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Amended Times Of Running

Fairyhouse, Tuesday, 12th November, 2024

12.32, 1.07, 1.42, 2.17, 2.52, 3.27, 4.00.

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Duhallow (F) Kanturk Point to Point Meeting Sunday 10th November 2024

Open Lightweight

The Acting Stewards interviewed Mr E.T. Mellerick, rider of Good Bye Sam (FR), placed second, concerning his use of the whip in the latter stages of this race. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned.

Having viewed a recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Acting Stewards were of the opinion that the rider was in breach of Regulation 58. 3.(g) in that he had used the whip with excessive frequency. Having taken his previous record into consideration, the Acting Stewards suspended Mr E.T. Mellerick for one Point to Point raceday.

4yo Geldings Maiden

The Acting Stewards interviewed Mr L.J. Murphy, rider of Working Class Hero, placed third, concerning his use of the whip in the latter stages of this race. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned.

Having viewed a recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Acting Stewards were of the opinion that the rider was in breach of Regulation 58. 3.(i) in that he had used the whip without allowing his mount at least three strides to respond. Having taken his previous record into consideration, the Acting Stewards suspended Mr L.J. Murphy for one Point to Point raceday.

Turf Club

The Autumn General Meeting of the Turf Club was held at the Offices of the IHRB, The Curragh, Co. Kildare on Monday, November 4th, 2024. Members listed below were in attendance or dialled in via Zoom.

Minutes

Present:

John P. Byrne (in the Chair) } **Stewards of the Turf Club**

Mr. Justice Frank Clarke }

Apologies:

Myles O' Malley }

Present:

Peter M. Allen	John Martin-Smith
Thomas Breen	Noel McCaffrey
Anthony Byrne	Peter McCartan
Philip Caffrey	S. McDonogh
Finbar Cahill	Laurence McFerran
Maurice Carroll	Dr. Adrian McGoldrick
Joe Collins	Joseph M. McGrath
Victor Connolly	Neil McGrath
Alan Cooper	Philip McLernon
Mrs. T.K. Cooper	Mark McMahan
Mrs. Caroline Corballis	Raymond J. McSharry
Ms. Mary Cosgrave	John McStay
Gerard Coughlan	Ms. Alison Millar
J.R. Craigie	Dr. Paddy Molony
T.L. Crawford	Pierce G. Molony
Charles C. Cunningham	Maxwell Morris
Marcus de la Poer Beresford	Martin P. O'Donnell
Robert Dore	Con O'Mahony
Ms. Jill Farrell	Mrs. J.O. Onions
William Flood	John O'Shaughnessy
Julian Gaisford-St. Lawrence	Jack Rearden
Mr Justice Raymond Groarke	R.E. Rohan
Robert Hall	Niall Rooney
Edward Irwin	Tom Rudd
Peter Law	Anthony Smurfit
C.P. Magnier	N.B. Wachman
Marcus Magnier	John Weld

The minutes of the meeting held on June 25th 2024 were approved by the Members and signed as a true and accurate record by the Senior Steward, John P. Byrne.

The Senior Steward updated members on a number of matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

The date for the next meeting was confirmed, April 7th 2025.

Various other matters were discussed, and the meeting then terminated.

Thurles Thursday 14th November

Due to a dry spell & insufficient rainfall, the meeting at Thurles, Thursday 14 November was **cancelled**.

HRI announced an additional NH Meeting at **Tipperary on Friday, November 22** with entries for this meeting closing by **12 noon next Monday, November 18** with declarations to run to be made by **10am on Wednesday, November 20**. Details of the programme of races will be available on the RAS website in due course.

I.N.H.S. CLG

Point to Point Certificates Received - Autumn 2024

Co. Clare (H) Dromoland @ Quakerstown
Kilkenny (F)

NEW NATIONAL HUNT HANDICAP BANDS

(Effective from January 1st, 2025)

Handicap Hurdles

(Minimum rating horses can now run off is 72 rather than 80)

0-100

- o 95's and 102's to be replaced by 0-100
- Random Ballot (ballot dates from 1st January, 2025)

110 = 11st 12lbs

- o 109's to be replaced by 110 = 11st 12lbs
 - No horse rated more than 115 can enter
 - Horses rated 112 followed by horses rated 111 are protected first
 - Horses rated at the benchmark (110) (or the next highest rated entered horse) down to the minimum stipulated weight in the race are protected next (in rating order)
 - Horses rated 113, 114 & 115 are protected next in ascending order
 - Horses which are rated below the minimum stipulated weight gain the least protection with the lowest weight balloted first

120 = 11st 12lbs

- o 116's and 123's to be replaced by 120 = 11st 12lbs
 - No horse rated more than 125 can enter
 - Horses rated 122 followed by horses rated 121 are protected first
 - Horses rated at the benchmark (120) (or the next highest rated entered horse) down to the minimum stipulated weight in the race are protected next (in rating order)
 - Horses rated 123, 124 & 125 are protected next in ascending order
 - Horses which are rated below the minimum stipulated weight gain the least protection with the lowest weight balloted first

N.B. There are no ballot rule changes for Handicap Hurdles with a higher rating.

Handicap Steeplechases**0-100**

- 95's and 102's to be replaced by 0-100
 - Random Ballot (ballot dates from 1st January, 2025)

110 = 11st 12lbs

- 109's to be replaced by 110 = 11st 12lbs
 - No horse rated more than 115 can enter
 - Horses rated 112 followed by horses rated 111 are protected first
 - Horses rated at the benchmark (110) (or the next highest rated entered horse) down to the minimum stipulated weight in the race are protected next (in rating order)
 - Horses rated 113, 114 & 115 are protected next in ascending order
 - Horses which are rated below the minimum stipulated weight gain the least protection with the lowest weight balloted first

120 = 11st 12lbs

- 116's and 123's to be replaced by 120 = 11st 12lbs
 - No horse rated more than 125 can enter
 - Horses rated 122 followed by horses rated 121 are protected first
 - Horses rated at the benchmark (120) (or the next highest rated entered horse) down to the minimum stipulated weight in the race are protected next (in rating order)
 - Horses rated 123, 124 & 125 are protected next in ascending order
 - Horses which are rated below the minimum stipulated weight gain the least protection with the lowest weight balloted first

N.B. There are no ballot rule changes for Handicap Steeplechases with a higher rating.

Appeals & Referrals**Appeal**

The Appeals Body, Mr Justice Peter Kelly (Chairman), Mr Anthony Byrne and Mr Robert Steele convened at the Offices of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board on Thursday, 17 October 2024 to consider the appeal of Luke W Comer, Trainer, against the severity of the sanction imposed by the Referrals Committee on Friday, 29 August 2024.

Following a referral to consider potential breaches of the Rules of Racing, the Referrals Committee found Mr Comer in breach of Rule 272(i) and imposed a suspension of Mr Comer's licence for 12 months.

At the appeal hearing, the Appeals Body considered submissions on behalf of Mr Comer by Remy Farrell and on behalf of the IHRB by Ms Christine Traynor, Head of Racing Regulation and Integrity.

