stake,**

£300 extra if not scratched by noon on
February 11th
£150 extra if entry confirmed
£4,800 stake if entered by noon on March 5th
Weights: 4-y-o.....10st 7lb
5-y-o and up.....11st 5lb

(No confirmation of entry is required for
Supplementary entries).

PLEASE NOTE: A Declaration to Run will not
be accepted for any horse if, at the time fixed
for declaration, it has been declared to run in
any other race at this year's Cheltenham
Festival, which has yet to take place.

(This will apply whether or not the horse is
subsequently declared a non-runner, unless the
horse has been eliminated from a race, or
declared as a reserve and not been made a
non-runner.)

ELIMINATION: If elimination is necessary from
this race, the elimination sequence shall be
determined by the Elimination and Balloting
Procedures (contained in the Race
Administration Code).

A Confirmation of Entry will not be accepted for
any horse for which Medical Records are not
submitted to the BHA by 4th March, 2025 with a
further update to be submitted by 6.00pm on
the day before the race.

CLOSING BY 12 NOON

MONDAY 13th JANUARY

**CHELTENHAM
(New Course)**

**The Festival Meeting, 2025
Third Day - Thursday, March 13th**

Confirmation of entry must be made by
noon March 7th
Declarations to run must be made by
10 a.m. March 11th



48 HOUR DECLARATION

21502

**The Paddy Power Stayers Hurdle
(Grade 1)**

(Total prize fund £325,000)
Distributed in accordance with Stakes and Prize
Money Code

**For four yrs old and upwards which are
allotted a rating or an assessment of 130 or
more by the BHA Handicapper taking
account of races run up to and including the
day prior to confirmation.**

About three miles

£405 stake,
£810 extra if not scratched by noon February
11th

£405 extra if entry confirmed
£13,000 stake if entered by noon on March 7th
Weights: 4-y-o.....10st 9lb
5-y-o and up.....11st 10lb
Fillies and mares allowed.....7lb

PLEASE NOTE: A Declaration to Run will not
be accepted for any horse if, at the time fixed
for declaration, it has been declared to run in
any other race at this year's Cheltenham
Festival, which has yet to take place.

(This will apply whether or not the horse is
subsequently declared a non-runner, unless
the horse has been eliminated from a race, or
declared as a reserve and not been made a
non-runner.)

ELIMINATION: If elimination is necessary from
this race, the elimination sequence shall be
determined by the Elimination and Balloting
Procedures (contained in the Race
Administration Code).

A Confirmation of Entry will not be accepted
for any horse for which Medical Records are
not submitted to the BHA by 4th March, 2025
with a further update to be submitted by
6.00pm on the day before the race.

CLOSING BY 12 NOON**MONDAY 13th JANUARY****NEWMARKET**

**Fourth August Meeting, 2025
Second Day - Saturday, August 23rd**

Confirmation of entry must be made by noon August 18th
Declarations to run must be made by 10 a.m. August 21st

48 HOUR DECLARATION

10001

**The £100,000 Tattersalls
Somerville Auction Stakes**
(Total Race value £100,000)

Distributed in accordance with Stakes and Prize Money Code

For two yrs old only which were sold or bought in as yearlings at the 2024 Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale, or which were withdrawn from the above sale and were subsequently sold or bought in at the 2024 Tattersalls December Yearling Sale, and which have been declared by Tattersalls Ltd. as eligible to be entered and run in accordance with the relevant rules (If the horse was sold by auction at more than one of the above sales, the latest sale will govern the selling price for the calculation of the weight to be carried). All lots sold in accordance with the preceding paragraphs which are subsequently returned to the vendor under the Conditions of Sale provided that commission (plus VAT thereon if applicable) has been paid to Tattersalls on the original sale.

Provided always that where the purchase price (together with interest claimed thereon) or any other sum claimed by Tattersalls in connection with a lot (together with VAT thereon if applicable) has not been paid to Tattersalls. Tattersalls reserves the right either to declare that lot as ineligible to be entered, or to declare that lot forfeit at any later stage.

Last six furlongs of the Bunbury Mile (6f)
£125 stake

Scratch by noon on May 6th or pay £250
Confirm by noon on August 18th and pay £125

Weights: Colts and geldings.....9st 11lb
Fillies.....8st 10lb
Penalties, a winner of a Class 4 race.....2lb
Of a Class 3 race.....4lb
Of a Class 2 race.....6lb
Of a Class 1 race.....8lb
(Penalties not cumulative)

(If a horse was sold or bought in at auction at a "specified sale" subsequent to the 2024 Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sales or the 2024 Tattersalls December Yearling Sales, that sale will govern the selling price for the calculation of the weight to be carried)

Allowances: horses sold or bought in for £31,500 or less.....2lb
Horses sold or bought in for £21,000 or less.....4lb
Horses sold or bought in for £10,500 or less.....6lb
(Allowances not cumulative)

The British Horseracing Authority has modified paragraphs 5 and 15 of the Race

Entry Code, the Division of Races and Elimination and Balloting Procedures sections of the Race Administration Code, the Stakes and Prize Money Code and paragraphs 43 and 44 of the Weights and Handicapping Code for the purposes of this race.

NOTE:- Entries for this race will be accepted at the time of closing for horses which do not have a registered name. However, such horses will be disqualified and removed from the race if the name has not been registered by Tuesday, July 1st, 2025, in accordance with the Horse Naming Code. For horses trained in Great Britain, Ireland or the Channel Islands, an acceptable application must be made by the previous Friday. Horses entered for this race do not have to be implanted with a microchip until July 1st, 2025.

ELIMINATION: Runners in this race will be reduced by the elimination of those horses which, in the opinion of the BHA Handicapper, have the lowest Handicap Rating or, if they do not qualify for an official rating under the Rules of Racing, have the lowest assessment made by the BHA Handicapper from their performances on the racecourse so far. Form will be taken into account up to and including August 17th, 2025. Horses which have not run will be eliminated first by random ballot.

50% OF THE ENTRY STAKE PAYMENTS, TOTALLING £250, WILL BE REIMBURSED TO THE OWNER WHEN THE HORSE HAS BEEN DECLARED TO RUN UNDER RULE (F)89 AND RULE (F)90 AND IS ELIMINATED FROM THIS RACE. IN THE EVENT THAT THE RACE IS CANCELLED OR ABANDONED, ALL ENTRY STAKE PAYMENTS WILL BE RETURNED. (Auction prices are inclusive of buyers' premiums, where applicable, and conversion to pounds sterling).

For the purposes of future penalties and qualification, this race will be treated as a Conditions Stakes race.

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. In the event of elimination proving necessary, the eliminated horses will be refunded according to the conditions of the race.
2. If there is an excess of Stakes, i.e. the amount of the Owners' Stakes exceeds the advertised Total Prize Fund value less the guaranteed racecourse and sponsors contribution, as stated in the race conditions, this excess will be added, without limitation, to the prize fund.
(£25,000 minimum added to stakes)

CLOSING BY 12 NOON**MONDAY 13th JANUARY****NEWMARKET**

**First October Meeting, 2025
(On the Rowley Mile Course)**

Saturday, October 4th

Confirmation of entry must be made by noon September 29th
Declarations to run must be made by 10 a.m. October 2nd

**48 HOUR DECLARATION**

10002

**The £150,000 Tattersalls October Auction
Stakes**

(Total prize fund £150,000)
Distributed in accordance with Stakes and Prize Money Code

For two yrs old only which were sold or bought in as yearlings at the 2024 Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sales, 2024 Tattersalls October Yearling Sales Book 3 and 4, or which were withdrawn from any of the above sales and were subsequently sold or bought in at the 2024 Tattersalls December Yearling Sales, and which have been declared by Tattersalls Ltd. as eligible to be entered and run in accordance with the relevant rules (If the horse was sold by auction at more than one of the above sales, the latest sale will govern the selling price for the calculation of the weight to be carried)

**Seven Furlongs
Dewhurst Stakes Course (7f)**

£185 Stake
Scratch by noon on May 6th or pay £380
£185 extra if entry confirmed

Weights: Colts and geldings.....8st 13lb
Fillies allowed.....8st 8lb
Penalties, a winner of a Class 4 race.....2lb
Of a Class 3 race.....4lb
Of a Class 2 race.....6lb
Of a Class 1 race.....8lb

Allowances:

Horses sold or bought in for £47250 or less 2lb
Horses sold or bought in for £31500 or less 4lb
Horses sold or bought in for £15750 or less 6lb
(Allowances not cumulative)

(If a horse was sold or bought in at auction at a "specified sale" subsequent to the 2024 Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sales, the 2024 Tattersalls October Yearling Sales Book 3 and 4 or the 2024 Tattersalls December Yearling Sales, that sale will govern the selling price for the calculation of the weight to be carried).

The British Horseracing Authority has modified paragraphs 5 and 15 of the Race Entry Code, the Division of Races and Elimination and Balloting Procedures sections of the Race Administration Code, the Stakes and Prize Money Code and paragraphs 43 and 44 of the Weights and Handicapping Code for the purposes of this race.

NOTE:- Entries for this race will be accepted at the time of closing for horses which do not have a registered name. However, such horses will be disqualified and removed from the race

if the name has not been registered by Tuesday, July 1st, 2025, in accordance with the Horse Naming Code.

For horses trained in Great Britain, Ireland or the Channel Islands, an acceptable application must be made by the previous Friday. Horses entered for this race do not have to be implanted with a microchip until July 1st, 2025.

ELIMINATION: Runners in this race will be reduced by the elimination of those horses which, in the opinion of the BHA Handicapper, have the lowest Handicap Rating or, if they do not qualify for an official rating under the Rules of Racing, have the lowest assessment made by the BHA Handicapper from their performances on the racecourse so far. Form will be taken into account up to and including Friday, September 26th 2025. Horses which have not run will be eliminated first by random ballot.

50% OF THE ENTRY STAKE PAYMENTS, TOTALLING £375, WILL BE REIMBURSED TO THE OWNER WHEN THE HORSE HAS BEEN DECLARED TO RUN UNDER RULE (F)89 AND RULE (F)90 AND IS ELIMINATED FROM THIS RACE. IN THE EVENT THAT THE RACE IS CANCELLED OR ABANDONED, ALL ENTRY STAKE PAYMENTS WILL BE RETURNED.

(£37500 minimum added to stakes).

(Auction prices are inclusive of buyers' premiums, where applicable, and conversion to pounds sterling).

For the purposes of future penalties and qualification, this race will be treated as a Conditions Stakes race.

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. In the event of elimination proving necessary, the eliminated horses will be refunded according to the conditions of the race.
2. If there is an excess of Stakes, i.e. the amount of the Owners' Stakes exceeds the advertised Total Prize Fund value less the guaranteed racecourse and sponsors contribution, as stated in the race conditions, this excess will be added, without limitation, to the prize fund.

CLOSING BY 12 NOON

MONDAY 13th JANUARY

YORK

**Ebor Festival Meeting, 2025
Second Day - Thursday, August 21st**

Confirmation of entry must be made by noon August 15th
Declarations to run must be made by 10 a.m. August 19th



48 HOUR DECLARATION

10003

The Harry's Half Million By Goffs

(Total prize fund £508,150)

Distributed in accordance with Stakes and Prize Money Code

For two yrs old only, which were catalogued in the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sales of August 27th and 28th, 2024, and have paid the nomination fee by 1st December 2024 and which have therefore been declared by Goffs UK Ltd as eligible to be entered and run in accordance with the relevant conditions in the Goffs UK Sales Catalogues Six furlongs (6f)

£500 stake

Scratch by noon on April 29th or pay £500

Scratch by noon on July 1st or pay £500

Confirm by noon on August 15th and pay £500

Weights: Colts and geldings.....9st 2lb

Fillies.....8st 11lb

Penalties, a winner of a Class 3 race.....3lb

Of a Class 2 race of a Listed race.....5lb

Of a Pattern race.....7lb

Nursery Handicaps excluded for the purposes of penalties

NOTE:- Entries for this race will be accepted at the time of closing for horses which do not have a registered name. However, such horses will be disqualified and removed from the race if the name has not been registered by Tuesday, July 1st, 2025. For horses trained in Great Britain, Ireland or the Channel Islands, an acceptable application must be made by the previous Friday.

Horses entered for this race do not have to be implanted with a microchip until July 1st, 2025, the second scratching deadline.

The BHA Department of Equine Regulation, Safety and Welfare will be performing pre-race examinations of all horses at this meeting.

The British Horseracing Authority has modified Rule (I)10, paragraphs 10 and 26 of the Race Administration Code, paragraphs 5, 15 and 16 of the Race Entry Code, the Stakes and Prize Money Code, and paragraphs 43 and 44 of the Weights and Handicapping Code.

ELIMINATION: Runners in this race will be reduced by the elimination of those horses which, in the opinion of the BHA Handicapper, have the lowest Handicap Rating or, if they do not qualify for an official rating under the Rules of Racing, have the lowest assessment

made by the BHA Handicapper from their performances on the racecourse so far.

Form will be taken into account up to and including Wednesday, 13 August. Horses which have not run will be eliminated first by random ballot.

THE LAST TWO ENTRY STAKES TOTALLING £1000 WILL BE REIMBURSED TO THE OWNER WHEN THE HORSE HAS BEEN DECLARED TO RUN AND IS ELIMINATED FROM THIS RACE. IN THE EVENT THAT THE RACE IS CANCELLED OR ABANDONED ALL ENTRY STAKE PAYMENTS WILL BE RETURNED. (£100000 minimum added to stakes).

SPECIAL NOTES:

1. In the event of elimination proving necessary, the eliminated horses will be refunded according to the conditions of the race.
2. If there is still an excess of Stakes, i.e. the amount of the Owners' Stakes exceeds the advertised Total Race Value less the guaranteed racecourse and sponsors contribution, as stated in the race conditions, this excess will be added to the total race value.

CLOSING BY 12 NOON**FRIDAY 17th JANUARY****CHELTENHAM**

Second January Meeting, 2025

Saturday, January 25th
(New Course)Declarations to run must be made
by 10 a.m. January 23rd**48 HOUR DECLARATION**

20503

**The Betfair Exchange Handicap
Steeplechase**

(Premier Handicap)

Total prize fund £100,000

Distributed in accordance with Stakes and Prize
Money Code**For five yrs old and upwards****Two miles, about four and a half furlongs**£500 stake if the horse is rated 130 or higher,
or £100 stake if the horse is rated 129 or lower
with £400 extra if the horse is declared to run.