Having considered the submissions, Justice Peter Kelly issued the following decision on behalf of the Referrals Committee on Tuesday, 5 November 2024:

Introduction

This is the appeal of Mr Luke W Comer (Junior) (Mr Comer) against the decision of a Referrals Committee dated 29 of August 2024. On that occasion, the Referrals Committee found Mr Comer, following a guilty plea, to be in breach of Rule 272(i) of the Rules of Racing (the Rules). The penalty imposed was an immediate withdrawal of his Restricted Trainer's licence for a period of 12 months. The Referrals Committee indicated that it would not impose a fine if Mr Comer contributed €10,000 each year for two years to a horse welfare charity called Treo Eile, which he volunteered to do. The principal ground of appeal relied upon by Mr Comer on the question of his breach of the relevant Rule is that the Referrals Committee erred by making adverse findings against him which were outside the scope of what the Irish Horse Racing Regulatory Board (IHRB) had referred to it for determination or were outside the scope of the breaches alleged (and accepted) by Mr Comer. This ground is particularised under a number of different headings. On the question of penalty Mr Comer contends that it was disproportionate to the facts, did not take account of significant mitigating factors, and was out of kilter with sanctions imposed in other Rule 272 infringements. He contends that the Referrals Committee erred in principle in both its findings on liability and penalties.

There is also a cross appeal brought by the IHRB limited to the question of penalty. It contends that a fine ought to have been imposed and that the whole of the sanction was too lenient in the circumstances of the case.

The factual background to this case and the identification of what precisely was alleged, and indeed not alleged, against Mr Comer arising from those facts is of great importance in understanding the issues.

Factual Background**Introduction**

On the afternoon of Friday, 12 of March 2021, Dr Lynn Hillyer (Dr Hillyer), the Chief Veterinary Officer of the IHRB received a telephone call. The caller was a former employee of Mr Comer and indicated that he was concerned about the welfare of horses in the care and control of Mr Comer. Dr Hillyer, quite properly, immediately contacted the head of the investigations division of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), to refer the matter to that Department. A meeting was arranged between the DAFM Senior Veterinary Inspector, Dr Hillyer, the phone caller, and another former employee of Mr Comer. The information provided by these former employees resulted in an unannounced inspection of premises the following day.

The Inspection

Shortly after noon on Saturday the 13 of March 2021, Dr Hillyer together with an Official from the DAFM attended at a premises called Ginnets Estate, Summerhill, County Meath. They entered the premises via a track from the main road which led through woodland. At the end of the track, the ground was uneven, mounded and grassed over in places, with tangles of briar and some plastic debris. Cut branches of pine or fir were piled on top of the mounds. On closer inspection, and without

disturbing the branches, numerous horse bones were clearly visible - skulls, jaw bones, leg bones, vertebrae and pelvis.

There were a number of different horses of different ages, as evidenced by the range of size of bones and teeth in the mandibles, from foal to young horse to adult. Seven skulls were readily identified without disturbing the ground. While some bones were scattered, many were in their anatomical location, indicating degradation in situ. The bones were entirely clean of flesh and hide. There was no evidence of any of the horses having been euthanized by firearm, indicating that the horses had either died or been chemically euthanized. Turning from that site and walking back down the track, a second area of bones was identified to the right. They were similarly devoid of flesh, partially covered by growing and cut vegetation, and came from a number of horses.

During the course of this inspection, Mr Comer, his father, a Veterinary Surgeon called Seamus Foran and Mr Dermot Kelly, the Manager of the premises, were present.

Second Inspection

On 15 of March 2021, Dr Hillyer assisted the DAFM Veterinary Inspector at an inspection of a premises at Brookville Lodge, Dunboyne, County Meath. The purpose of the inspection was to investigate an allegation of further horse remains being buried on that premises.

The inspection party again met with Mr Comer but no evidence of animal remains were visible on inspection of the surface of the fields and no excavations were carried out by the DAFM Veterinary Inspector.

Result

Equine remains had been identified in two locations on the Ginnets Estate (an unlicensed premises) but no such remains were found at Brookville Lodge, which was a licensed premises.

Following this, the matter was taken up by the DAFM and resulted in it deciding to commence a prosecution, the details of which we will turn to shortly. Before doing so, it is appropriate to provide some background information on Mr Comer, the premises where the horse remains were found, and the general background to the disclosures made to Dr Hillyer.

Mr Comer and Ginnets Estate

Mr Comer works in a large equine operation founded and run by his father, Luke Comer Sr. Mr Comer supervises and directs six stud farms located in Meath, Kildare and Wicklow. From time to time he had approximately one hundred mares, fifty to sixty yearlings and fifty to sixty foals under his care.

Mr Comer is a Director of Raven's Pass Limited which is a company incorporated in this state with its registered office in Leixlip. It is the registered owner of the Ginnets Estate property and has been since 19 of September 2013. Ginnets Estate has been operated as a stud farm since 2015 but is not a licensed premises for the purposes of the Rules.

Ginnets Estate comprises approximately 600 acres, of which 250 acres are forestry, 325 acres are pasture, and the remainder accommodate stabling, a yard area and ancillary buildings.

Mr Comer took over responsibility for Ginnets Estate in 2017. He continued the employment of two individuals who were dismissed from their employment in February 2020. They were the persons who made contact with Dr Hillyer,

which gave rise to the IHRB and DAFM investigations.

The areas where the equine remains were located are in the heart of 120 acres of forestry. There is a forestry track of approximately 500 metres, which is entered through a gate, which is normally kept closed.

The Prosecution

Following the finding of the skeletal remains, DAFM decided to institute criminal proceedings. Eight District Court summonses were issued in the name of the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Two summonses were issued against Raven's Pass Limited and two against Mr Comer as a Director of that company. Four summonses were issued against him in his personal capacity.

All of the summonses related to alleged offences contrary to the European Union (Animal By-Products) Regulations 2014 S.I. No. 187/2014. These Regulations create strict liability offences for possessing and failing to dispose of certain animal by-products such as horse remains.

On 22 March 2024, the summonses were listed for hearing before District Judge Dunne at Navan District Court.

All of the charges were struck out against Mr Comer and Raven's Pass Limited on the basis of a guilty plea entered by the company through the agency of its Director, Mr Comer, in respect of the proceedings issued against it and his agreement to pay a sum of €20,000 to the ISPCA. No record of that plea of guilty is to be found in the orders made by the District Court. All eight summonses were struck out on the basis of the agreement to pay €20,000 to the ISPCA, a fact which is not recorded in any of the orders either.

Much publicity on both mainstream and social media ensued as a result of the hearing which took place in the District Court. We will have more to say about that later in this decision, but it is appropriate to record a number of notable facts concerning the prosecution and the hearing before the District Court at this stage.

Notable Facts

1. The IHRB was not a party to the proceedings in the District Court. Prosecutions were taken by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

2. Criminal charges to which pleas of guilty were entered were those against the company, Raven's Pass Limited. It was the legal entity which owned and operated the premises on which the horse carcasses were found. The strict liability offences to which it pleaded guilty involved a failure to collect, identify and transport Category 2 animal by-products without undue delay under conditions which prevent risks arising to public and animal health from the lands and having in possession Category 2 animal by-product material on the lands.

3. Charges against Mr Comer that he as a director, had consented, connived with or had permitted the offences to be committed by reason of neglect were not proceeded with and were struck out.

4. Charges against Mr Comer as a principal were not proceeded with.

5. At no stage was it ever alleged in the prosecution that either Mr Comer or Raven's Pass Limited was the owner of the horse carcasses or had owned the horses when they were alive. Indeed, it would not have been possible to make such a charge since the carcasses could not be identified.

6. At no stage was it alleged that Mr Comer had been guilty of any form of cruelty, neglect or lack of care in respect of the horses in question.

The Publicity

Following the disposal of the proceedings in the District Court, there was media reporting of the circumstances of the prosecution. We have been furnished with samples of it, both from mainstream media and social media. Mr Comer contends that there was what was described as a, "significant disconnect between the evidence and the result of the District Court proceeding and the reportage and media commentary in relation to it."

Having regard to the material placed before us, we believe that he is justified in holding that view. This was undoubtedly damaging to Mr Comer, but also to the sport of horse racing. Mr Comer accepts the damaging nature of this publicity, and furthermore that because of his association with the events which gave rise to it, that he is in breach of Rule 272(i), of the Rules. He was, quite properly, charged by the IHRB of being in breach of that Rule and has accepted his guilt in that regard. He does not complain about that. His complaint is that the Referrals Committee found him guilty and proceeded to punish him for matters that he had never been accused of in either the District Court proceedings or the charges laid by the IHRB. A second complaint of Mr Comer is that some of the Referral Committee's findings are unsupported by the agreed evidence put before it and in some instances contradictory to the only evidence placed before it.

The Charging Decision

On 6 June 2024, the IHRB notified Mr Comer that it was charging him with breaches of Rule 272(i) and 273(xiii). The notification was in the form of a letter which in its first paragraph set forth the basis for the charges. It read:

" We refer to the above matter and following inspection and subsequent prosecution by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM), against you (the licensee) where in a discovery was made of nine fully decomposed horse carcasses on your unlicensed property. (Ginnets Hill, Ginnets Summer hill, Count y Meath). As licensee you appeared in court in relation to the case and the matter was dealt with by the courts. The matter was subsequently scrutinized by the media and subject to public comment. Both your attendance as the licensee and the outcome arising from court, together with the media cover age, was referred to the IHRB Disciplinary Department for investigation and following examination of the issues, will now be submitted to a Referrals Committee for hearing.

Please be advised in respect of the aforementioned, the IHRB are charging you with the following breaches of the Rules of Racing and Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules (the Rules) in respect of your conduct, those Rules relating to preserving the good reputation of horse racing, upholding the integrity of the sport. "The letter then set forth the text of the two Rules and went on to say: "

There is the need that the reputation of horse racing must be maintained as a priority, not just for the good of horse racing itself, but for the good of the people who rely upon horse racing as their livelihood. The way horses are looked after must be to the highest standards and it follows therefore, where there is a failure to meet the particular standard or that there is a threat to the integrity of industry (sic)".

Enclosed with the letter was a two-page report from Dr Hillyer and a selection of the media articles containing critical commentary. Dr Hillyer's report sets out the contact that was made with her, the inspection carried out on the 13 and 15 March 2021 and her decision to involve the Veterinary Investigations Division of DAFM.

Finally, the letter invited Mr Comer to provide written submissions by a specified date and advised as to his rights to appear and be represented at the contemplated Referrals Committee hearing.

An exchange of correspondence ensued during the course of which the IHRB wrote on 19 July 2024 in which it reiterated the case being made against Mr Comer.

The letter said:

"The case your client must meet is for breach of conduct rules. The specific breach relates to whether Mr Comer's attendance in court relating to welfare issues were likely to be prejudicial to the interests of the IHRB or which is likely to cause serious damage to the interests of horseracing bringing the sport into disrepute. Mr Comer's conduct and behaviour amounts to improper conduct within the meaning of the relevant Rules 272(i) and Rule 273(xiii). Mr Comer ought to have known that his actions were prejudicial and could cause damage to the sport."

On 30 July 2024, the IHRB, in a five-page Charging Decision, notified Mr Comer of the particulars of the breaches being alleged against him. This document contains seven separate headings, the first of which is a summary. It speaks of an examination carried out by the IHRB in respect of alleged violations. It inter alia states as follows:

"This examination focused on allegations of horse welfare, including injuries to horses and detailing numerous deceased horses remains. The horses could not be and were never identified. Questions remain unanswered as regards all matters associated with the horses including ownership, their welfare prior to death, the cause of their death, and their disposal after death. This falls below the standards expected of anyone who has been granted a licence to train horses by the IHRB."

The document goes on to record that the incident gave rise to the prosecution and the media coverage which ensued.

It then set out its key findings, saying:

"The findings in this case not only subjected Mr Luke W Comer to intense scrutiny, but also, given his role as a licensed trainer in horse racing, undermined public confidence in the sport. The attention drawn to the issue revealed a serious lapse in the integrity and respect of horses, as is expected of Mr Luke Comer, as a licensee."

It speaks of the evidence involving the discovery of deceased horses associated with him which raised significant concerns about compliance with laws and regulations governing the proper handling of animal remains. It speaks of Mr Comer's actions having displayed insufficient respect for the dignity of the deceased horses, that therefore his conduct did not meet the high standard expected within the industry.

It further speaks of his obligation to preserve the reputation of horse racing, and that the negative media attention caused by him had implications for horse racing, with respect to the disregard by trainers for horse welfare and the dignity of and proper disposal of horses. It then criticised him for his alleged inadequate response, denials and lack of responsibility.

A good deal of criticism was levelled at the IHRB in respect of the procedures followed by it in commencing disciplinary proceedings of the type in suit.

Comparisons were drawn between the way in which criminal proceedings and regulatory proceedings alleging professional misconduct are commenced. In all of them, the wrongdoing alleged is identified by reference to the relevant statutory or other provision and particulars furnished grounding that allegation.

It is said that the procedure which was and is normally followed by the IHRB is unsatisfactory and in the present case has given rise to confusion as to what precisely was the wrongdoing alleged against Mr Comer.

The regulation of horse racing may not be directly comparable to either statutory regulation of professions or criminal procedure. However, basic rules of fairness and natural justice apply to it just as much as they do in those other spheres. What is essential is that an individual against whom an allegation is made knows what that allegation is and the particulars being relied upon to support it. That can be done in a short and concise manner or, as in this case, by means of a more discursive document or series of documents. The more discursive the document the greater the possibility of confusion. However, once the essential element of giving due notice to the accused is satisfied, there can be no legitimate objection.

In the present case, we are satisfied that a combination of the original letter of the 6 June 2024 and the charging decision of the 30 July 2024 identify the Rule infringements alleged, and the particulars relied upon in support of them. Those particulars are to be gleaned by a fair reading of those documents which demonstrate that the allegations of the IHRB arose from the criminal prosecutions and the media coverage which followed. The IHRB is correct in saying that one has to have regard to the factual matrix against which the prosecutions were brought. Those facts involve the finding of the carcasses on land owned by a company of which Mr Comer, a licensed trainer, was a Director. It was never alleged that he was the owner of those horses, nor was there ever any evidence that he in fact was. Neither was he alleged to have actually known of the existence of the horse remains until they were discovered, nor was there any evidence that he did know. No allegations were made or evidence led as to the adequacy or otherwise of methods used to dispose of deceased horses. He was able to demonstrate that he had arrangements in place and had in fact paid for

the proper disposal of his deceased horses over time. No allegations of any welfare breaches were made nor was any evidence led in that regard. It has to be said that there are some elements of the Charging Decision which might have been more clearly put and are somewhat confusing but when read as a whole together with the accompanying documents and the documentary evidence relied on by the IHRB, we do not believe that Mr Comer was in anyway disadvantaged. We are fortified in this view because when confronted with these charges and the material relied upon to support them, Mr Comer pleaded guilty to a breach of Rule 272(i) in a very precise way. He did so in the written submissions furnished to the Referrals Committee, resulting in no oral evidence having to be given in respect of the charges. Crucial to the way in which the matter proceeded before the Referrals Committee, are the terms of the plea of guilty to the breach of Rule 272.