Penalties, after January 18th 2025:

Winner of a steeplechase.....5lb

PLEASE NOTE: A novice horse shall only be qualified to run in this race if it has run a minimum of three times in Steeple Chases in Great Britain, Ireland or France in accordance with paragraph 15 of the Weights and Handicapping Code

**IRISH RACE PROGRAMME -
STANDARD CONDITIONS**

Horses and those in charge of them are received on the terms that the Executive and the Stewards of the respective Meetings are not to be liable for any damage, loss or injury to such horses or persons while in or about the stabling or on the Course from any cause whatsoever.

Nominations can only be made and accepted on the condition that the nominator subjects himself/herself, in all respects to the Rules & HRI Directives under which each race is run. Races and divisions are run subject to the provisions of Rule 20.

Handicap races closing under the Irish entry system will be calculated at the time of closing. The rating qualification will take into account all performances up to and including the **Sunday** previous to the rating qualification date.

In accordance with Rule 101 (iv), the Qualifying Ratings shall be calculated on each Monday at 12 noon. The Qualifying Rating for each horse shall be equivalent to the horse's current Rating at that time.

Qualifying Ratings For Flat Races

For the purposes of qualification for flat handicaps, in the event of a horse being assigned a separate handicap mark for "all weather" handicaps, the "all weather" qualification rating will be the horse's qualifying rating for "all weather" racing. In the event of a horse being assigned only one handicap rating, the same qualifying rating shall apply for qualification purposes to handicaps run on both turf and "all weather" surfaces.

Entries & Declarations

Entries for horses trained outside of Ireland must be made through the relevant Turf Authority and close by 11am on the same day they close with Horse Racing Ireland. Entries for early closing races are accepted through the relevant Turf Authorities on the same day they close with Horse Racing Ireland at 12 noon.

All trainers licenced in Ireland can only make entries by the following methods: a) Online RAS System b) Fax (045 455423) c) Email - entries@hri.ie.

All trainers licenced in Ireland can only make declarations by the following methods: a) Online RAS System b) Telephone (045 455422).

**For the purpose of the 2024/2025 National
Hunt season:-**

'Novice' for hurdle races is a horse which has not won a hurdle race prior to 5th May 2024 and for steeplechases is a horse which has not won a steeplechase prior to 5th May 2024, other than one hunter steeplechase within the previous two National Hunt seasons.

Overnight Nomination Of Rider & Colours

Under Rule 195, it is compulsory to nominate a rider for each declared horse by 12 noon on the day that Declarations close. The trainer must declare any intended change of colours or any colours in use that are not registered with Horse Racing Ireland for racecard purposes. In such instances the declaration of colours must be made to Horse Racing Ireland by 12 noon on the day the declarations close unless otherwise stated.

Under the I.N.H.S. Rules

SATURDAY and SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 1st
and 2nd, 2025**LEOPARDSTOWN****Meeting No. 24**

FIRST DAY - SATURDAY, 1st FEBRUARY

**CLOSING 12 NOON
WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY**

Handicaps calculated for

The Race And Stay At**Leopardstown Handicap****Hurdle** 20th January**The Sandyford Handicap****Steeplechase** 20th January

Rating Qualification 12pm 13th January

Declarations to run must be made by 10am

Thursday 30th January

CEO Mr. Tim Husbands

Racing Operations Manager.... Ms. Jane Hedley

Clerk of the Course Mr. L. Wyer

Handicappers..... Mr. M. Bird

..... Mr. S. Quinn

**48 HOUR DECLARATIONS FOR
ALL RACES****Speed sensing equipment will be
used in all races at this meeting****Maximum Stable Capacity: 138****Telephone 01-2890500, Fax 01-2892634
(available at all times)**

C

The Race And Stay At Leopardstown Handicap Hurdle of €100,000 (Rated 0-150) (Listed Race)

(Registered as the Glencullen Handicap Hurdle) (Generously sponsored by Race and Stay)

- Winner will receive €60,000 (Penalty Value: €59,000)
- Second will receive €20,000
- Third will receive €10,000
- Fourth will receive €5,000
- Fifth will receive €3,000
- Sixth will receive €2,000

An extended handicap hurdle for four years old and upwards rated 0-150 that have run at least three times in hurdle races up to and including 19th January 2025

About 3 miles 59 yards

€500 to enter on January 15th | €400 extra if forfeit not declared by January 28th | and €100 extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a hurdle race or hurdle races after calculation of the handicap shall carry any penalty or penalties which may be allotted by the Handicapper.

Alternative Handicap

F

The Sandyford Handicap Steeplechase of €100,000 (Rated 0-150) (Listed Race)

- Winner will receive €60,000 (Penalty Value: €59,000)
- Second will receive €20,000
- Third will receive €10,000
- Fourth will receive €5,000
- Fifth will receive €3,000
- Sixth will receive €2,000

An extended handicap steeplechase for five years old and upwards rated 0-150 that have run at least three times in steeplechases up to and including 19th January 2025

About 2 miles 1 furlong

€500 to enter on January 15th | €400 extra if forfeit not declared by January 28th | and €100 extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase or steeplechases after calculation of the handicap shall carry any penalty or penalties which may be allotted by the Handicapper.

Alternative Handicap

G

Supplementary Entries Close 12 noon on 28th January 2025

The Future Stars (C & G) I.N.H. Flat Race of €100,000 (Grade 2)

- Winner will receive €60,000 (Penalty Value: €59,000)
- Second will receive €20,000
- Third will receive €10,000
- Fourth will receive €5,000
- Fifth will receive €3,000
- Sixth will receive €2,000

An I.N.H. flat race for four, five, six and seven years old colts and geldings only that have not won a race, including races under any N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing, other than I.N.H. Flat Races or N.H. Flat Races or a combination of such races and which have not run in a hurdle race

About 2 miles

€600 to enter on January 15th | €400 extra if forfeit not declared by January 28th | or €10,000 if entered by January 28th

Weights: 4-y-o..... 10st 12lbs
5, 6 and 7-y-o..... 11st 10lbs

Penalties -

Winner of a Listed or Grade 3 I.N.H. Flat race or a N.H. flat race..... 4lb extra

Winner of a Grade 1 or 2 I.N.H. Flat race or N.H. flat race..... 7lb extra

Riders: Qualified Riders under I.N.H.S. Rules

Under the I.N.H.S. Rules

LEOPARDSTOWN

Meeting No. 25

SECOND DAY - SUNDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY

CLOSING 12 NOON WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY

Handicaps calculated for
The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Paddy Mullins Mares Handicap Hurdle..... 20th January
The O'Driscolls Irish Whiskey Leopardstown Handicap Steeplechase 20th January
The Timeless Sash Windows Handicap Hurdle..... 20th January
 Rating Qualification 12pm 13th January
 Declarations to run must be made by 10am Friday 31st January

CEO..... Mr. Tim Husbands
 Racing Operations Manager.... Ms. Jane Hedley
 Clerk of the Course Mr. L. Wyer
 Handicappers..... Mr. M. Bird
 Mr. S. Quinn

48 HOUR DECLARATIONS FOR ALL RACES

Speed sensing equipment will be used in all races at this meeting

Maximum Stable Capacity: 138

Telephone 01-2890500, Fax 01-2892634 (available at all times)



A

**The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Paddy Mullins
Mares Handicap Hurdle of €100,000
(Listed Race)**

(Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF
(€20,000))

Winner will receive €60,000
(Penalty Value: €59,000)
Second will receive €20,000
Third will receive €10,000
Fourth will receive €5,000
Fifth will receive €3,000
Sixth will receive €2,000

**An extended handicap hurdle for four years
old and upwards mares only that are EBF
eligible that have run at least three times in
hurdle races up to and including 19th
January 2025**

(140 = 11st 12lbs)

About 2 miles 2 furlongs

€500 to enter on January 15th | €400 extra if
forfeit not declared by January 28th | and €100
extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a hurdle race or hurdle
races after calculation of the handicap shall
carry any penalty or penalties which may be
allotted by the Handicapper.

Alternative Handicap

E

**The O'Driscolls Irish Whiskey Leopardstown
Handicap Steeplechase of €150,000
(Grade 3)**

(Generously sponsored by O'Driscolls Irish
Whiskey)

Winner will receive €90,000
(Penalty Value: €88,500)
Second will receive €30,000
Third will receive €15,000
Fourth will receive €7,500
Fifth will receive €4,500
Sixth will receive €3,000

**An extended handicap steeplechase for five
years old and upwards that have run at least
three times in steeplechases up to and
including 19th January 2025**

About 2 miles 5 furlongs 107 yards

€750 to enter on January 15th | €600 extra if
forfeit not declared by January 28th | and €150
extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase or
steeplechases after calculation of the handicap
shall carry any penalty or penalties which may
be allotted by the Handicapper.

Alternative Handicap

G

**The Timeless Sash Windows Handicap
Hurdle of €150,000 (Rated 0-150)
(Listed Race)**

(Registered as the Liffey Handicap Hurdle)
(Generously sponsored by Timeless Sash
Windows)

Winner will receive €90,000
(Penalty Value: €88,500)
Second will receive €30,000
Third will receive €15,000
Fourth will receive €7,500
Fifth will receive €4,500
Sixth will receive €3,000

**An extended handicap hurdle for four years
old and upwards rated 0-150 that have run at
least three times in hurdle races up to and
including 19th January 2025**

About 2 miles

€750 to enter on January 15th | €600 extra if
forfeit not declared by January 28th | and €150
extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a hurdle race or hurdle
races after calculation of the handicap shall
carry any penalty or penalties which may be
allotted by the Handicapper.

Alternative Handicap

H



**Supplementary Entries Close 12 noon on
28th January 2025**

**The Coolmore N.H. Sires Hurricane Lane
Irish EBF Mares I.N.H. Flat Race of €100,000
(Grade 2)**

(Registered as the Deep Run Mares I.N.H. Flat
Race)

(Generously sponsored by Coolmore N.H. Sires
and the Irish EBF (€20,000))

Winner will receive €60,000
(Penalty Value: €59,000)
Second will receive €20,000
Third will receive €10,000
Fourth will receive €5,000
Fifth will receive €3,000
Sixth will receive €2,000

**An I.N.H. flat race for four, five, six and
seven years old mares only that are EBF
eligible that have not won a race, including
races under any N.H. Rules or Rules of
Racing, other than I.N.H. Flat Races or N.H.
Flat Races or a combination of such races
and which have not run in a hurdle race**

About 2 miles

€600 to enter on January 15th | €400 extra if
forfeit not declared by January 28th | or
€10,000 if entered by January 28th

Weights: 4-y-o 10st 9lbs
5, 6 and 7-y-o 11st 7lbs

Penalties -

Winner of a Listed or Grade 3 I.N.H.
Flat race or a N.H. flat race 4lb extra
Winner of a Grade 1 or 2 I.N.H. Flat
race or N.H. flat race 7lb extra

Riders: Qualified Riders under I.N.H.S. Rules

Under the I.N.H.S. Rules

DOWN ROYAL

Meeting No. 15

TUESDAY, 21st JANUARY, 2025

**CLOSING 12 NOON
THURSDAY 16th JANUARY**

Handicaps calculated..... 16th January
Rating Qualification 12pm 13th January
Declarations to run must be made by 10am
Sunday 19th January

Manager Ms. Emma Meehan
Clerk of the Course Mr. B. Hamilton
Clerk of the Scales Mr. P.L. Malone
Starter Mr. J.R. Banahan
Judge Mr. D. Cullen
Handicappers Mr. M. Bird
..... Mr. S. Quinn

RACEDAY STEWARDS

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**48 HOUR DECLARATIONS FOR
ALL RACES**

**Speed sensing equipment will be
used in all races at this meeting**

Maximum Stable Capacity: 124

Telephone 02892-621256, Fax 02892-
621433, Email info@downroyal.com
(available at all times)

A 12:40 PM

**The Molson Coors Beverage Company
Maiden Hurdle of €10,000**

Winner will receive €6,000
(Penalty Value: €5,900)
Second will receive €2,000
Third will receive €1,000
Fourth will receive €500
Fifth will receive €300
Sixth will receive €200

**A hurdle for five years old and upwards,
maidens at starting**

About 2 miles 1 furlong 33 yards

€90 to enter, €10 extra if declared to run

Weights: 11st 12lbs

Mares allowed 7lbs

Allowance -

Horses that have not won a race under any
N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing allowed 8lb

B 1:10 PM

**The Franciscan Well Rated Novice Hurdle
of €14,500**

Winner will receive €8,700
(Penalty Value: €8,555)
Second will receive €2,900
Third will receive €1,450
Fourth will receive €725
Fifth will receive €435
Sixth will receive €290

**A novice hurdle for five years old and
upwards which at entry are rated 125 or less**

About 2 miles 1 furlong 33 yards

€130.50 to enter, €14.50 extra if declared to run

Weights: 11st 4lbs

Penalties -

Horses that at entry have a
published rating or performance
rating - for every 1lb above the
rating of 115 1lb extra

After time of entry - for each race
won 7lb extra

**Horses that have not run three times over
hurdles and/or do not have a
published handicap hurdle rating may enter
and run at the discretion of the handicapper
provided their performances are rated 125
or less at time of entry**

C 1:40 PM

**The Coors Mares Handicap Hurdle
of €11,500**

Winner will receive €6,900
(Penalty Value: €6,785)
Second will receive €2,300
Third will receive €1,150
Fourth will receive €575
Fifth will receive €345
Sixth will receive €230

**An extended handicap hurdle for four years
old and upwards mares only**

(110 = 11st 12lbs)

About 2 miles 1 furlong 33 yards

€103.50 to enter, €11.50 extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a hurdle race after
calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra
for each hurdle race won.

D 2:10 PM

**The Pravha Handicap Hurdle of €10,000
(Rated 0-100)**

Winner will receive €6,000
(Penalty Value: €5,900)
Second will receive €2,000
Third will receive €1,000
Fourth will receive €500
Fifth will receive €300
Sixth will receive €200

**An extended handicap hurdle for four years
old and upwards rated 0-100**

About 2 miles 1 furlong 33 yards

€90 to enter, €10 extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a hurdle race after
calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra
for each hurdle race won.

**E 2:40 PM**
**The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Rated Novice
Steeplechase of €18,500**

 (Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF
(€4,000))

 Winner will receive €11,100
(Penalty Value: €10,915)
Second will receive €3,700
Third will receive €1,850
Fourth will receive €925
Fifth will receive €555
Sixth will receive €370

**A novice steeplechase for five years old and
upwards that are EBF eligible which at entry
are rated 125 or less**
About 2 miles 115 yards

€166.50 to enter, €18.50 extra if declared to run

Weights: 5-y-o..... 11st

6-y-o and up 11st 4lbs

Penalties -

 Horses that at entry have a
published rating or performance

rating - for every 1lb above the

rating of 115..... 1lb extra

After time of entry - for each race

won..... 7lb extra

**Horses which, at entry, have not run in two
or more steeplechases and/or do not have a
published steeplechase rating may enter
and run at the discretion of the handicapper
provided their steeplechase rating is 125 or
less at time of entry**
F 3:15 PM
**The Aspoll Handicap Steeplechase
of €10,000 (Rated 0-100)**

 Winner will receive €6,000
(Penalty Value: €5,900)
Second will receive €2,000
Third will receive €1,000
Fourth will receive €500
Fifth will receive €300
Sixth will receive €200

**An extended handicap steeplechase for five
years old and upwards rated 0-100
About 2 miles 4 furlongs 100 yards**

€90 to enter, €10 extra if declared to run

 Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase after
calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra
for each steeplechase won.
G 3:50 PM
**The Madri Excepcional Handicap
Steeplechase of €14,500**

 Winner will receive €8,700
(Penalty Value: €8,555)
Second will receive €2,900
Third will receive €1,450
Fourth will receive €725
Fifth will receive €435
Sixth will receive €290

**An extended handicap steeplechase for five
years old and upwards**

(120 = 11st 12lbs)

About 3 miles

€130.50 to enter, €14.50 extra if declared to run

 Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase after
calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra
for each steeplechase won.

Under the I.N.H.S. Rules

GOWRAN PARK**Meeting No. 16**

THURSDAY, 23rd JANUARY, 2025

**CLOSING 12 NOON
THURSDAY 16th JANUARY**

Handicaps calculated for

The Goffs Thyestes Handicap
Steeplechase 13th January

Rating Qualification 12pm 6th January

Other Handicaps calculated 16th January

Rating Qualification 12pm 13th January

Declarations to run must be made by 10am

Tuesday 21st January

Secretary Mr. Eddie Scally

Clerk of the Course Mr. P.F. Graffin

Clerk of the Scales Mr. P.L. Malone

Starter Mr. D. Cullen

Judge Mr. D. Maher

Handicappers Mr. M. Bird

..... Mr. S. Quinn

DIRECTORS

Chairman: Mr. J. Connolly

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Powell | Sean Power | N.B. Wachman
OFFICIALS
 Receiver of Entries: Horse Racing Ireland,
Ballymany, The Curragh, Co. Kildare

Stakeholder: Horse Racing Ireland

Stewards Secretaries: Mr. L.S. Walsh | Mr. H.

Hynes | Mr. P. Deegan | Mr. C.J. Sweeney

I.H.R.B. Medical Officer: Dr. Jennifer Pugh

Veterinary Officer: Dr. Lynn Hillyer

Veterinary Surgeons: Mr. R. Brennan

M.R.C.V.S. | Mr. J. O'Sullivan M.R.C.V.S.

 Medical Officers: Dr. F. Gallagher | Dr. J.
Gallagher

**48 HOUR DECLARATIONS FOR
ALL RACES**
**Speed sensing equipment will be
used in all races at this meeting**
Maximum Stable Capacity: 130
**Telephone 056-7726225, Fax 056-7726173
(available at all times)**

A 1:03 PM



The Connolly's RED MILLS Irish EBF Auction Maiden Hurdle of €20,000

(Public Auction Race)

(IRE Incentive Scheme Bonus Race)

(Generously sponsored by Connolly's Red Mills and the Irish EBF (€3,500))

(A Race in the Weatherbys Ireland/I.T.B.A. N.H. Fillies Bonus Scheme (in association with The Irish Field))

- Winner will receive €12,000
(Penalty Value: €11,800)
- Second will receive €4,000
- Third will receive €2,000
- Fourth will receive €1,000
- Fifth will receive €600
- Sixth will receive €400

A hurdle for four years old and upwards, maidens at starting that are EBF eligible and which had been purchased as an unraced three or four year old at Public Auction under the hammer in Ireland or Great Britain for €45,000 or less at a recognised National Hunt Store Sale and that have not been purchased at Public Auction under the hammer in Ireland or Great Britain for any more than €45,000 at any time and that have not won a race under any N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing other than one I.N.H. flat race or N.H. flat race value not more than €12,000

About 2 miles

€180 to enter, €20 extra if declared to run

Weights: 4-y-o..... 11st 11lb
5-y-o and up 11st 12lb
Mares allowed 7lb

Allowances - (which are not cumulative)

If purchased for not more than €36,000

allowed 2lb

If purchased for not more than €27,000

allowed 4lb

If purchased for not more than €18,000

allowed 6lb

If purchased for not more than €9,000

allowed 8lb

(The first sale as an unraced three or four yrs old to govern the price if sold more than once)

(Auction prices in euro must be stipulated at time of entry)

Conversion Rates To Euro

(For Horses Purchased in Great Britain)

- 2017 British Pound €1.18
- 2018 British Pound €1.14
- 2019 British Pound €1.11
- 2020 British Pound €1.18
- 2021 British Pound €1.12
- 2022 British Pound €1.19
- 2023 British Pound €1.12
- 2024 British Pound €1.15

(See RAS for details of recognised National Hunt Store Sales)

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All horses which run in or are declared and balloted from this race qualify for the Connolly's RED MILLS Irish EBF Auction Hurdle Series Final to be held at Punchestown on April 30th, 2025

(The owner of an Irish-bred winner of this race will receive an IRE Incentive Scheme Sales Voucher of €10,000. See RAS for full terms & conditions of this scheme)

(The winning owner in this race will receive a €5,000 bonus (€7,500 bonus if Irish bred and has not previously won a bonus payment in any race) should the winning filly be eligible for the Weatherbys Ireland/I.T.B.A. N.H. Fillies Bonus Scheme)

B 1:38 PM

The Langtons Kilkenny Handicap Hurdle of €10,000 (Rated 0-100)

(Generously sponsored by Langton House Hotel Kilkenny)

- Winner will receive €6,000
(Penalty Value: €5,900)
- Second will receive €2,000
- Third will receive €1,000
- Fourth will receive €500
- Fifth will receive €300
- Sixth will receive €200

An extended handicap hurdle for four years old and upwards rated 0-100

About 2 miles

€90 to enter, €10 extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a hurdle race after calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra for each hurdle race won.

C 2:13 PM

The Galmoy Hurdle of €45,000 (Grade 2)

- Winner will receive €27,000
(Penalty Value: €26,550)
- Second will receive €9,000
- Third will receive €4,500
- Fourth will receive €2,250
- Fifth will receive €1,350
- Sixth will receive €900

A hurdle for five years old and upwards About 3 miles

€405 to enter, €45 extra if declared to run

Weights: 11st 3lb

Mares allowed..... 7lb

Penalties (handicaps excluded) - to count from 1st July, 2023

Winner of three hurdle races or a Grade 3 hurdle race 3lb extra

Of two Grade 3 hurdle races or a Grade 2 hurdle race 5lb extra

Of a Grade 1 hurdle race 9lb extra

D 2:48 PM

The Goffs Thyestes Handicap Steeplechase of €100,000 (Grade 3)

(For the Perpetual Silver Cup presented to Gowran Park by the late Mr John McEnergy) (Generously sponsored by Goffs Ireland)

- Winner will receive €60,000
(Penalty Value: €59,000)
- Second will receive €20,000
- Third will receive €10,000
- Fourth will receive €5,000
- Fifth will receive €3,000
- Sixth will receive €2,000

An extended handicap steeplechase for five years old and upwards that have run at least three times in steeplechases up to and including 12th January 2025

About 3 miles 1 furlong

€500 to enter on January 8th | €400 extra if forfeit not declared by January 16th | and €100 extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase or steeplechases after calculation of the handicap shall carry any penalty or penalties which may be allotted by the Handicapper.

Alternative Handicap

Travel Allowance

Subject to the usual conditions, Gowran Park Race Committee will pay a travel allowance of €1,000 towards the transport costs of runners from overseas.

Closing Date: 8th January 2025

E 3:23 PM

The Daly Farrell Accountants Beginners Steeplechase of €12,500

(Generously sponsored by Daly Farrell Accountants)

- Winner will receive €7,500
(Penalty Value: €7,375)
- Second will receive €2,500
- Third will receive €1,250
- Fourth will receive €625
- Fifth will receive €375
- Sixth will receive €250

A steeplechase for five years old and upwards that have not won a steeplechase About 2 miles 4 furlongs

€112.50 to enter, €12.50 extra if declared to run

Weights: 5-y-o 11st 6lb
6-y-o and up 11st 12lb

Mares allowed 7lb

F 3:58 PM**The Adare Manor Opportunity Handicap Hurdle of €15,500**

(Generously sponsored by Mr. J.P. McManus)

Winner will receive €9,300

(Penalty Value: €9,145)

Second will receive €3,100

Third will receive €1,550

Fourth will receive €775

Fifth will receive €465

Sixth will receive €310

An extended handicap hurdle for four years old and upwards (120 = 11st 12lbs)**About 3 miles**

€139.50 to enter, €15.50 extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a hurdle race after calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra for each hurdle race won.

Riders: Confined to Professional Riders under I.N.H.S. Rules who have not lost the right to claim the allowance under Rule 52.

Allowances - (which are not cumulative, up to and including 19th January)

Riders who have not ridden the winners of 25 *races allowed.....4lb

Those who have not ridden the winners of 40 *races allowed.....2lb

No allowance under Rule 52 may be claimed
*Including races under any N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing**G 4:28 PM****The P.J. Foley Memorial Flat Race of €10,000**

(Generously sponsored by the Foley family, Ballyhane Stud)

Winner will receive €6,000

(Penalty Value: €5,900)

Second will receive €2,000

Third will receive €1,000

Fourth will receive €500

Fifth will receive €300

Sixth will receive €200

An I.N.H. flat race for four years old only that have not won a race under any N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing**About 2 miles**

€90 to enter, €10 extra if declared to run

Weights: 11st 10lbs

Fillies allowed 7lbs

Riders: Qualified Riders under I.N.H.S. Rules.

Under the Rules of Racing

DUNDALK

(A.W.T.)

Meeting No. 17

FRIDAY, 24th JANUARY, 2025

(Evening Meeting)

**CLOSING 12 NOON
MONDAY 20th JANUARY**

Handicaps calculated..... 20th January

Rating Qualification 12pm 13th January

Declarations to run must be made by 10am

Wednesday 22nd January

Manager Mr. Jim Martin

Clerk of the Course Mr. B. Sheridan

Clerk of the Scales Mr. D. Maher

Starter Mr. J.R. Banahan

Judge Mr. D. Cullen

Handicappers Mr. G. O'Gorman

..... Mr. C. Irving

48 HOUR DECLARATIONS FOR ALL RACES**Speed sensing equipment will be used in all races at this meeting****Maximum Stable Capacity: 120**Telephone 042-9334438, Weighroom
Raceday Fax 01-2892634 (available at all times)**A 5:00 PM****The Floodlit Friday Nights At Dundalk Stadium Handicap of €10,000 (Rated 47-65)**

Winner will receive €6,000

(Penalty Value: €5,900)

Second will receive €2,000

Third will receive €1,000

Fourth will receive €500

Fifth will receive €300

Sixth will receive €200

An extended handicap for three years old and upwards rated 47-65**About 5 furlongs**

€90 to enter, €10 extra if declared to run

Penalties - (after calculation of the handicap)

A winner shall carry 7lb extra for each race won.

B 5:30 PM**The Irishinjuredjockeys.com Claiming Race of €10,000**

Winner will receive €6,000

(Penalty Value: €5,900)

Second will receive €2,000

Third will receive €1,000

Fourth will receive €500

Fifth will receive €300

Sixth will receive €200

For four years old and upwards to be claimed for €10,000 or less (Minimum claiming price €4,000) and that at entry are RATED 65 OR LESS**About 1 mile 2 furlongs 150 yards**

€90 to enter, €10 extra if declared to run

Weights: 4-y-o 10st 1lbs

5-y-o and up 10st 2lbs

Allowances -

for each €1,000 below the maximum

claiming price of €10,000 2lb

Claiming prices must be stipulated at time of entry**Horses that have not run three times and/or do not have a published handicap rating are eligible to enter and run at the discretion of the handicapper provided their performances are rated 65 or less at time of entry. However, horses with a published rating must have a published rating of 65 or less at time of entry in order to be eligible to enter and run.****C 6:00 PM****The Join Us On Our Social Channels Handicap of €10,000 (Rated 47-65)**

Winner will receive €6,000

(Penalty Value: €5,900)

Second will receive €2,000

Third will receive €1,000

Fourth will receive €500

Fifth will receive €300

Sixth will receive €200

An extended handicap for four years old and upwards rated 47-65**About 1 mile**

€90 to enter, €10 extra if declared to run

Penalties - (after calculation of the handicap)

A winner shall carry 7lb extra for each race won.

D 6:30 PM

The Put The Fun In Fundraising At Dundalk Handicap of €11,500

Winner will receive €6,900
(Penalty Value: €6,785)
Second will receive €2,300
Third will receive €1,150
Fourth will receive €575
Fifth will receive €345
Sixth will receive €230

An extended handicap for three years old only

(80 = 9st 12lbs)

About 1 mile

€103.50 to enter, €11.50 extra if declared to run
Penalties - (after calculation of the handicap)
A winner shall carry 7lb extra for each race won.