The Plea

These are the terms of the plea of guilty offered by Mr Comer and accepted by the IHRB; "Mr Comer accepts that he breached Rule 272 by allowing fallen animals to remain on property controlled by him, which resulted in a public prosecution of the company which owns the property, Raven's Pass Limited. This brought about negative media cover age to (sic) sport of horse racing generally and Mr Comer personally."

The precise terms of the written plea show that whatever confusion might have arisen from some of the wording in the Charging Decision, Mr Comer was able to discern the actual allegations made against him and indeed the evidence being relied to support them and pleaded guilty to them and nothing more.

The written submission went on to point out that Mr Comer did not know, nor could he reasonably have known, that the animal remains were located in the areas for reasons further developed in the submission. He then, having accepted a breach of Rule 272 submitted that the Referrals Committee ought not to examine a breach of Rule 273(xiii) in accordance with the way in which a Referrals Committee had decided a case of Gordon Elliott of the 5 of March 2021.

The Hearing before the Referrals Committee

The Hearing took place on 29 of August 2024, and the decision under appeal was delivered *ex tempore* that day.

No oral evidence was called at the Hearing because of Mr Comer's guilty plea, but there was an agreed book of material placed before the Referrals Committee, which is the same as that furnished to us.

The Hearing consisted of oral submission by both sides dealing with the evidence tendered, and legal argument.

As the evidence tendered before the Referrals Committee was entirely in documentary form, we are in as good a position as the Referrals Committee to make an assessment of it.

The evidence from the IHRB can be summarised as consisting of Dr Hillyer's report and media articles concerning Mr Comer and the discovery of the equine remains on the property. When we speak of media articles or reports, we include the social media material

which was included. There was also photographic evidence relating to the property and the discovery of the horse carcasses. A consideration of this evidentiary material demonstrates that (as is clear from a fair reading of the Charging Decision) the case made by the IHRB was that by being prosecuted and pleading guilty before the District Court with the consequent adverse publicity, Mr Comer was in breach of the Rules.

There was no allegation on evidence that Mr Comer had ever been the owner, or the person charged with responsibility for the horses when alive, or that he knew or ought to have known that there were horse remains on his property. Neither was there any allegation that he did not have an appropriate system in place to dispose of horse remains in an appropriate way or of any breach by him of any welfare obligations to the horses.

Mr Comer's documentary evidence can be summarised as demonstrating the remote location where the remains were found and the density of the surrounding forest. He also produced evidence demonstrating the appropriate disposal of deceased horses on his property and he exhibited statements given by Dr Hillyer and Mr Devlin in relation to the District Court prosecution confirming that there were no animal welfare issues involved. He also produced statements from two veterinary surgeons and his yard manager as to the high standards observed concerning the welfare of horses.

The system of disposal of horse carcasses was documented by reference to an arrangement with the Ward Union Hunt and testimonials in that regard.

The legal submissions made to the Referrals Committee by both sides dealt with a variety of issues, including the charge laid against Mr Comer and his plea to it, an identification of what he was and was not charged with, a commentary on the evidence, the media and social media reportage, the personal circumstances of Mr Comer and penalty.

The Referrals Committee Decision

The decision expressly stated that it was only necessary to deal with the background to the case in summary form, given the agreed approach of the parties, that the breach of the Rules was accepted and consequently it was the question of an appropriate sanction that fell to be considered. There was then an accurate summary of the events giving rise to the inspection of the Ginnets Estate premises, horse remains being found there, the prosecution brought against Mr Comer, his cooperation with the DAFM, his plea and the fact that no convictions were recorded and all charges struck out on payment of the €20,000 to the ISPCA.

It then recited the two charges under Rules 272 and 273. It recorded that Mr Comer accepted that the remains were found on the estate, that he had responsibility for that, but denied in the strongest possible terms that he was responsible for bringing the remains onto the estate. The Referrals Committee recorded that he maintained that he always ensured that fallen animals were properly disposed of and produced evidence from the Ward Union Hunt in that regard. It also recited that Mr Comer pointed out that no other issues were raised regarding horse welfare.

It recorded that Mr Comer was deeply remorseful that the event occurred as it had damaged him, his family business and impacted on the interests of horse racing in Ireland for which he has a great passion. It noted that Mr Comer's working life is devoted to working within horse racing in Ireland and that he had accepted responsibility for the finding of skeletal remains on his property and the ensuing investigation and that a sanction had to be imposed as a result of the breach of the Rules.

The Referrals Committee then indicated that as a breach of the Rules was established without objection it had to apply a proportionate penalty taking into account the aggravating and mitigating factors. It recorded that the IHRB asked for the imposition of a suspension of one year and a fine on each charge. Mr Comer had made a suggestion in relation to a donation to an animal welfare charity but opposed any suspension being applied.

It is the next part of the decision of the Referrals Committee to which Mr Comer takes particular exception. This is what it said:

"In terms of the outcome of having considered all of the evidence before us, we say this: Clearly the discovery of horse carcasses is unacceptable and offends good training practice and damages the integrity of racing. We understand that the failings are of some vintage and are in the context of a large farm and may have been contributed to by others working on the property at the time. Nonetheless, the trainer is ultimately responsible, as we think Mr Comer knows and acknowledges. In particular, out of a cohort of some seventy horses or so on the premises, we find it hard to understand how Mr Comer would not notice many horses were missing and then discovered in the inspection. Overall, we find that there was significant carelessness regarding this matter. This does involve horse welfare and proper disposal of carcasses. Even on the basis of Mr Comer's case that there was no malign intention, this offending was by way of significant omissions, which breaches trainers' obligations. Such conduct seriously damages the good reputation and racing and undermines public confidence in horse welfare standards within the industry.

So, we consider this is a significant breach of Rule 272(i). Sanction under that Rule we think is sufficient to deal with all of the off ending and we don't need to consider the other Rule 273(xiii), which overlaps. We consider that a fine is insufficient to deal with this charge and withdrawal of licence and suspension from holding a licence for a period is the only proper outcome to reflect the seriousness of the charge. Had Mr Comer not shown remorse and accepted the charge, the sanction would have been greater. But having considered his position and the mitigation he has offered and the testimonials which we have considered, we consider that an immediate withdrawal and suspension from holding a licence for one year is appropriate. After the expiry of that period, it will be for the Licensing Committee to consider any future application.

In addition, on a positive note, we are content not to impose a fine if Mr Comer contributes €10,000 each year for two years to Treo Eile, a horse welfare charity, as he has volunteered." (Extracted from the transcript of the decision)

Analysis

We have carefully considered this part of the decision of the Referrals Committee in the light of case made by the IHRB against Mr Comer and the evidence placed before it. The evidence is precisely the same as that placed before us and is all documentary in nature. The Referrals Committee says that out of a cohort of some 70 horses or so on the premises, it found it hard to understand how Mr Comer could not notice many horses were missing and then discovered in the inspection. It follows from this that the Referrals Committee must have concluded that the dead horses, when alive, belonged to, or were under the control of Mr Comer. There is no evidential basis to support that contention, nor was it ever alleged by the IHRB. The identity and ownership of the horses was at all times unknown. The Referrals Committee then made a finding of, "significant carelessness regarding this matter". We are unable to find any evidence to support that finding, nor did the IHRB accuse Mr Comer of acting in a careless manner.

The Referrals Committee then went on to say: "This does involve horse welfare and proper disposal of carcasses".