Horses which receive a published weight of 8st 6lbs or less will be entitled to a 50% reduction in entry fee. Should they be declared to run they will then become liable for the full amount of the cost to run

E 7:00 PM

The View Restaurant At Dundalk Stadium Apprentice Maiden of €11,000

Winner will receive €6,600
(Penalty Value: €6,490)
Second will receive €2,200
Third will receive €1,100
Fourth will receive €550
Fifth will receive €330
Sixth will receive €220

For four years old and upwards, maidens at starting

About 7 furlongs

€99 to enter, €11 extra if declared to run

Weights: 9st 9lbs
Fillies allowed 5lbs

Riders: Apprentices who hold an Apprentice Licence under Rules of Racing issued by any recognised Turf Authority and who have not lost the right to claim the 3lb allowance (95 winners)
Allowances - (up to and including 20th January and which are not cumulative)

Apprentices who have not ridden
15 *winners allowed.....7lb
Apprentices who have not ridden
30 *winners allowed.....4lb
Apprentices who have not ridden
45 *winners allowed.....2lb

*Including races under any N.H. Rules



F 7:30 PM

The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Maiden of €15,000

(Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF (€3,000))

Winner will receive €9,000
(Penalty Value: €8,850)
Second will receive €3,000
Third will receive €1,500
Fourth will receive €750
Fifth will receive €450
Sixth will receive €300

For three years old only, maidens at starting that are EBF eligible

About 7 furlongs

€135 to enter, €15 extra if declared to run

Weights: 9st 8lbs
Fillies allowed 5lbs

Under the I.N.H.S. Rules

FAIRYHOUSE

Meeting No. 18

SATURDAY, 25th JANUARY, 2025

**CLOSING 12 NOON
TUESDAY 21st JANUARY**

Handicaps calculated 21st January
Rating Qualification 12pm 20th January
Declarations to run must be made by 10am
Thursday 23rd January

Manager.....Mr. Peter Roe
Clerk of the Course Mr. B. Sheridan
Clerk of the Scales Mr. P.L. Malone
Starter Mr. J.R. Banahan
Judge..... Mr. D. Maher
Handicappers..... Mr. M. Bird
.....Mr. S. Quinn

48 HOUR DECLARATIONS FOR ALL RACES

Sped sensing equipment will be used in all races at this meeting

Maximum Stable Capacity: 130

Telephone 01-8256167, Fax 01-8256051
(available at all times)

A 12:47 PM

The SBK Handicap Steeplechase of €14,500

(Generously sponsored by SBK)

Winner will receive €8,700
(Penalty Value: €8,555)
Second will receive €2,900
Third will receive €1,450
Fourth will receive €725
Fifth will receive €435
Sixth will receive €290

An extended handicap steeplechase for five years old and upwards

(120 = 11st 12lbs)

About 2 miles 1 furlong 65 yards

€130.50 to enter, €14.50 extra if declared to run
Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase after calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra for each steeplechase won.

B 1:22 PM

**The Early Bird For Easter Festival
@Fairyhouse Handicap Steeplechase
of €11,500**

Winner will receive €6,900
(Penalty Value: €6,785)
Second will receive €2,300
Third will receive €1,150
Fourth will receive €575
Fifth will receive €345
Sixth will receive €230

**An extended handicap steeplechase for five
years old and upwards
(110 = 11st 12lbs)**

About 3 miles 2 furlongs

€103.50 to enter, €11.50 extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase after
calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra
for each steeplechase won.

C 1:57 PM

**The SBK Solerina Mares Novice Hurdle
of €30,000
(Grade 3)**

(Generously sponsored by SBK)

Winner will receive €18,000
(Penalty Value: €17,700)
Second will receive €6,000
Third will receive €3,000
Fourth will receive €1,500
Fifth will receive €900
Sixth will receive €600

**A novice hurdle for four years old and
upwards mares only
About 2 miles 2 furlongs**

€270 to enter, €30 extra if declared to run

Weights: 4-y-o..... 10st
5-y-o and up 10st 10lbs

Penalties (handicaps excluded) -

Winner of two hurdle races 4lb extra
Of three hurdle races or a Grade 3
hurdle race..... 7lb extra
Of two Grade 3 hurdle races or a
Grade 2 hurdle race..... 9lb extra
Of a Grade 1 hurdle race 13lb extra

D 2:32 PM

The SBK Maiden Hurdle of €12,000

(Generously sponsored by SBK)

Winner will receive €7,200
(Penalty Value: €7,080)
Second will receive €2,400
Third will receive €1,200
Fourth will receive €600
Fifth will receive €360
Sixth will receive €240

**A hurdle for four years old and upwards,
maidens at starting
About 2 miles**

€108 to enter, €12 extra if declared to run

Weights: 4-y-o..... 10st 13lbs

5-y-o and up..... 11st 12lbs

Mares allowed..... 7lbs

E 3:07 PM

The CCR Raceday Maiden Hurdle of €12,000

Winner will receive €7,200
(Penalty Value: €7,080)
Second will receive €2,400
Third will receive €1,200
Fourth will receive €600
Fifth will receive €360
Sixth will receive €240

**A hurdle for five years old and upwards,
maidens at starting THAT AT ENTRY HAVE
RUN AT LEAST THREE TIMES UNDER ANY
N.H. RULES AND THAT AT DECLARATION
HAVE NOT BEEN PLACED FIRST, SECOND
OR THIRD UNDER ANY N.H. RULES OR
RULES OF RACING**

About 2 miles 4 furlongs 65 yards

€108 to enter, €12 extra if declared to run

Weights: 11st 12lbs

Mares allowed..... 7lbs

F 3:42 PM

**The Adare Manor Opportunity Handicap
Hurdle of €12,500**

(Generously sponsored by Mr. J.P. McManus)

Winner will receive €7,500
(Penalty Value: €7,375)
Second will receive €2,500
Third will receive €1,250
Fourth will receive €625
Fifth will receive €375
Sixth will receive €250

**An extended handicap hurdle for four years
old and upwards
(110 = 11st 12lbs)**

About 2 miles

€112.50 to enter, €12.50 extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a hurdle race after
calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra
for each hurdle race won.

**Trainers: Open to Trainers who have not
trained 50 winners under I.N.H.S. Rules in
the 2022/2023 season or who have not
trained 50 winners under I.N.H.S. Rules in
the 2023/2024 season (also open to Trainers
who hold a Trainers Licence issued by any
other recognised Turf Authority and who
have not trained 50 N.H. winners in their
jurisdiction in either of the same two time
periods)**

Riders: Confined to Professional Riders under
I.N.H.S. Rules who have not lost the right to
claim the allowance under Rule 52.

Allowances - (which are not cumulative, up to
and including 21st January)

Riders who have not ridden the winners of
25 *races allowed..... 4lb

Those who have not ridden the winners of
40 *races allowed..... 2lb

No allowance under Rule 52 may be claimed
*Including races under any N.H. Rules or Rules
of Racing

G 4:17 PM

The SBK (Pro/Am) Flat Race of €10,000

(Generously sponsored by SBK)

Winner will receive €6,000

(Penalty Value: €5,900)

Second will receive €2,000

Third will receive €1,000

Fourth will receive €500

Fifth will receive €300

Sixth will receive €200

An I.N.H. flat race for five years old and upwards that have not won a race under any N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing

About 2 miles

€90 to enter, €10 extra if declared to run

Weights: 12st

Mares allowed 7lbs

Riders: Qualified Riders under I.N.H.S. Rules. Professional Riders under I.N.H.S. Rules (other than Apprentices) who have not lost the right to claim the 7lb allowance under Rule 52 (up to and including 21st January) may also ride in this race.

Under the I.N.H.S. Rules

NAAS

Meeting No. 19

SUNDAY, 26th JANUARY, 2025

**CLOSING 12 NOON
TUESDAY 21st JANUARY**

Handicaps calculated..... 21st January

Rating Qualification 12pm 20th January

Declarations to run must be made by 10am

Friday 24th January

Manager Mr. Aidan McGarry

Clerk of the Course Mr. B. Sheridan

Clerk of the Scales Mr. P.L. Malone

Starter.....Mr. P.F. Graffin

Judge..... Mr. D. Maher

Handicappers..... Mr. M. Bird

..... Mr. S. Quinn

48 HOUR DECLARATIONS FOR ALL RACES

Speed sensing equipment will be used in all races at this meeting

Maximum Stable Capacity: 143

**Telephone 045-897391, Fax 045-879486
(available at all times)**

A 1:00 PM

**The Clinton Higgins Chartered Accountants
Novice Handicap Steeplechase of €16,000**

(Generously sponsored by Clinton Higgins Chartered Accountants)

Winner will receive €9,600

(Penalty Value: €9,440)

Second will receive €3,200

Third will receive €1,600

Fourth will receive €800

Fifth will receive €480

Sixth will receive €320

An extended handicap steeplechase for five years old and upwards that have not won a steeplechase before 5th May 2024, other than one hunters steeplechase within the previous two National Hunt seasons

(130 = 11st 12lbs)

About 2 miles 4 furlongs

€144 to enter, €16 extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase after calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra for each steeplechase won.

Horses which receive a published weight of 9st 13lbs or less will be entitled to a 50% reduction in entry fee. Should they be declared to run they will then become liable for the full amount of the cost to run

B 1:30 PM

The Naas Racecourse Maiden Hurdle of €12,000

Winner will receive €7,200

(Penalty Value: €7,080)

Second will receive €2,400

Third will receive €1,200

Fourth will receive €600

Fifth will receive €360

Sixth will receive €240

A hurdle for four years old only, maidens at starting

About 1 mile 7 furlongs 112 yards

€108 to enter, €12 extra if declared to run

Weights: 11st 7lbs

Fillies allowed.....7lbs

C 2:00 PM

**The Naas Racecourse Business Club
Limestone Lad Hurdle of €37,500
(Grade 3)**

(Generously sponsored by Naas Racecourse Business Club)

Winner will receive €22,500

(Penalty Value: €22,125)

Second will receive €7,500

Third will receive €3,750

Fourth will receive €1,875

Fifth will receive €1,125

Sixth will receive €750

A hurdle for five years old and upwards that have not won a Grade 1 weight-for-age hurdle race since 30th April 2023

About 1 mile 7 furlongs 112 yards

€337.50 to enter, €37.50 extra if declared to run

Weights: 11st 3lbs

Mares allowed.....7lbs

Penalties (handicaps excluded) - to count from 1st July, 2023

Winner of two hurdle races.....4lb extra

Of three hurdle races or a Grade 3 hurdle race.....7lb extra

Of two Grade 3 hurdle races or a Grade 2 hurdle race9lb extra

D 2:30 PM**The Finlay Ford At Naas Novice
Steeplechase of €30,000
(Grade 3)**

(Registered as the Naas Novice Steeplechase)
(Generously sponsored by Finlay Motor Group)

Winner will receive €18,000
(Penalty Value: €17,700)
Second will receive €6,000
Third will receive €3,000
Fourth will receive €1,500
Fifth will receive €900
Sixth will receive €600

A novice steeplechase for five years old and upwards**About 3 miles 174 yards**

€270 to enter, €30 extra if declared to run

Weights: 5-y-o.....10st 7lbs
6-y-o and up 11st
Mares allowed 7lbs

Penalties (handicaps excluded) -

Winner of two steeplechases 3lb extra
Of three steeplechases or a Grade 3
steeplechase 6lb extra
Of two Grade 3 steeplechases or a
Grade 2 steeplechase 8lb extra
Of a Grade 1 steeplechase 12lb extra

**E 3:00 PM****The I.N.H. Stallion Owners EBF Maiden
Hurdle of €15,000**

(Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF
(€3,000))

(A race in the I.N.H. Stallion Owners EBF
Hurdle Series for future chasers)

Winner will receive €9,000
(Penalty Value: €8,850)
Second will receive €3,000
Third will receive €1,500
Fourth will receive €750
Fifth will receive €450
Sixth will receive €300

**A hurdle for five years old and upwards,
maidens at starting that are EBF eligible and
that have not run as a two or three yr old
under Rules of Racing****About 2 miles 2 furlongs 116 yards**

€135 to enter, €15 extra if declared to run

Weights: 11st 12lbs
Mares allowed 7lbs

The Final of this Series will be run at
Fairyhouse in April 2025

F 3:30 PM**The Albert Bartlett Triple Crown Series At
Punchestown Festival 2025 Qualifier
Handicap Hurdle of €15,000**

(Generously sponsored by Punchestown
Racecourse)

(A race in the Albert Bartlett Triple Crown
Series)

Winner will receive €9,000
(Penalty Value: €8,850)
Second will receive €3,000
Third will receive €1,500
Fourth will receive €750
Fifth will receive €450
Sixth will receive €300

**An extended handicap hurdle for four years
old and upwards
(120 = 11st 12lbs)****About 2 miles 2 furlongs 116 yards**

€135 to enter, €15 extra if declared to run

Penalties - Winner of a hurdle race after
calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra
for each hurdle race won.

All horses which finish in the first five in this
race may be eligible to enter The Albert Bartlett
Triple Crown Series Final Handicap Hurdle to
be run over a distance of about 2 miles 4
furlongs at the Punchestown Festival on April
29th, 2025.

Balloting for The Albert Bartlett Triple Crown
Series Final Handicap Hurdle will be based
upon finishing position in the qualifier races.

G 4:05 PM**The Nursery Of Champions (Pro/Am) Flat
Race of €10,000**

Winner will receive €6,000
(Penalty Value: €5,900)
Second will receive €2,000
Third will receive €1,000
Fourth will receive €500
Fifth will receive €300
Sixth will receive €200

**An I.N.H. flat race for five years old and
upwards that have not won a race under any
N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing****About 2 miles 2 furlongs 116 yards**

€90 to enter, €10 extra if declared to run

Weights: 12st
Mares allowed 7lbs

Riders: Qualified Riders under I.N.H.S. Rules.
Professional Riders under I.N.H.S. Rules (other
than Apprentices) who have not lost the right to
claim the 7lb allowance under Rule 52 (up to
and including 22nd January) may also ride in
this race.

**Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board**

The following trainers were fined €200 each for
the non-notification of a Veterinary Certificate in
accordance with the provision of Rule 194(v)
(vi):

Norman Lee for Restless Son at Clonmel on
03rd December, 2024

Ian Patrick Donoghue for Fisherman's Friend at
Navan on 07th December, 2024

Punchestown Meeting, 10th December 2024

The Stewards fined the following trainer in
respect of non-runners:
Gearoid O'Loughlin, trainer of Whatsyourstatus
(Off feed) - 200.

**373B Irish Stallion Farm EBF Beginners
Schase** D.J. O'Keefe, rider of Mossy Fen Park,
trained by Henry de Bromhead, reported to the
Clerk of the Scales that his mount jumped very
right at the first.

373C Punchestown Festival 2025 M'dn H'dle
Owing to the low trajectory of the sun, the
Raceday Stewards granted permission for
hurdle number four to be omitted from this race.

K.M. Donoghue, rider of Ballysax Hank, trained
by Brendan W. Duke, reported to the Clerk of
the Scales that his mount hung left off the bend.

Anna McGuinness, rider of Tag Master, trained
by Thomas Gibney, reported to the Clerk of the
Scales that her mount never travelled.

**373D Buy Your Punchestown (Mares) Novice
H'dle** The Raceday Stewards interviewed
Anthony McCann, trainer of Rockstown Girl, in
relation to his charge being late into the parade
ring, without permission to do so, which meant
she arrived at the start after the official off time.
Evidence was heard from the trainer
concerned, who stated that the tongue tie had
come loose and had to be reapplied. Having
considered the evidence, the Raceday
Stewards were satisfied that Anthony McCann
was in breach of Rule 32 and having
considered his record in this regard they
cautioned him on this occasion.

373E Irish Stallion Owners EBF M'dn H'dle
The IHRB Veterinary Officer reported to the
Raceday Stewards that Port Joulain (FR)
trained by W.P. Mullins was found to have
sustained an overreach to his left fore post-
race.

P. Townend, rider of Port Joulain (FR), trained
by W.P. Mullins, reported to the Clerk of the
Scales that his mount overreached and was
lame.

373F Members Club 2025 H'dle D.E. Mullins,
rider of Got Glory (FR), trained by W.P. Mullins,
reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his
mount burst a blood vessel. This was
subsequently confirmed by the IHRB Veterinary
Officer.

**373G(i) See You On New Years Eve H'cap
H'dle (Division One)** The Raceday Stewards
enquired into an incident in the closing stages
of this race involving John Storey, ridden by
R.A. Berry, unplaced, and Perfect Pupil, ridden
by Anna McGuinness, unplaced, where it
appeared there was contact between the two.

Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. R.A. Berry stated that the horse in front of him was moving out and he had to move out also. Anna McGuinness stated that she maintained her racing line and received pressure from her inside. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

M.P. O'Connor, rider of Doonbeg Don, trained by Henry de Bromhead, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount made a mistake at the second last hurdle.

373G(ii) See You On New Years Eve H'cap H'dle (Division Two) The Raceday Stewards granted a request from D. McNamara, trainer of Getaclan, for an additional ten minutes to present his charge for identification by an IHRB Official in accordance with the provisions of Rule 90(i).

GENERAL INFORMATION The following Raceday Stewards acted on behalf of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board at this race meeting:

Mr. N. McGrath (Chairman), Mr. S. Barry, Mr. J. Collins, Mr. P. Curling, Mr. H.T. Hynes.

Dundalk Meeting, 11th December 2024

The Stewards fined the following trainer in respect of non-runners:
John M. Harney, trainer of Blue Bangor (off feed) - 200.

The Stewards authorised the following nomination and substitution of riders at this meeting:

N.M. Crosse replaced J.M. Sheridan on Harry The Rogue, trained by Andrew Slattery (Race 6)(stewards permission).

R. Donaghue-Leahy replaced K.A. Corrigan Roche on Wonder Spirit (GB), trained by G.A. Kingston (Race 6)(stewards permission).

J. Kearney rode Half Nutz (reserve), trained by Adrian McGuinness (Race 6).

374B Christmas Party Nights Claiming Race The Raceday Stewards requested a report from Chris Timmons, trainer, as to the apparent improvement in form of Chicago Storm (GB), placed first, as compared with his recent form. Chris Timmons reported that his charge got hampered in his last two runs and that things went right for him today. Having considered the report, the Raceday Stewards noted the explanation given.

374E Book Online At DundalkStadium.com H'cap The Raceday Stewards received a report from the Clerk of the Scales, Mr. P.L. Malone, that K.A. Corrigan Roche, rider of Wonder Spirit (GB), had presented herself to weigh out at 4lbs overweight, none of which had been declared at declaration time. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned, who stated that her scales were not accurate at home and apologised for her actions. Having considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that K.A. Corrigan Roche was in breach of Rule 198(vii)(a), and having considered her clean record in this regard, they fined her €150 on this occasion. K.A. Corrigan Roche was accompanied by G.A. Kingston at this enquiry. Furthermore, the Raceday Stewards received a request from G.A. Kingston to replace the

nominated rider with R. Donaghue-Leahy and they allowed this request.

The Raceday Stewards interviewed N.M. Crosse, rider of Harry The Rogue, concerning his use of the whip in the closing stages of this race. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned, who accepted he was in breach of the Whip Regulation and apologised for his actions. Having viewed a recording of the race and considered the evidence the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that N.M. Crosse was in breach of R.10.3(g)(frequency), and having considered his clean record in this regard, they suspended him for three racedays.

J.A. Powell, rider of Chestnutter, trained by John C. McConnell, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung right in the straight.

374F(i) Happy Christmas From All At Dundalk H'cap (Division One) The Raceday Stewards interviewed R.P. Whelan, rider of Limestone Red, concerning his use of the whip in the closing stages of this race. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned, who accepted he was in breach of the whip regulation and stated that his mount was responding. Having viewed a recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that R.P. Whelan was in breach of R.10.3(g)(frequency), and having considered his clean record in this regard, they suspended him for two racedays.

The Raceday Stewards interviewed G.F. Carroll, rider of Belles Feuilles (FR), concerning his use of the whip in the closing stages of this race. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned, who accepted he was in breach of the whip regulation and stated that he miscounted and apologised for his actions. Having viewed a recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that G.F. Carroll was in breach of R.10.3(g)(frequency), and having considered his record in this regard (second offence), they suspended him for four racedays.

C.D. Hayes, rider of Snag It, trained by P.J.F. Murphy, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount ran keen.

374F(ii) Happy Christmas From All At Dundalk Hcap (Division Two) The Raceday Stewards informed Gordon Elliott, trainer of Knock Flyer, that a repeat performance from his charge who bolted to the start and unseated the rider, may render the animal liable to a suspension in future.

374G DundalkStadium.com Fillies M'dn The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident in the home straight involving Bridezilla, ridden by J.M. Sheridan, unplaced, Calrissiana (GB), ridden by R.P. Cleary, placed third, Denim And Diamonds, ridden by M.P. Sheehy, placed fifth, and Love Sonnet, ridden by S. Foley, unplaced, where it appeared S. Foley had to check. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. J.M. Sheridan stated that he took a precautionary check. S. Foley stated that just as he was getting to the gap it tightened either side of him ever so slightly. R.P. Cleary stated that his mount ran around, but didn't cause any interference. M.P. Sheehy stated that when he gave his mount a little flick behind the saddle she slightly shifted in on top of the other horses, but he corrected her immediately. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

D.P. McDonogh, rider of Beautiful Affair, trained by Joseph Patrick O'Brien, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount ran short of room in the straight.

J.M. Sheridan, rider of Bridezilla, trained by Andrew Slattery, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that he had to take a slight check.

R.P. Cleary, rider of Calrissiana (GB), trained by Noel Meade, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount ran around under pressure.

M.P. Sheehy, rider of Denim And Diamonds, trained by Joseph Patrick O'Brien, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount shied away from the whip.

S. Foley, rider of Love Sonnet, trained by John Joseph Murphy, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount got a little bit short of room in the straight.

GENERAL INFORMATION The following Raceday Stewards acted on behalf of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board at this race meeting:
Mr. F. Cahill (Chairman), Mr. J. McGrath, Mr. L. McFerran, Mr. S. Power, Mr. C.J. Sweeney.

Cork Meeting, 13th December 2024

The Stewards authorised the following nomination and substitution of rider at this meeting:

T. Power Roche rode A Nod To Getaway (reserve), trained by Paul O'Flynn (Race 5)

414A Mallow M'dn H'dle At the request of the Raceday Stewards, S. Fitzgerald, rider of I'll Sort That, trained by Declan Queally, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount made a mistake at the first hurdle and ran green.

At the request of the Raceday Stewards, K.E. Buckley, rider of Royal Reprobate, trained by Gavin Cromwell, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount was outpaced early and stayed on one paced.

At the request of the Raceday Stewards, M.M. McDonagh, rider of Scriabin (FR), trained by Patrick Griffin, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount ran flat throughout.

The Raceday Stewards interviewed Ross O'Sullivan, trainer of Nettuno Italia, in relation to his charge crossing the parade ring prior to being mounted. Evidence from heard from the trainer concerned. Ross O'Sullivan stated that he was aware of the Rule and apologised for his actions. He further added that his charge is not straight forward, and he did not want him to be left alone going down to the start. Having considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards accepted Mr. O'Sullivan's explanation on this occasion given the difficulties the horse was causing and took no further action.

414B I.N.H. Stallion Owners EBF M'dn H'dle At the request of the Raceday Stewards, D.N. Cullinane, rider of Paul's Dream, trained by Anthony Mullins, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount ran very green and jumped novicey.

414C Adare Manor Opportunity H'cap H'dle K. Callaghan, rider of Benzine (GB), trained by J. Morrison, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount never travelled.

414D Watch Every Irish Race Live (Mares) M'dn Hdle The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Meitheal, trained by John E. & Thomas Kiely, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to have coughed post-race possibly as a result of kick back.

M.P. O'Connor, rider of Firm Belief, trained by Rodger Sweeney, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount jumped poorly and pulled up as she was lame.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Firm Belief, trained by Rodger Sweeney, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be lame on her left hind post-race.

414E Follow Us On Facebook H'cap H'dle The Raceday Stewards received a report from the IHRB Starter, Mr. N. Byrne, that D. King, rider of Likable Chancer and T. Power Roche, rider of A Nod To Getaway, had failed to comply with his instructions, which contributed to a false start and on the second approach had come forward before the flag was raised. Evidence was heard from the Starter and riders concerned. Mr. Byrne stated that the two riders had broken into a canter before he dropped the flag after he had given them clear instructions to walk. D. King stated that other riders were as much to blame as he was and he was unsure if the Starter's flag was raised for the second approach. T. Power Roche was also of the view that other riders had contributed to the issues at the start, and he further stated that it was not clear to him that the Starter's flag was not raised for the second approach. Having viewed the recording of the start and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that D. King and T. Power Roche were in breach of Rule 208(iii). Having considered their clean records in this regard, the Raceday Stewards suspended both riders for one raceday.

T.P. Harney, rider of Sea The Sunset (GB), trained by J. Morrison, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount never travelled and pulled up.

E.M. O'Sullivan, rider of Glorious Singer, trained by Ms. M. Flynn, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount never travelled and pulled up.

414G I.N.H. Stallion Owners EBF Beginners S'chase The Raceday Stewards reviewed an incident close to the line involving Banjaxed (GB), ridden by R.A. Doyle, placed first, Beggars Rock, ridden by S. Fitzgerald, placed third, and El Champo, ridden by T. Power Roche, placed second, where it appeared Beggars Rock may have run short of room. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the matter, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

The Raceday Stewards interviewed T. Power Roche, rider of El Champo, concerning his use of the whip in the closing stages of this race. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned, who accepted he was in breach of the whip Regulation and apologised for his actions. Having viewed a recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that T. Power Roche was in breach of R.10.3(g)(frequency). Having considered his record in this regard (second offence), they suspended him for four racedays.

R.A. Doyle, rider of Banjaxed (GB), trained by Mrs Lorna Fowler, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung right up the straight after jumping the last fence.

D.J. O'Keeffe, rider of On Lovers Walk, trained by Ross O'Sullivan, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount made a mistake at the third fence.

GENERAL INFORMATION The following Raceday Stewards acted on behalf of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board at this race meeting:
Mr. Richard Rohan (Chairman),
Mr. Steve McDonogh, Ms. Kate Horgan,
Mr. Gerard Coughlan, Mr. L. Walsh.

Dundalk Meeting, 13th December 2024

375A Irish Stallion Farms EBF Race M. Santos, rider of Ohmyviette (FR), trained by W.P. Browne, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount hung right up the straight.

375B Irish EBF Median Sires Series (Fillies) M'dn N.M. Crosse, rider of Happy For Evva, trained by Alan McIntyre, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount ran keen throughout.

375C Swifty Sports Proud Sponsor M'dn The Raceday Stewards enquired into possible interference in the closing stages involving Prince Of Eyerries, ridden by L.T. McAteer, placed second, and The Bear Trap, ridden by N.M. Crosse, placed first, where it appeared interference may have occurred. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. N.M. Crosse stated that his mount leaned into the horse on his left in the closing stages. L.T. McAteer stated that the two horses came together for half a stride which knocked his mount off balance, however he felt his mount had run his race, that he was running on empty and was not sure that this had affected his finishing position. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards made no alteration to the Judge's placings and were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Ocean Diamond, trained by Daniel James Murphy, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be clinically normal post-race.

J.S. Dalton, rider of Prince Of Love, trained by Michael J. Browne, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount got a bump coming around the home bend. Having viewed the recording of the race, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

L.T. McAteer, rider of Prince Of Eyerries, trained by James M. Barrett, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount got a bump in the last one hundred yards.

N.M. Crosse, rider of The Bear Trap, trained by John Geoghegan, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount leaned into the horse on his left in the closing stages.

D.P. McDonogh, rider of Authenticate (GB), trained by Joseph Patrick O'Brien, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount jumped left from the gates.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer reported to the Raceday Stewards that Ocean Diamond trained by Daniel James Murphy was found to have mucus on the trachea on endoscopic examination post-race.

375D(i) Christmas Party Nights Apprentice H'cap (Division One) The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident in the home straight involving Albion Power, ridden by P. McGettigan, unplaced, Mary Bagot, ridden by J. Cleary, unplaced and Suityourselfboss, ridden by M.W. Hassett, unplaced, where it appeared interference may have occurred. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. P. McGettigan stated that he felt pressure from the right causing his mount to drift left. J. Cleary stated that he felt pressure from the outside and had to sit for a stride. M.W. Hassett stated that his mount drifted left and that he shortened his right rein to straighten his mount back up. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards found M.W. Hassett was in breach of Rule 214, in that he had ridden carelessly, and having considered his record (third offence), the Raceday Stewards suspended him for eight racedays.