Again, there was no evidence led, or allegation made that Mr Comer was guilty of any breach of horse welfare or that he had improperly disposed of carcasses. Such a finding presupposes that Mr Comer either owned or was responsible for the dead horses.

In fact, on the evidence, both from two veterinary surgeons and an employee, Mr Comer operated his premises with no welfare issues and both Dr Hillyer and Mr Devlin identified no horse welfare issues either. Insofar as the disposal of dead horses were concerned, there was a proper system of disposal in place.

The Referrals Committee then went on to say that even on the basis of Mr Comer's case that there was no malign intention, the offending was by way of significant omissions, which breaches trainers' obligations. We can find no evidence in support of that.

These findings were outside the scope of the case alleged against Mr Comer by the IHRB and the evidence in support of that case. We now turn to a consideration of the consequences of our findings in this regard.

Consequences

Ms Traynor, on behalf of the IHRB, has urged us to view these findings of the Referrals Committee to which exception is taken as being the equivalent of obiter dicta in a judgment deciding a legal question. She contends that the statements do not go to the heart of the decision and are by way of comment.

We are unable to view these findings of the Referrals Committee in that light. It appears to us that they play an important part in its decision. However, having regard to the way in which the decision of the Referrals Committee is structured, these findings were directed at the question of penalty rather than liability.

Whilst Mr Comer has invited us to set aside the determination of the Referrals Committee on liability and penalty, his counsel readily acknowledged a difficulty in setting aside the liability finding given his guilty plea. The finding of a breach of Rule 272(i) must stand having regard to that guilty plea but it must be understood in the context of the charge levelled and the evidence led which did not include the

matters referred to by the Referrals Committee on which we have made the above findings. It is therefore a finding of guilt on a much more limited basis than that found by the Referrals Committee.

Before turning to the question of sanction, we should say that we entirely agree with the Referrals Committee and the approach which it took concerning the Rule 273(xiii) alleged infringement. There is considerable overlap between the two Rules and the Referrals Committee was right in taking the view that it did not need to consider it in the light of a guilty plea in respect of Rule 272(i). In any event, there is no cross appeal on the part of the IHRB seeking to disturb that decision of the Referrals Committee.

Penalty

We are of the view that in fashioning the penalty which it did, the Referrals Committee improperly took into account the matters addressed in its decision to which exception has been correctly taken.

Had the IHRB alleged that Mr Comer was guilty of those matters and produced evidence in support of the allegations, then the penalty fixed by the Referrals Committee could not be criticised. But it did not do so.

We are satisfied that there was an error in principle made by the Referrals Committee in fixing the penalty since it took into account wrongdoing which had been neither alleged nor supported with evidence. We therefore allow the appeal and set aside that part of the decision of the Referrals Committee. The breach of Rule 272(i) by Mr Comer is substantially less serious than that found by the Referrals Committee.

We must now fashion a penalty which takes into account;

1. The preservation of the integrity, proper conduct and good reputation of horse racing;
2. The prevention of conduct or behaviour prejudicial to those;
3. The punishment of the wrongdoer;
4. The discouragement of others who might be tempted to emulate the behaviour of the wrongdoer;

We must fix a penalty which is proportionate and appropriate in all the circumstances and those circumstances include a consideration of mitigating and aggravating factors.

Taking all these factors into account, we are of opinion that a financial penalty simpliciter would be insufficient. We are of the view that a headline penalty of withdrawal of Mr Comer's licence for a period of three months is appropriate. We then have to consider aggravating and mitigating factors. We are unable to discern any aggravating factors, but there are numerous mitigating factors. Mr Comer cooperated fully with the searches of the premises. Having been charged with the offences in the District Court under the relevant regulations, there was a plea of guilty which was satisfactory to the prosecutor, The Minister for Agriculture. This resulted in the District Judge striking out the proceedings. Mr Comer made a substantial contribution to the ISPCA. He at all times accepted that the fact that he appeared in the District Court in such circumstances giving rise to the attendant adverse publicity constituted conduct or behaviour on his part which was in breach of Rule 272(i).

When charged by the IHRB he again pleaded guilty, thus shortening considerably the cost and expense of a hearing before the Referrals Committee.

In addition, as is correctly said by the Referrals Committee, Mr Comer, "is deeply remorseful that this event occurred, as it has damaged himself, his family business and impacted on the interests of horse racing in Ireland, for which he has a great passion."

In these circumstances, we are satisfied that it would be unjust and disproportionate for the withdrawal of Mr Comer's licence to take effect and so we suspend it for a period of 12 months. If during that 12 months Mr Comer is guilty of a breach of any of the Rules then the withdrawal of his licence will take effect.

The Referrals Committee indicated that it would not impose a fine if Mr Comer made a contribution of €10,000 each year to a horse welfare charity.

The Rules provide for, inter alia, the imposition of a fine in respect of a Rule breach. We are of the opinion that if a monetary penalty is appropriate that is the sanction that ought to be applied. We do not think it desirable that a regulatory body should, in enforcing its regime, go outside what is provided for in the Rules by way of sanction.

We believe that in addition to suspended withdrawal of the licence it is appropriate that a monetary penalty be fixed by way of fine and accordingly we impose a fine of €15,000 on Mr Comer payable to the IHRB.

Result

- In the light of Mr Comer's plea of guilty, the decision of the Referrals Committee that he was in breach of Rule 272(i) is affirmed. However, that finding must be understood in the light of what is said in this decision.
- The decision of the Referrals Committee on penalty is set aside. In lieu thereof, the following is ordered.
 - Mr Comer's Restricted Trainer's licence should be withdrawn for a period of 3 months, commencing on the 1st of December 2024. He is in addition fined a sum of €15,000.
 - The withdrawal of his licence will be suspended in full on condition that he (a) pays the €15,000 fine before 1 of December 2024 and (b) that for a period of 12 months commencing on the 1st of December 2024 is not guilty of any breach or breaches of the Rules.
- In the light of our finding it follows that the IHRB cross appeal seeking to have the penalty imposed by the Referrals Committee increased is dismissed.

The appeal was presented by Mr Remy Farrell SC and Mr David Geoghegan BL instructed by Mr Andrew Turner, Hamilton Turner Solicitors and Mr Ronan Cunningham, Hamilton Turner Solicitors on behalf of Mr Comer. The IHRB was represented by Ms Christine Traynor BL, IHRB Head of Racing Regulation and Integrity.

Appeal

The Appeals Body, Mr Robert Dore (Chairman), Mr Nick Wachman and Mr Noel McCaffrey convened at Offices of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board on Tuesday, 5 November to consider the appeal of Brian Hayes (Rider) against the decision of the Raceday Stewards at Wexford on 28 October 2024.

On the day, following the running of the RacingTV Maiden Hurdle, the Raceday Stewards found Mr Hayes, rider of One Big Boum, in breach of Rule 214, in that he had ridden improperly and having considered his regard in this regard, they suspended him for seven racedays.

The grounds of appeal lodged by Mr Hayes were that the Raceday Stewards on the day erred in their decision.

At the appeal hearing, submissions were heard by Mr Andrew Coonan, solicitor, on behalf of Mr Hayes. The Appeals Body also watched a recording of the race. Submissions were made by Mr Coonan, on behalf of Mr Hayes who accepted he was in breach of Rule 214 for careless riding, and the Appeals Body having heard the submissions, allowed the appeal relating to improper riding, and found Mr Hayes in breach of Rule 214 in that he had ridden carelessly. Having considered his record in this regard, the Appeals Body suspended Mr Hayes for two racedays. The Appeals Body ordered that Mr Hayes' deposit be returned.