J. Cleary, rider of Mary Bagot, trained by M. Halford & T. Collins, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount got a squeeze in the home straight.

375D(ii) Christmas Party Nights Apprentice H'cap (Division Two) The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Cousin Shay (GB), trained by Natalia Lupini, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be post-race normal.

C. Geerdharry, rider of Cousin Shay (GB), trained by Natalia Lupini, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung badly left for the first three furlongs.

The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident shortly after the start involving Still She Blooms (GB), ridden by J. Kearney, placed fifth, Cousin Shay (GB), ridden by C. Geerdharry, unplaced, and Atbay, ridden by J. Pietropaolo, unplaced, where it appeared C. Geerdharry the rider of Cousin Shay had to check. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. J. Kearney stated that his mount hung badly left for the first three furlongs despite his best efforts to straighten. C. Geerdharry stated that his mount broke slow, got tight for room and had to take a check. J. Pietropaolo stated that his mount broke sharply, ran keen and got in tight for a few strides before he was able to regain control. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

J. Kearney, rider of Still She Blooms (GB), trained by Patrick Martin, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung badly left for the first three furlongs.

The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident turning into the home straight involving Notforalongtime (GB), ridden by Nicola Burns, unplaced, and Tara Power, ridden by K.G. Kennedy, unplaced where it appeared Notforalongtime ran out of room. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. Nicola Burns stated that she ran out of room so she took a pull. K.G. Kennedy stated that his mount never travelled and when horses moved to the stand side his mount was pushed over and it got tight. Having viewed the recording of the race and

considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted and asked K.G. Kennedy to ride with more awareness in the future.

The Raceday Stewards interviewed C.D. Fahy, rider of Turbo Sprint, concerning his use of the whip in the closing stages of this race. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned, who accepted that he was in breach of the whip regulation and apologised for his actions. Having viewed a recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards found C.D. Fahy, in breach of R.10.3 (g) (frequency) and having considered his record (first offence), they suspended him for three racedays.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer reported to the Raceday Stewards that Atbay trained by G.A. Kingston was found to be lame post-race.

375E Free 50 Bet With www.swiftsports H'cap K.G. Kennedy, rider of Superior Force (GB), trained by Denis Gerard Hogan, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount never travelled.

375F William Hill Top Price Guarantee H'cap The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident in the closing stages involving American In Paris, ridden by R. Whearty, unplaced and Hezahunk, ridden by J. Pietropaolo, unplaced where it appeared R. Whearty rider of American In Paris had to take a check. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. R. Whearty stated that he was hampered at the furlong pole and had to take a check. J. Pietropaolo stated that his mount hung badly to the right under pressure. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards found J. Pietropaolo, was in breach of Rule 214 in that he had ridden carelessly, and having considered his record in this regard (first offence), the Raceday Stewards suspended him for two racedays.

The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident in the home straight involving I'm Spartacus, ridden by Adam Caffrey, placed second, Hasiyna, ridden by J.A. Powell, placed fifth and Hezahunk, ridden by J. Pietropaolo, placed sixth, where it appeared interference may have occurred. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. Adam Caffrey stated that he felt pressure from the right. J.A. Powell stated that he felt pressure and had to take a check. J. Pietropaolo stated that he was looking for a gap. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards found J. Pietropaolo was in breach of Rule 214, in that he had ridden carelessly and having considered his record (second offence), the Raceday Stewards suspended him for four racedays.

Adam Caffrey, rider of I'm Spartacus, trained by Adrian McGuinness, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount was hampered at the first bend and hung right in the last furlong. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the matter, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

J.A. Powell, rider of Hasiyna, trained by John C. McConnell, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount ran short of room at the first bend. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the matter, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

R. Whearty, rider of American In Paris, trained by Paul W. Flynn, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount was hampered at the furlong pole.

375G Happy Christmas From All At Dundalk H'cap L.T. McAteer, rider of Warrior Lion (GB), trained by Anthony McCann, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount lugged left.

GENERAL INFORMATION The following Raceday Stewards acted on behalf of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board at this race meeting:
Ms. M. Cosgrave (Chairperson),
Mr. P. Law, Mr. A. Byrne, Mr. H. Lappin,
Mr. P. Deegan.

Fairyhouse Meeting, 14th December 2024

The Stewards fined the following trainer in respect of non-runners:
David Harry Kelly, trainer of Heather View (change in going) - 200.

The Stewards authorised the following nomination and substitution of riders at this meeting:

S.D. Torrens replaced M.J.M O'Sullivan on Mashalla Habibi, trained by Patrick T. Foley (Race 5)(stood down).

S.F. O'Keeffe replaced S.D. Torrens on Snowshaan, trained by Patrick T. Foley (Race 5)(stewards permission)

376A Irish Stallion Farms EBF Beginners S'chase P. Townend, rider of Tullyhill (FR), trained by W.P. Mullins, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount jumped left throughout.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer reported to the Raceday Stewards that Kazakh D'arhel (FR) trained by Gavin Cromwell was found to have blood at both nostrils post-race possibly as a result of a fall.

376D Tote Always SP Or Better Novice H'cap H'dle The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Oakley (GER), trained by Anthony Mullins, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be post-race normal.

D.J. O'Keeffe, rider of Stoneyford Lady, trained by Henry de Bromhead, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that after the first hurdle he was interfered with.

A. Harvey, rider of Albatara, trained by John C. McConnell, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his reins snapped turning out of the back straight.

T.E. O'Connor, rider of Kp's Ladyofknock, trained by Mark Fahey, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount was carried out at the fourth last hurdle.

Anna McGuinness, rider of Wendell's Lass (GB), trained by Thomas Gibney, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that her mount never travelled early on.

The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident in the back straight involving Jokers 'N' Clowns, ridden by A. Balfe, unplaced, Albatara, ridden by A. Harvey, ran out, and Kp's Ladyofknock, ridden by T.E. O'Connor, carried out, where it appeared Jokers 'N' Clowns clipped a heel. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. A. Balfe stated that he heard

a shout that a rein was broke, so he sat up to take back and his mount just went down on her head. T.E. O'Connor stated that he was carried out by Albatara. A. Harvey stated that his rein snapped, he was out of control and his mount went left. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident rounding the bend after jumping the first hurdle involving Stoneyford Lady, ridden by D.J. O'Keeffe, placed fourth, and Kp's Ladyofknock, ridden by T.E. O'Connor, unplaced, where it appeared Stoneyford Lady briefly got tight for room. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. D.J. O'Keeffe stated that it got tight on the point of the bend and he had to take back for a stride. T.E. O'Connor stated that as his mount changed legs she leaned in towards the rail. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

376E Lacey's Plumbing & Heating M'dn H'dle The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Melbourne Shamrock, trained by Emmet Mullins, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be lame on his right hind post-race.

S.F.O'Keeffe, rider of Snowshaan, trained by Patrick T. Foley, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount stopped quickly.

376F(ii) Racecourse Of The Year 2024 H'cap H'dle (Division Two) Mr. J.L. Gleeson, rider of Liberated Light, trained by John E. & Thomas Kiely, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount never travelled.

E. Walsh, rider of Clonclough Lady, trained by J.P. Dempsey, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount lost her action after jumping the first.

376G Irish Stall. Farms EBF (Fillies) INH Flat Race Mr. D. McGill, rider of Amy's Quest, trained by Ian Patrick Donoghue, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung left throughout.

GENERAL INFORMATION The following Raceday Stewards acted on behalf of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board at this race meeting:
Mr. M.C Hickey (Chairman),
Dr. Paddy Molony, Mr. John Tyrrell,
Mr. John Weld, Mr. C.J. Sweeney.

Navan Meeting, 15th December 2024

The Stewards authorised the following nomination and substitution of riders at this meeting:

C. Stone Walsh replaced P.M. O'Brien on Theflyingbee, trained by F.G. Hand (Race 2)(Unwell).

J. Smith replaced P.M. O'Brien on Born Bright, trained by Ms Claire O'Connell (Race 3)(Unwell).

J.C. Gainford replaced M.J.M O'Sullivan on Starman (FR), trained by Anthony McCann (Race 4)(Injured).

377A Irish Stallion Farms EBF H'cap H'dle J.C. Gainford, rider of Drum Roll (FR), trained by Paul Nolan, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount did not jump well.

377B Irish Stallion Farms EBF H'cap H'dle
Sam Ewing, rider of Boston Rover, trained by Gordon Elliott, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung left up the straight.

377C Irish Stallion Farms EBF H'cap H'dle
The Raceday Stewards interviewed A. Harvey, rider of The Story So Far, concerning his use of the whip in the closing stages of this race. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned, who stated that he had missed with one of his strikes and felt he was not in breach as a result. Having viewed a recording of the race and considered the evidence the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that A. Harvey was in breach of Regulation 10.3.g, excessive frequency, and having considered his record in this regard (first offence) the Raceday stewards suspended A. Harvey for two racedays.

On examination the IHRB Veterinary Officer indicated the animal may have been marked and produced photographic evidence to the Raceday Stewards and A. Harvey provided evidence to account for his whip use which the Raceday Stewards noted as they felt the photographic evidence was inconclusive. However, after receiving updated photographic evidence from the IHRB Veterinary Officer the Raceday Stewards reinterviewed A. Harvey who stated that he could not account for the marks. Evidence was also heard from the IHRB Veterinary Officer. Having considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that A. Harvey was in breach of Regulation 10.3.f, excessive force and having considered his record in this regard (second offence), the Raceday Stewards suspended A. Harvey for four racedays.

The Raceday Stewards interviewed Sam Ewing, rider of Boston Beach, concerning his use of the whip in the closing stages of this race. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned who stated that he had not used his whip any differently to usual and felt the camera angle made it look like he was high with his whip. Having viewed a recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that Sam Ewing was in breach of Regulation 10.3.h, arm above shoulder height, and having considered his record in this regard (first offence), the Raceday Stewards suspended Sam Ewing for two racedays.

377E Irish Stallion Farms EBF H'cap S'chase
M.P. O'Connor, rider of A Year Older, trained by Karl Thornton, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount never travelled.

GENERAL INFORMATION The following Raceday Stewards acted on behalf of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board at this race meeting:

Mr. Laurence McFerran (Chairman),
Mr. David McCorkel, Mr. Raymund S. Martin,
Mr. Rupert Macauley, Mr. C. J. Sweeney.

Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board Licensing Department

Licence to Train granted up to 28th February 2025 (Both Rules unless stated)

Nagle, David Peter	INHS
Byrne, M.J.	INHS
McDowall, Morna (New)	RR

Restricted Licence to Train granted up to 28th February 2025 (Both Rules unless stated)

O'Flynn, Niall (Not as previously published)	INHS
Sweeney, Paul	RR
O'Toole, Shane	RR
Heaney, Conor (New)	INHS
Power, Edward (New)	

Change of License Category/Type

Rice, M.M.	Upgrade from Restricted to Full Dual
McAteer, Liam	Upgrade from Restricted to Full RR
Ewing, Debby	Relinquished
Hourigan, Michael P	Relinquished
Ross W.	Relinquished
Fenton, Micky	Relinquished
Carlin, Stephen (New)	INHS

Authorised Representatives Up to 28th February 2025

Trainer	Authorised Rep
Crowley, Frances	Eoghan O'Donoghue
Crowley, Frances	Hannah Smullen
Flannery, Michael	Kathy Flannery
O'Leary, C.	Kevin O'Leary
O'Leary, C.	Mikey O'Connor
deBromhead, Henry	Daire McConville
Gibney, Thomas	Peter Duffy
Keane, Gerard	James Hyland
Keane, Gerard	Ali Keane
Hennessy, Richard	Joseph Hennessy
Hickey, M.C.	Michael D. Hickey
Meade, Noel	Helen Moloney
Fitzgerald, Barry	S Duggan
	Aidan Fitzgerald
	J. Huziak
	Conor Bowen
Nallen, John J.	Amelia Turner
Nagle, David Peter	Sarah Dempsey
Dempsey, JP	John O'Shea
Flynn, Patrick J.	David Nolan
Rothwell, P.J.	Rachel O'Neill
Cogan, Tara Lee	Thomas A. Keating
Lalor, Miss Elizabeth Anne	David O'Brien
Elliott, Gordon	Ivan Ryan
Maxwell, Connor	Natasha O'Connor
O'Connor, Ian	Noel Reynolds
Mooney, Miss Amanda	Richard Faggan
Ocsko-Moore, Stephanie	Robert Tector
Deacon, D.	Fiona Power
Cullen, J.S	Tim O'Sullivan
Fenton, Micky	Jenny Fitzsimons
Lynam, Edward	Edward Kinirons
Kinirons, Andrew	

The following Professional Jockeys have been granted a license for 2025 (Both rules unless stated)

Cullinane, David Nicholas (INHS)
Ryan, Trevor (INHS)

The following Apprentice Jockeys have been granted a license for 2025

Horgan, Hugh Joseph - Joseph Patrick O'Brien

The following riders have renewed their Qualified Riders Permit for the 2024/2025 Season:- (1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025)

Cronin, William Thomas (C)
De Souza, William Cesar (A3)
Hackett, Liam Thomas (A1) NEW
Herbison, Ms. Ella Louise (C) NEW
Kenny, Scott John (A3) NEW
McCarthy, Jamie Lorcan (A3) NEW
McNeilly, Paul (C)
Merrigan, Tristan Ben (B)
Moore, Roisin Ann (A3) NEW
North, Ms Sorcha (A3) NEW
O'Reilly, Ms. April T. (A3)
Regan, Gary Stephen (A1) NEW
Slemon, Kyle Joseph (A1) NEW
Smith Carberry, T.P. (A1) NEW
Webster, Jamie (A3)

Change of Category

Browne, Adrian Joseph (B)
Carlin, Miss Maeve (B)
Collins, Jack Patrick (B)
Lord, Adam John (B)
Murray, James Patrick (C)

Qualified Riders Sponsorship

O'Connor, Miss Aine B. – Equip
Williamson, Josh Harry – Healy Racing
Photography

The following Agents have been granted a License for 2025

Cribbin, Garry
Keena, Dave
Linehan, Denis
McElligott, Ryan
O'Ryan, KR
O'Toole, Ciaran
O'Dwyer, Conor
Tierney, Ruaidhri
Whelan, Kenneth

The following Valets have been granted a License for 2025

Cleary, Liam
Flanagan, Sean

Owner's Sponsorship

Owner	Sponsor
Bronsan Racing	Lost Irish

*Best
Wishes*





Supplement to The Irish Racing Calendar 12th & 19th December 2024

The Directors of Horse Racing Ireland have approved the enclosed modifications to HRI Directives 1, 5, 10 & Appendix B IRE - Weight For Age Table (Rules of Racing).

These changes will come into effect on the following dates:

HRI Directive 1 Race Programmes:	Flat – 16 th March 2025 (<i>excluding Dundalk Finals Night 21st March 2025</i>) National Hunt – 1 st January 2025
HRI Directive 5 Jockey Fees:	1 st January 2025
HRI Directive 10 Balloting & Elimination*:	Flat – 16 th March 2025 (<i>excluding Dundalk Finals Night 21st March 2025</i>) National Hunt – 1 st January 2025
Appendix B IRE - Weight For Age Table: (Rules of Racing)	1 st January 2025

**HRI Directive 10 Balloting & Elimination has also undergone significant restructure*

HRI DIRECTIVE 1

Race Programmes:

Race programmes will be controlled in accordance with the procedures laid out in HRI Directive 1:

1. Racing Seasons

- a. The **2024/2025** Flat race Winter season shall commence on **6th November 2024** and conclude on **14th March 2025**. The **2025** Flat race Summer season shall commence on **16th March** and conclude on **2nd November**.
- b. The **2024/2025** National Hunt race season shall commence on **5th May 2024** and conclude on **3rd May 2025**.

2. Flat Race Programmes

- g. There shall be no flat race with a minimum qualifying rating less than **47 40**.
- h. Any horse with an official flat rating below **47 40** will be treated as though rated **47 40** for qualification and weight purposes.

3. National Hunt Race Programmes

- d. There shall be no hurdle race with a minimum qualifying rating less than ~~80~~ **72**.
- e. In handicap hurdles, ~~where horses~~ **any horse** with an official rating below ~~the minimum qualifying rating~~ are eligible to enter, such horses shall be **72 will be** treated as though rated ~~on the minimum qualifying rating~~ **72 for qualification and weight purposes**.

HRI DIRECTIVE 5

Jockey Fees:

The payments in relation to Jockeys' fees are laid out in HRI Directive 5:

1. Jockeys' Fees for Flat races

- a. In the absence of special agreement with the IHRB, the fee shall be ~~€189.76~~ **€195.92** (subject to VAT where applicable) at the time of publication and no further charge except for expenses shall be allowed.

2. Jockeys' Fees for National Hunt Races

- b. In the absence of special agreement with the IHRB, the fee shall be ~~€216.86~~ **€223.91** (subject to VAT where applicable) at the time of publication and no further charge except for expenses shall be allowed.

HRI DIRECTIVE 10

Guide to Restructure

	Current Structure	New number in restructure		Restructure
1	In Weight-For-Age Flat Races (excluding Pattern and Listed races)	No change	1	In Weight-For-Age Flat Races (excluding Pattern and Listed races)
2	In Weight-For-Age National Hunt Races (excluding Pattern and Listed races)	4	2	In Flat Handicaps
2.1	Steeplechases (other than Beginners Steeplechases)	4.1	2.1	With a Designated Rating band of 0-60*
2.2	Beginners Steeplechases	4.2	2.2	In early closing Flat Handicaps*
2.3	Hurdles (other than Maiden Hurdles)	4.3	2.3	In Benchmark Flat Handicaps with a rating of 70**
2.4	Maiden Hurdles	4.4	2.4	In Benchmark Flat Handicaps with a rating of 80*
2.5	I.N.H. Flat Races	4.5	2.5	In all other Flat Handicaps*
3	In Flat Handicaps	2	3	In all Pattern and Listed Flat Races*
3.1	With a Designated Rating band of 65 or less	2.1	4	In Weight-For-Age National Hunt Races (excluding Pattern and Listed races)
3.2	In early closing Flat Handicaps	2.2	4.1	Steeplechases (other than Beginners Steeplechases)*
3.3	In Benchmark Flat Handicaps with a rating of 80 or less	2.3	4.2	Beginners Steeplechases*
3.4	In all other Flat Handicaps	2.5	4.3	Hurdles (other than Maiden Hurdles)*
4	In National Hunt Handicaps	5	4.4	Maiden Hurdles*
4.1	In Handicap Steeplechases with Designated Rating bands of 102 or less	5.1	4.5	I.N.H Flat Races*
4.2	In Handicap Hurdles with Designated Rating bands of 95 or less	5.2	4.6	In all Certified Hunter Chases*
4.3	In all early closing National Hunt Handicaps	5.3	5	In National Hunt Handicaps
4.4	In all other National Hunt Handicaps	5.5	5.1	In Handicap Steeplechases with a Designated Rating band of 0-100*
5	In all Pattern and Listed Races	Split NH/Flat,	5.2	In Handicap Hurdles with a Designated Rating band of 0-100*

		see 3, 6, 6.1, 6.2		
5.1	Flat Races	3	5.3	In all early closing National Hunt Handicaps*
5.2	Steeplechases	6.1	5.4	In Benchmark National Hunt Handicap Steeplechases and Hurdles with a Rating of 110 or 120**
5.3	Hurdles	6.2	5.5	In all other National Hunt Handicaps*
6	In all Certified Hunter Steeplechases	4.6	6	In all Pattern and Listed National Hunt Races
7	Refund of Fees	No change	6.1	Steeplechases*
8	Reserves	No change	6.2	Hurdles*
			7	Refund of Fees*
			8	Reserves

* denotes changes to text

** denotes new section

HRI DIRECTIVE 10

Elimination and Balloting out of Horses:

Where the number of horses declared exceeds the number permitted to run in the race, HRI shall reduce the number of declared runners to the recommended limit by ballot or elimination in accordance with the criteria laid out in HRI Directive 10:

In all normal closing races only performances up to the closing of entries will be taken into account when determining protection from balloting/elimination. In early closing races performances up to the final forfeit stage will be taken into account when determining balloting/elimination. Balloting or elimination at the overnight declaration stage will take place among those horses which are liable for ballot/elimination. Horses with the lowest ballot/elimination numbers will be the first to get into a race.

1. In Weight For Age Flat Races (excluding Pattern and Listed Races)

Protection from balloting will operate in the following order:

- a. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which do not have an official Flat rating in Ireland.
- b. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have an official Flat rating in Ireland of 80 or more (70 or more during the Flat race Winter Season), the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- c. Horses which have an official Flat rating in Ireland of 80 or more (70 or more during the Flat race Winter Season), the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- d. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed Flat races run in Ireland and which do not have an official Flat rating in Ireland.
- e. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have an official Flat rating in Ireland of 60 or more, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- f. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed Flat races run in Ireland and which have an official Flat rating in Ireland of 60 or more, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- g. Horses which have not completed in a Flat race run in Ireland.
- h. Horses which have completed three, four or five times in Flat races run in Ireland and do not have an official Flat rating in Ireland.
- i. Horses which have completed less than three times in Flat races run in Ireland.

- j. Horses which have the highest official Flat rating in Ireland below 80 at time of entry (below 70 during the Flat race Winter Season), the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- k. Horses which have completed six or more times in Flat races run in Ireland and do not have an official Flat rating in Ireland.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Flat race in Ireland, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting/elimination first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses with equal protection, such ballot will in the first place afford the greatest protection to those horses which have not run in a Flat race in Ireland since 1st June 2020 for the greatest number of days at the closing of entries and thereafter will be random. For the purposes of Section (1) above, 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run-

2. In Flat Handicaps

2.1 With a designated rating band of ~~65 or less~~ 0-60

By ballot or elimination first of those horses with an official flat rating below 40, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.

Protection from balloting/elimination will then operate in the following order (~~only performances up to the time of entry will be taken into account~~):

- a. Horses placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd on their last completed run in a Flat race run in Ireland, on or subsequent to 1st January of the year previous to the current year. ~~If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.~~
- b. Horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Flat Handicap run in Ireland, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot with a designated rating band of ~~65~~ 60 or less and within the same distance category (indicated below) of the race to be balloted. The latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording the greatest protection.

In all of the above, if it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will in the first place afford the greatest protection to those horses which have not run in a Flat race in Ireland since 1st June 2020 for the greatest number of days at the closing of entries. ~~and thereafter will be random.~~

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

The relevant distance categories are as follows:

- Sprint (5 furlongs to less than 7 furlongs).
- Mile (7 furlongs to 9 furlongs).
- Intermediate (9 furlongs 1yds to 12 furlongs).
- Long (12 furlongs 1yds or more).

Note: Horse Racing Ireland give notice that the distance of the race at close of entries will be the distance used when applying the above balloting criteria to these type of races. Any alteration to a race distance after this time WILL NOT be taken into account if the race is balloted at the declaration stage. (Example: a race advertised at 7 furlongs at close of entries is subsequently altered to 6 furlongs and 200 yards before close of declarations – horses balloted from this race will be treated as having been balloted from a 7 furlongs race for future ballots).

Note: For the purposes of Section ~~(3.1)~~ **(2.1)** above 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

Re-ballot

Notwithstanding the above and in the interest of permitting as many horses as possible a reasonable opportunity to run in flat handicaps with a maximum rating band of ~~65 or less~~ **0-60**, horses will lose their provisional ballot status which:

- are declared to run but not a reserve in any flat race scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.
- since the time of entry ~~for such a race~~, have run in a flat race in Ireland without being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.
- since the time of entry ~~for such race~~, have run more than once in a flat race in Ireland or have run once and are declared to run but not a reserve in any flat race scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.

In any of these circumstances, such re-ballot will afford the greatest protection to those horses with the greatest number of days since their last run in a flat race in Ireland at the closing of declarations and, when such protection is equal, horses with the highest rating will be afforded the greatest protection.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

2.2 In early closing Flat Handicaps

- a. By ballot ~~among~~ or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are ~~out of the handicap~~ **below the minimum stipulated weight** after any penalties have been applied at the final forfeit stage.
- b. If this fails to reduce the number to the recommended limit a further ballot or elimination will take place among the remaining horses, with the elimination of the lowest rated horses after any penalties have been applied to the horses' ratings in the race at the final forfeit stage.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

2.3 In Benchmark Flat Handicaps with a Rating of 70

A Benchmark Handicap is a handicap where a rating is set as the top weight but horses with higher ratings can enter and run carrying the extra weight.

Horses rated above 75 cannot enter and balloting will operate in the following order:

By ballot or elimination first of those horses with an official flat rating below 40, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.

Protection from balloting/elimination will then operate in the following order:

- a. **Horses rated 70 (or the highest rated entered horse below 70) down to 61 are protected first with the highest rating afforded the greatest protection.**
- b. **Horses rated 72 are protected next, then horses rated 71**
- c. **By ballot or elimination of horses rated 60 or lower down to the minimum stipulated weight in the race (usually 8st 7lb)**
- d. **Horses rated 73, then 74, then 75, in that order.**
- e. **By ballot or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are below the minimum stipulated weight but before any penalties have been applied.**

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

2.4 In Benchmark Flat Handicaps with a Rating of 80 or less

A Benchmark Handicap is a handicap where a rating is set as the top weight but horses with higher ratings can enter and run carrying the extra weight. (~~example: 80=10st, 75=9st 12lb, 70=10st etc.~~)

~~In a Benchmark Handicap with a rating of 80 or less~~ **Horses rated above 85 cannot enter and** balloting will ~~apply~~ **operate** in the following order:

By **ballot or** elimination first of those horses with an official flat rating below 40, the highest rating affording the greatest protection. ~~If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.~~

Protection from balloting/elimination will then operate in the following order:

- a. Horses rated ~~1lb or 2lb above~~ **82** ~~the benchmark rating will have first protection~~ **are protected first, then horses rated 81** (~~e.g. in an 80 Benchmark Handicap, horses rated 82 and 81 have first protection with 82 the first to be protected~~).
- b. By ballot or elimination of horses rated at the Benchmark or lower (**or the highest rated entered horse below 80**), down to the minimum stipulated weight ~~in the conditions of the race~~, with elimination first of the lowest rated horses but before any penalties have been applied. (**usually 8st 7lbs**).
- c. Horses rated **83, then 84, then 85 in that order**. ~~3lbs or more above the Benchmark rating in ascending rating order (e.g. in an 80 Benchmark Handicap, for horses rated 83 and above, the horse rated 83 will be afforded the greatest protection)~~.
- d. By ballot ~~among~~ or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are ~~out of the handicap~~ **below the minimum stipulated weight** but before any penalties have been applied.

Note: ~~In all cases,~~ If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

2.5 In all other Flat Handicaps

By **ballot or** elimination first of those horses with an official flat rating below 40, the highest rating affording the greatest protection. ~~If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.~~

- a. By ballot ~~among~~ or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are ~~out of the handicap~~ **below the minimum stipulated weight** but before any penalties have been applied.

- b. If this fails to reduce the number to the recommended limit a further ballot or elimination will take place among the remaining horses, with the elimination of the lowest rated horses but before any penalties have been applied.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random

3. In all Pattern and Listed Flat Races

By ~~elimination of or~~ ballot **or elimination** of those horses that have the lowest handicap ratings (having regard to the applicable sex allowance) or if they do not qualify for an official rating have the lowest assessment made by the Handicapper so as to reduce the number of declared runners to the recommended limit. International ratings will be taken into account under this subsection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. Horses which have not run will be eliminated first by random ballot.

4. In Weight For Age National Hunt Races (excluding Pattern/Listed Races)

4.1 Steeplechases (other than Beginners Steeplechases)

Protection from balloting will operate in the following order (~~only performances up to the time of entry will be taken into account~~):

- a. Horses which have won a Grade 1, 2 or 3 Weight For Age National Hunt race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority.
- b. Horses which have won a Steeplechase run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which do not have an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland.
- c. Horses which have won a Steeplechase run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- d. Horses which have an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland of 115 or more, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- e. Horses which have won a Hurdle race, an I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race run under Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which were placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- f. Horses which have won a Hurdle race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- g. Horses which have won an I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Steeplechases run in Ireland.