The appeal was presented by Mr Andrew Coonan on behalf of Mr Hayes. The IHRB was represented by Mr Paul Deegan, IHRB Stipendiary Steward and Ms Clíodhna Guy, IHRB Head of Governance and Legal.

Suspension Dates: 12 and 14 November

Appeal

The Appeals Body, Mr Nick Wachman (Chairman), Mr Jack Reardan and Mr John Murphy convened at Offices of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board on Tuesday, 29 October to consider the appeal of Ronan Whelan (Rider) against the decision of the Raceday Stewards at Dundalk on 18 October 2024.

On the day, following the running of the William Hill Top Price Guarantee Handicap, the Raceday Stewards found Mr Whelan, rider of Ateenosix, in breach of Rule 214, in that he had ridden carelessly and having considered his record in this regard, they suspended him for four racedays.

The grounds of appeal lodged by Mr Whelan were that the Raceday Stewards on the day erred in their decision.

At the appeal hearing, evidence was heard from Mr Whelan. The Appeals Body also watched a recording of the race.

In his evidence, Mr Whelan stated that he was traveling well on the turn into the home straight and there was a substantial gap on his outside, which he felt he was entitled to go for. Mr Whelan explained that his mount started to lug left and the horses on his inside came out from the bend. Mr Whelan also stated that he was already committed to going into the gap and he could have clipped a heel if he had not moved into it. Mr Whelan accepted that an incident occurred and that he made contact with the horse on his outside, however he felt that there was mitigating factors that caused it and therefore he was not the cause of the incident.

Having considered the evidence, the Appeals Body allowed the appeal.

The appeal was presented by Mr Whelan. The IHRB was represented by Mr Andrew Ring, IHRB Stipendiary Steward.

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

Tuesday 19th November

Punchestown, Saturday 23rd November

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

Unibet Morgiana Hurdle (Race 359F)

Punchestown, Sunday 24th November

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

John Durkan Memorial Punchestown Steeplechase (Race 360E)

Closing 12 Noon

Tuesday 26th November

Fairyhouse, Sunday 1st December

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

Bar One Racing Drinmore Novice Steeplechase (Race 367E)

Bar One Racing Hatton's Grace Hurdle (Race 367F)

Declaration of Forfeit

Bar One Racing Handicap Hurdle (Race 367G)

CORRECTIONS AND LATE**ALTERATIONS TO RACE****PROGRAMMES****GOWRAN PARK**

SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 347

G. The Pat Carroll's Pub Kilkenny Mares Handicap Hurdle of €10,500 (Rated 80-95)

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

About 2 miles 3 furlongs 180 yards

(See page 1053 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 10th October, 2024 issue)

NAAS

SUNDAY, 10th NOVEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 348

E. The Brown Lad Handicap Hurdle of €45,000

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

About 2 miles 4 furlongs

(See page 1054 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 10th October, 2024 issue)

PUNCHESTOWN

FRIDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 351

C. The PuncHESTOWN 3-Y-O Hurdle of €13,500

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

C. The €50,000 BetVictor Graduation Bonus Series 3-Y-O Hurdle of €14,000
(Generously sponsored by BetVictor)**D. The PuncHESTOWN Christmas Gifts Are Best Maiden Hurdle of €12,000**

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

D. The €50,000 BetVictor Graduation Bonus Series Maiden Hurdle of €12,500
(Generously sponsored by BetVictor)

(See page 1074 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 17th October, 2024 issue)

PUNCHESTOWN

FRIDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 351

A. The PuncHESTOWN Premiere Weekend Is Next Handicap Steeplechase of €10,000 (Rated 0-102)

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

About 3 miles 70 yards**B. The Festival 2025 Tickets On Sale Now Rated Novice Steeplechase of €14,500**

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

About 2 miles 136 yards**C. The €50,000 BetVictor Graduation Bonus Series 3-Y-O Hurdle of €14,000****D. The €50,000 BetVictor Graduation Bonus Series Maiden Hurdle of €12,500****E. The Festival Flexi Ticket Is Back Handicap Hurdle of €11,000**

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

About 1 mile 7 furlongs 110 yards**F. The Connolly's RED MILLS Irish EBF Auction Maiden Hurdle of €20,000****G. The See You On 23rd & 24th November Handicap Hurdle of €10,000 (Rated 80-102)**

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

About 2 miles 4 furlongs 51 yards

(See page 1074 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 17th October, 2024 issue)

NAVAN

SATURDAY, 16th NOVEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 353

A. The Kilberry Pub & Kitchen Maiden Hurdle of €15,000**B. The Lisadell Equine Hospital Handicap Hurdle of €15,000 (Rated 80-116)****E. The Railway Bar Lismullen Hurdle of €50,000**

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

About 2 miles 4 furlongs 50 yards**C. The Hotel Park St. Johann In Tirol Austria Handicap Hurdle of €16,500 (Rated 80-130)****D. The Bar One Racing For Auction Novice Hurdle of €35,000****H. The Bar One Racing 'Guaranteed Overnight Prices' (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 50 yards**F. The Bar One Racing Fortria Steeplechase of €50,000**

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

About 2 miles

(See page 1077 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 17th October, 2024 issue)

NAVAN

SUNDAY, 17th NOVEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 354

A. The Bar One Racing 'Price Boosts Across All Channels' 3-Y-O Maiden Hurdle of €15,000

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

About 2 miles**E. The Bar One Racing 'Bet €10 Get €50 Sign Up Offer' Tara Handicap Hurdle of €45,000 (Rated 80-130)**

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

About 2 miles 6 furlongs 100 yards**F. The Bar One Racing Troytown Handicap Steeplechase of €100,000**

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

About 3 miles 50 yards**G. The Race And Stay Irish EBF Beginners Steeplechase of €15,500**

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

About 2 miles 4 furlongs 150 yards

(See page 1079 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 17th October, 2024 issue)

DUNDALK

WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER, 2024

Meeting No. 369

E. The Book Online At DundalkStadium.com Handicap of €11,000

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

An extended handicap for three years old and upwards (75 = 10st)

(See page 1137 of the Irish Racing Calendar, 7th November, 2024 issue)

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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

MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER

ASCOT

**Howdens Christmas Racing Meeting, 2024
Second Day - Saturday, December 21st**

Weights published December 11th
Confirmation of Entry must be made by noon December 16th
Declarations to run must be made by 10 a.m. December 19th



48 HOUR DECLARATION

35461

The Betfair Exchange Trophy Handicap Hurdle

(Premier Handicap)

Total prize fund £125,000

Distributed in accordance with Stakes and Prize Money Code

For four yrs old and upwards

About Two miles

£205 to enter, £420 extra if entry confirmed
Penalties, after December 8th 2024:

Winner of a hurdle race.....5lb
(No penalty to increase a horse's weight above 12st)

The British Horseracing Authority has modified paragraph 6 of the Weights and Handicapping Code for the purposes of this race, such that racecourse performances up to and including Sunday after closing, may be taken into account.