- h. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th in either of their last two completed Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- i. Horses which have completed in three or more Steeplechases run in Ireland and to which the handicapper is not prepared to allocate an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland.
- j. Horses which have completed less than three times in steeplechases run in Ireland.
- k. Horses which have the highest official Steeplechase rating in Ireland below 115 at time of entry, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Steeplechase run under I.N.H.S. Rules, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. For the purposes of Section ~~(2.1)~~ **(4.1)** above, 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

4.2 Beginners Steeplechases

Protection from balloting will operate in the following order ~~(only performances up to the time of entry will be taken into account):~~

- a. Horses which have won a Grade 1, 2 or 3 Weight for Age National Hunt race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- b. Horses which have an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland of 115 or more, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- c. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed weight-for-age Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- d. Horses which have won a Hurdle race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- e. Horses which have won a I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- f. Horses which have completed in two, three or four Steeplechases run in Ireland and to which the handicapper is not prepared to allocate an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland.
- g. Horses which have completed less than three times in Steeplechases run in Ireland.

- h. Horses which have the highest official Steeplechase rating in Ireland below 115 at time of entry, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- i. Horses which have completed five or more times in Steeplechases run in Ireland and do not have an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Steeplechase run under I.N.H.S. Rules, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. For the purposes of Section ~~(2.2)~~ **(4.2)** above, 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

4.3 Hurdles (other than Maiden Hurdles)

Protection from balloting will operate in the following order ~~(only performances up to the time of entry will be taken into account)~~:

- a. Horses which have won a Grade 1, 2 or 3 Weight For Age National Hunt race or a Group 1, 2 or 3 Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority.
- b. Horses which have won a Hurdle race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which do not have an official Hurdle rating in Ireland.
- c. Horses which have won a Hurdle race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have an official Hurdle rating in Ireland, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- d. Horses which have won a Flat race, an I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which were placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed hurdle races run in Ireland.
- e. Horses which have won an I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three hurdle races run in Ireland.
- f. Horses which have an official Hurdle rating in Ireland of 105 or more, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- g. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th in either of their last two completed Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- h. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority on or subsequent to January 1st of the year previous to the current year and which have completed in less than three hurdle races run in Ireland.

- i. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- j. Horses which have completed in three or more Hurdle races run in Ireland and to which the handicapper is not prepared to allocate an official Hurdle rating in Ireland.
- k. Horses which have completed less than three times in Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- l. Horses which have the highest official Hurdle rating in Ireland below 105 at time of entry, the highest racing affording the greatest protection.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Hurdle Race run under I.N.H.S. Rules, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. For the purposes of Section ~~(2.3)~~ **(4.3)** above 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

4.4 Maiden Hurdles

Protection from balloting will operate in the following order ~~(only performances up to the time of entry will be taken into account):~~

- a. Horses which have won a Grade 1, 2 or 3 Weight for Age National Hunt race or a Group 1, 2 or 3 Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- b. Horses which have an official Hurdle rating in Ireland of 115 or more at the time of entry (105 from 1st May to 30th September), the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- c. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed weight-for-age Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- d. Horses which have won an I.N.H Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- e. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- f. Horses which have completed in three, four or five Hurdle races run in Ireland and to which the handicapper is not prepared to allocate an official Hurdle rating in Ireland.
- g. Horses which have completed less than three times in Hurdle races run in Ireland.

- h. Horses which have the highest official Hurdle rating in Ireland below 115 at time of entry (105 from 1st May to 30th September), the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- i. Horses which have completed six or more times in Hurdle races run in Ireland and do not have an official Hurdle rating in Ireland.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Hurdle race run under I.N.H.S. Rules, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. For the purposes of Section ~~(2.4)~~ **(4.4)** above, 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

4.5 I.N.H. Flat Races

Protection from balloting/elimination will operate in the following order:

- a. Horses which have won an I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race run under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority.
- b. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed runs in Irish National Hunt Flat races.
- c. Horses which have completed less than three times in I.N.H. Flat races run in Ireland.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from an I.N.H. Flat Race in Ireland, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. For the purposes of Section ~~(2.5)~~ **(4.5)** above, 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

4.6 In all Certified Hunter Chases

Protection from balloting/elimination will operate in the following order:

- a. Horses which have won a Certified Hunters Steeplechase.
- b. Horses which were placed second, third or fourth in either of their last two completed Steeplechases in Ireland confined to Certified Hunters.
- c. Horses which have won a Point-to-Point Steeplechase in Ireland on and from the commencement day of the two previous Point to Point seasons, the ~~most~~ **greatest** number of wins in this period affording the greatest protection.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Steeplechase run under I.N.H.S. Rules, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. For the purposes of Section ~~(6)~~ **(4.6)** above 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

5. In National Hunt Handicaps

5.1 In Handicap Steeplechases with a designated rating bands of ~~102 or less~~ **0-100**

~~In the case of Steeplechases, By ballot or~~ elimination first of the lowest weighted horses which are ~~out of the handicap~~ **below the minimum stipulated weight** at time of entry but before any penalties have been applied. ~~If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.~~

Protection from balloting/elimination will then operate in the following order ~~(only performances up to the time of entry will be taken into account):~~

- a. Horses placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd on their last run in a Steeplechase run in Ireland, on or subsequent to 1st January of the year previous to the current year.
- b. Horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Handicap Steeplechase run in Ireland with a designated rating band of **~~102~~ 0-100** ~~or less~~ and within the same distance category (indicated below) of the race to be balloted on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection.

In all of the above, if it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will in the first place afford the greatest protection to those horses which have not run in a Steeplechase in Ireland since ~~22nd June 2020~~ **1st January 2025**. for the greatest number of days at the closing of entries. ~~and thereafter will be random.~~

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

The relevant distance categories are as follows:

- 2 Miles (or such a lesser distance which for course layout reasons as may be approved by the IHRB on exceptional occasions) to less than 2 miles and 4 furlongs.
- 2 Miles and 4 furlongs or more.

Note: Horse Racing Ireland gives notice that the distance of the race at close of entries will be the distance used when applying the above balloting criteria to these type of races. Any alteration to a race distance after this time WILL NOT be taken into account if the race is balloted at the declaration stage. (Example: a race advertised at 2 miles 4 furlongs at close of entries is subsequently altered to 2 miles 3 furlongs and 200 yards

before close of declarations – horses balloted from this race will be treated as having been balloted from a 2 miles 4 furlongs race for future ballots).

Re-ballot

Notwithstanding the above and in the interest of permitting as many horses as possible a reasonable opportunity to run in steeplechase handicaps with a maximum rating band of ~~102 or less~~ **0-100**, horses will lose their provisional ballot status which:

- are declared to run but not a reserve in any steeplechase scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.
- since the time of entry ~~for such a race~~, have run in a steeplechase in Ireland without being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.
- since the time of entry ~~for such a race~~, have run more than once in a steeplechase in Ireland or have run once and are declared to run but not a reserve in any steeplechase scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.

In any of these circumstances, such re-ballot will afford the greatest protection to those horses with the greatest number of days since their last run in a steeplechase in Ireland at the closing of declarations and, when such protection is equal, horses with the highest rating will be afforded the greatest protection.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

5.2 In Handicap Hurdles with a designated rating bands of ~~95 or less~~ **0-100**

By **ballot or** elimination first of the lowest weighted horses which are ~~out of the handicap~~ **below the minimum stipulated weight** at time of entry but before any penalties have been applied. ~~If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will in the first place afford the greatest protection to those horses which have not run in a Hurdle race in Ireland for the greatest number of days at the closing of entries and thereafter will be random.~~

Protection from balloting/elimination will then operate in the following order (~~only performances up to the time of entry will be taken into account~~):

- a. Horses placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd on their last run in a Hurdle race run in Ireland, on or subsequent to 1st January of the year previous to the current year.
- b. Horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Handicap Hurdle race run in Ireland with a designated rating band of ~~95 or less~~ **0-100** and within the same distance category (indicated below) of the race to be balloted, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection.

In all of the above, if it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will in the first place afford the greatest protection to those horses which have not run in a Hurdle race in Ireland since 1st January 2025 for the greatest number of days at the closing of entries.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

The relevant distance categories are as follows:

- 2 Miles (or such a lesser distance which for course layout reasons as may be approved by the IHRB on exceptional occasions) to less than 2 miles and 4 furlongs.
- 2 Miles and 4 furlongs or more.

Note: Horse Racing Ireland gives notice that the distance of the race at close of entries will be the distance used when applying the above balloting criteria to these type of races. Any alteration to a race distance after this time WILL NOT be taken into account if the race is balloted at the declaration stage. (Example: a race advertised at 2 miles 4 furlongs at close of entries is subsequently altered to 2 miles 3 furlongs and 200 yards before close of declarations – horses balloted from this race will be treated as having been balloted from a 2 miles 4 furlongs race for future ballots).

~~In all of the above, if it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will in the first place afford the greatest protection to those horses which have not run in a Hurdle race in Ireland since 22nd June 2020 for the greatest number of days at the closing of entries and thereafter will be random.~~

Re-ballot

Notwithstanding the above and in the interest of permitting as many horses as possible a reasonable opportunity to run in hurdle handicaps with a maximum rating band of ~~95 or less~~ **0-100**, horses will lose their provisional ballot status which:

- are declared to run but not a reserve in any hurdle race scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.
- since the time of entry ~~for such race~~, have run in a hurdle race in Ireland without being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.
- since the time of entry ~~for such race~~, have run more than once in a hurdle race in Ireland or have run once and are declared to run but not a reserve in any hurdle race scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.

In any of these circumstances, such re-ballot will afford the greatest protection to those horses with the greatest number of days since their last run in a hurdle race in Ireland at the closing of declarations and, when such protection is equal, horses with the highest rating will be afforded the greatest protection.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

5.3 In all early closing National Hunt Handicaps

- a. By ballot ~~among~~ or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are ~~out of the handicap~~ **below the minimum stipulated weight** after any penalties have been applied at the final forfeit stage.
- b. If this fails to reduce the number to the recommended limit a further ballot or elimination will take place among the remaining horses, with the elimination of the lowest rated horses after any penalties have been applied to the horses' ratings in the race at the final forfeit stage.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

5.4 In Benchmark National Hunt Handicap Steeplechases and Hurdles with Rating of 110 or 120

A Benchmark Handicap is a handicap where a rating is set as the top weight but horses with higher ratings can enter and run carrying the extra weight.

Horses rated more than 5lbs above the Benchmark cannot enter and balloting will operate in the following order:

- a. **Horses rated 2lbs above the benchmark are protected first, then horses rated 1lb above the benchmark**
- b. **By ballot or elimination of horses rated at the benchmark (or the highest rated entered horse) down to the minimum stipulated weight in the race (usually 10st)**
- c. **Horses rated 3lb above the Benchmark, then 4lb above, then 5lb above in that order.**
- d. **By ballot or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are below the minimum stipulated weight but before any penalties have been applied.**

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

5.5 In all other National Hunt Handicaps

- a. By ballot ~~among~~ or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are ~~out of the handicap~~ **below the minimum stipulated weight** but before any penalties have been applied.
- b. If this fails to reduce the number to the recommended limit a further ballot or elimination will take place among the remaining horses, with the elimination of the lowest rated horses but before any penalties have been applied.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

6. In all Pattern and Listed National Hunt Races

6.1 Steeplechases

By ~~elimination or~~ ballot **or elimination** of those horses that have the lowest steeplechase handicap ratings or if they do not qualify for an official rating have the lowest assessment made by the Handicapper (having regard to the applicable sex allowance) so as to reduce the number of declared runners to the recommended limit. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. Horses which have not run will be eliminated first by random ballot.

6.2 Hurdles

By ~~elimination or~~ ballot **or elimination** of those horses that have the lowest hurdle handicap ratings or if they do not qualify for an official rating have the lowest assessment made by the Handicapper (having regard to the applicable sex allowance) so as to reduce the number of declared runners to the recommended limit. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. Horses which have not run will be eliminated first by random ballot.

7. Refund of Fees

Owners with horses balloted out or eliminated will not be charged any entrance, forfeit, declaration or bookage fees. Where a horse has more than one engagement on the same day and would have been balloted out or eliminated from the second race, the entrance, forfeit, declaration and bookage fees will be refunded for the second race. However in cases of low grade Handicaps (Flat ~~45-65~~ **0-60**, NH ~~80-95~~ **0-100** ~~over hurdles and 102 or less over fences~~) the ballot date will only apply for the race in which the horse was originally declared.

8. Reserves

Where a race is the subject of a ballot or elimination, not more than three extra horses will be included as Reserves. The names of the Reserves will be published on the race card in order of priority. Owners with horses designated as Reserves will only be charged entrance, forfeit if applicable, declaration and bookage fees if they exercise their option to run. Reserves which run are no longer deemed balloted or eliminated on that day.

Note: Trainers are advised that every effort is made to ensure the above balloting procedures are strictly adhered to in all races. However, should a horse, for whatever reason, be inadvertently or incorrectly published on the liable for ballot listing, it is the trainer's responsibility to notify HRI of any error in the balloting procedures before the deadline for declarations has passed as any amendments after this deadline will not be possible.

Flat Weight-for-age scale (lb) for 2025

Dist	Age	Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec	
		1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
5f	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	24	22	20	18	18	17	17	16	16
1000m	3	15	15	14	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6f	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	26	24	22	21	20	19	18	17	17
1200m	3	16	16	15	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
7f	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	28	26	24	23	22	21	20	19	19
1400m	3	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	0	0
8f	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	32	29	27	25	24	23	22	21	21
1600m	3	20	20	19	19	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1
9f	3	22	22	21	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	2
1800m	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10f	3	23	23	22	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	2
2000m	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11f	3	24	24	23	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	5	4	4	3	3
2200m	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12f	3	25	25	24	24	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4
2400m	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13f	3	26	26	25	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4
2600m	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14f	3	26	26	25	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4
2800m	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15f	3	28	28	27	27	26	25	23	22	21	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	5	4	4
3000m	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16f	3	29	29	28	28	27	26	24	23	22	21	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5
3200m	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18f	3	30	30	29	29	28	28	26	25	24	23	22	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	5
3600m	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20f	3	32	32	31	31	30	29	28	27	25	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	
4000m	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

+1lb
No change
-1lb
-2lb