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

CLOSING BY 12 NOON**MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER****ASCOT**

Howdens Christmas Racing Meeting, 2024
Second Day - Saturday, December 21st

Weights published December 11th

Confirmation of Entry must be made
by noon December 16th

Declarations to run must be made
by 10.00 a.m. December 19th

**48 HOUR DECLARATION**

35462

**The Howden Silver Cup Handicap
Steeplechase**

(Premier Handicap)

(Total prize fund £100,000)

Distributed in accordance with Stakes and
Prize Money Code

For four yrs old and upwards

About Three miles

£125 stake

£375 extra if entry confirmed

Penalties: after December 8th 2024, a winner of
a steeplechase.....5lb

(No penalty to increase a horse's weight above
12st)

PLEASE NOTE: A novice horse shall only be
qualified to run in this race if it has run a
minimum of three times in steeplechases in
Great Britain, Ireland or France ~~in accordance~~

~~with Rule~~ in accordance with paragraph 15 of
the ~~W~~weights and Handicapping code

Ascot Racecourse will pay a £10,000 Bonus to
the owner of the winner if the horse was placed
in the first four places in The Guinness Kerry
National Handicap Steeplechase in 2024.

The British Horseracing Authority has
modified paragraph 6 of the Weights and
Handicapping Code for the purposes of this
race, such that racecourse performances up
to and including the Sunday after Closing,
may be taken into account.

CLOSING BY 12 NOON**THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER****CHELTENHAM**

The International Meeting, 2024
First Day - Friday, December 13th

Declarations to run must be made
by 10 a.m. December 11th

**48 HOUR DECLARATION**

35281

**The Southam Handicap Steeplechase
(Premier Handicap)**

(Total prize fund £100,000)

Distributed in accordance with Stakes and Prize
Money Code

For four yrs old and upwards

Three miles about two 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 November 30th 2024,

a winner of a steeplechase.....5lb

(No penalty to increase a horse's weight above
12st)

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

CLOSING BY 12 NOON**MONDAY 9th DECEMBER****CHELTENHAM**

New Year Meeting, 2025
(New Course)

Wednesday, January 1st

Confirmation of Entry must be made
by noon December 26th 2024

Declarations to run must be made
by 10 a.m. December 30th 2024

48 HOUR DECLARATION

20021

**The Paddy Power New Year's Day 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

£150 to enter, £350 extra if entry confirmed

Penalties, after December 15th, 2024:

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.

CLOSING BY 12 NOON

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER

ASCOT

Howdens Christmas Racing Meeting, 2024
Second Day - Saturday, December 21st

Declarations to run must be made
by 10.00 a.m. December 19th



48 HOUR DECLARATION

35463

The Howden Long Walk Hurdle Race
(Grade 1)

(Total prize fund £125,000)

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.**

Three miles and about half a furlong
£625 to enter

Weights: 4-y-o.....11st 6lb
5-y-o and upwards.....11st 7lb
Fillies and mares allowed.....7lb

**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

PUNCHESTOWN

Meeting No. 373

TUESDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 2024

**CLOSING 12 NOON
THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER**

Handicaps calculated 5th December
Rating Qualification 12pm 2nd December
Declarations to run must be made by 10am
Sunday 8th December

Manager.....Mr. Conor O'Neill
Clerk of the Course Mr. B. Sheridan
Clerk of the Scales Mr. D. Maher
Starter..... Mr. P.L. Malone
Judge.....Mr. A.L. McKeever
Handicappers..... Mr.A.Shaw
.....Mr.S.Quinn

**48 HOUR DECLARATIONS FOR
ALL RACES**

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

Maximum Stable Capacity: 127

**Telephone 045-897704, Fax 045-897319
(available at all times)**

A 12:20 PM**The Punchestown Christmas Gifts Rated Novice Steeplechase of €16,500**

Winner will receive €9,900
(Penalty Value: €9,735)
Second will receive €3,300
Third will receive €1,650
Fourth will receive €825
Fifth will receive €495
Sixth will receive €330

A novice steeplechase for four years old and upwards which at entry are rated 135 or less (also open to horses that at entry are rated 135 or less in hurdle races)

About 2 miles 43 yards

€148.50 to enter, €16.50 extra if declared to run
Weights: 4-y-o.....10st 13lbs
5-y-o and up 11st 5lbs

Penalties -

Winner of a steeplechase..... 4lb extra
Of two steeplechases..... 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 135 or less at time of entry.

Horses which, at entry, have not run in three or more hurdle races and/or do not have a published hurdle rating may enter and run at the discretion of the handicapper provided their hurdle rating is 135 or less at time of entry. However hurdle ratings and performances will only be considered after steeplechase ratings and performances.

B 12:50 PM**The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Beginners Steeplechase of €15,500**

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

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

A steeplechase for four years old and upwards that have not won a steeplechase that are EBF eligible

About 2 miles 7 furlongs 150 yards

€139.50 to enter, €15.50 extra if declared to run
Weights: 4-y-o..... 11st 4lbs
5-y-o and up 11st 12lbs
Mares allowed 7lbs

C 1:20 PM**The Punchestown Festival 2025 Tickets On Sale Maiden Hurdle of €12,500**

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 hurdle for five years old and upwards, maidens at starting

About 2 miles 3 furlongs 56 yards

€112.50 to enter, €12.50 extra if declared to run
Weights: 11st 12lbs
Mares allowed..... 7lbs

D 1:50 PM**The Buy Your Punchestown Christmas Gift Mares Novice Hurdle of €24,000 (Listed Race)**

(Registered as the Voler La Vedette Mares Novice Hurdle)

Winner will receive €14,400
(Penalty Value: €14,160)
Second will receive €4,800
Third will receive €2,400
Fourth will receive €1,200
Fifth will receive €720
Sixth will receive €480

A novice hurdle for four years old and upwards mares only

About 2 miles 3 furlongs 56 yards

€216 to enter, €24 extra if declared to run
Weights: 10st 11lbs

Penalties (handicaps excluded) -

Winner of two hurdle races..... 4lb extra
Of a Listed or Grade 3 hurdle race 7lb extra
Of a Grade 2 hurdle race 10lb extra
Of a Grade 1 hurdle race 12lb extra

E 2:20 PM**The Irish 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 under any Rules of Racing as a two or three yr old

About 2 miles

€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 2:50 PM**The Members Club 2025 Hurdle of €14,000**

Winner will receive €8,400
(Penalty Value: €8,260)
Second will receive €2,800
Third will receive €1,400
Fourth will receive €700
Fifth will receive €420
Sixth will receive €280

A hurdle for four years old and upwards that have not won more than one hurdle race

About 2 miles 170 yards

€126 to enter, €14 extra if declared to run
Weights: 11st 6lbs
Mares allowed 7lbs

Penalty -

Winner of a hurdle race 6lb extra
Allowance -

Horses that have not won a hurdle race before 1st February, 2024 allowed 3lb

G 3:20 PM

The See You On New Years Eve Handicap Hurdle of €10,500 (Rated 80-102)

Winner will receive €6,300
(Penalty Value: €6,195)
Second will receive €2,100
Third will receive €1,050
Fourth will receive €525
Fifth will receive €315
Sixth will receive €210

An extended handicap hurdle for four years old and upwards rated 80-102

About 2 miles 7 furlongs 194 yards

€94.50 to enter, €10.50 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.

Under the Rules of Racing

DUNDALK

(A.W.T.)

Meeting No. 374

WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 2024

CLOSING 12 NOON THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER

Handicaps calculated..... 5th December
Rating Qualification 12pm 2nd December
Declarations to run must be made by 10am
Monday 9th December

Manager Mr. Jim Martin
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.G.O'Gorman
..... Mr.Mark Bird

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 4:00 PM

The Dundalk Stadium Gift Vouchers Available Online Maiden 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

For three years old and upwards, maidens at starting

About 5 furlongs

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

Weights: 9st 8lbs

Fillies allowed 5lbs

B 4:30 PM

The Christmas Party Nights At Dundalk Stadium 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 three years old and upwards to be claimed for €15,000 or less (Minimum claiming price €5,000)

About 1 mile 4 furlongs

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

Weights: 3-y-o 9st 13lbs
4-y-o and up 10st 2lbs

Allowances -

for each €1,000 below the maximum
claiming price of €15,000 2lb

Claiming prices must be stipulated at time of entry

C 5:00 PM

The Irishinjuredjockeys.com Nursery Handicap of €10,500

Winner will receive €6,300
(Penalty Value: €6,195)
Second will receive €2,100
Third will receive €1,050
Fourth will receive €525
Fifth will receive €315
Sixth will receive €210

An extended handicap for two years old only

(70 = 9st 12lbs)

About 6 furlongs

€94.50 to enter, €10.50 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



D 5:30 PM

The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Maiden of €18,000

(Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF (€6,000))

- Winner will receive €10,800 (Penalty Value: €10,620)
- Second will receive €3,600
- Third will receive €1,800
- Fourth will receive €900
- Fifth will receive €540
- Sixth will receive €360

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

About 7 furlongs

€162 to enter, €18 extra if declared to run

Weights: 9st 7lbs

Fillies allowed 5lbs

E 6:00 PM

The Book Online At DundalkStadium.com 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 7 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.

Riders: Confined to Riders who have not ridden more than 15 winners under any N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing from 18th March, 2024 to 7th December, 2024 inclusive.

F 6:30 PM

The Happy Christmas From All 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 1 mile 2 furlongs 150 yards

€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.

Under the Rules of Racing

DUNDALK

(A.W.T.)

Meeting No. 375

FRIDAY, 13th DECEMBER, 2024

(Evening Meeting)

CLOSING 12 NOON MONDAY 9th DECEMBER

Handicaps calculated..... 9th December
 Rating Qualification 12pm 2nd December
 Declarations to run must be made by 10am
 Wednesday 11th December

Manager Mr. Jim Martin
 Clerk of the Course Mr. B. Sheridan
 Clerk of the Scales Ms. P. Hassett
 Starter Mr. J.R. Banahan
 Judge Mr. D. Cullen
 Handicappers Mr.G.O'Gorman
 Mr.Mark Bird

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 5:30 PM

The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Race of €22,000

(Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF (€5,000))

- Winner will receive €13,200 (Penalty Value: €12,980)
- Second will receive €4,400
- Third will receive €2,200
- Fourth will receive €1,100
- Fifth will receive €660
- Sixth will receive €440

For two years old only that are EBF eligible that have not won more than one weight-for-age race

About 5 furlongs

€198 to enter, €22 extra if declared to run

Weights: 9st 5lbs

Fillies allowed 5lbs

Penalty -

Winner of a race..... 5lb extra



B 6:00 PM

The Irish EBF Median Sires Series Fillies Maiden of €25,000 (Median Auction Race)

(Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF (€11,000))

- Winner will receive €15,000 (Penalty Value: €14,750)
- Second will receive €5,000
- Third will receive €2,500
- Fourth will receive €1,250
- Fifth will receive €750
- Sixth will receive €500

For two years old fillies only, maidens at starting that are EBF eligible and whose sire established one or more yearling sales in the relevant year with a median price of not more than €60,000

About 7 furlongs

€225 to enter, €25 extra if declared to run

Weights: 9st 3lbs

Allowances - (which are not cumulative)

If median price established by the sire is not more than €48,000 allowed2lb

If median price established by the sire is not more than €36,000 allowed4lb

If median price established by the sire is not more than €24,000 allowed6lb

If median price established by the sire is not more than €12,000 allowed8lb

C 6:30 PM

The Irishinjuredjockeys.com Maiden of €13,000

- Winner will receive €7,800 (Penalty Value: €7,670)
- Second will receive €2,600
- Third will receive €1,300
- Fourth will receive €650
- Fifth will receive €390
- Sixth will receive €260

For three years old and upwards, maidens at starting

About 7 furlongs

€117 to enter, €13 extra if declared to run

Weights: 9st 8lbs

Fillies allowed.....5lbs

D 7:00 PM

The Christmas Party Nights At Dundalk Stadium Apprentice Handicap of €10,500 (Rated 47-65)

Winner will receive €6,300
(Penalty Value: €6,195)
Second will receive €2,100
Third will receive €1,050
Fourth will receive €525
Fifth will receive €315
Sixth will receive €210

An extended handicap for three years old and upwards rated 47-65

About 1 mile

€94.50 to enter, €10.50 extra if declared to run
Penalties - (after calculation of the handicap)
A winner shall carry 7lb extra for each race won.

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 5lb allowance (65 winners)

Allowances - (up to and including 9th December and which are not cumulative)
Apprentices who have not ridden
10 *winners allowed.....7lb
Apprentices who have not ridden
20 *winners allowed.....4lb
Apprentices who have not ridden
30 *winners allowed.....2lb
*Including races under any N.H. Rules

E 7:30 PM

The Dundalk Stadium Gift Vouchers Available Online Handicap of €16,500

Winner will receive €9,900
(Penalty Value: €9,735)
Second will receive €3,300
Third will receive €1,650
Fourth will receive €825
Fifth will receive €495
Sixth will receive €330

An extended handicap for three years old and upwards

(90 = 10st)

About 6 furlongs

€148.50 to enter, €16.50 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

F 8:00 PM

The William Hill Top Price Guarantee Handicap of €10,500 (Rated 47-65)

(Generously sponsored by William Hill)

Winner will receive €6,300
(Penalty Value: €6,195)
Second will receive €2,100
Third will receive €1,050
Fourth will receive €525
Fifth will receive €315
Sixth will receive €210

An extended handicap for three years old and upwards rated 47-65

About 6 furlongs

€94.50 to enter, €10.50 extra if declared to run
Penalties - (after calculation of the handicap)
A winner shall carry 7lb extra for each race won.

G 8:30 PM

The Happy Christmas From All At Dundalk Stadium 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 and upwards

(75 = 10st)

About 1 mile 4 furlongs

€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

Under the I.N.H.S. Rules

FAIRYHOUSE

(Inside Track)

Meeting No. 376

SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 2024

**CLOSING 12 NOON
TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER**

Handicaps calculated 10th December
Rating Qualification 12pm 9th December
Declarations to run must be made by 10am
Thursday 12th December

Manager.....Mr. Peter Roe
Clerk of the Course Mr. B. Sheridan
Clerk of the Scales..... Mr. A. Ring
Starter..... Mr. J.R. Banahan
Judge.....Mr. A.L. McKeever
Handicappers..... Mr.A.Shaw
.....Mr.S.Quinn

48 HOUR DECLARATIONS FOR ALL RACES

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

**Maximum Stable Capacity: 130
New Easyfix traditional style
hurdles will be used in all hurdle
races at this meeting.**

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



A 12:00 PM

The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Beginners Steeplechase of €15,000

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

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

A steeplechase for four years old and upwards that have not won a steeplechase that are EBF eligible

About 2 miles 110 yards

€135 to enter, €15 extra if declared to run
Weights: 4-y-o 11st 6lbs
5-y-o and up..... 11st 12lbs
Mares allowed..... 7lbs

B 12:30 PM**The McInerney Properties Rated Novice Steeplechase of €22,500**

(Generously sponsored by McInerney Properties)

Winner will receive €13,500
(Penalty Value: €13,275)
Second will receive €4,500
Third will receive €2,250
Fourth will receive €1,125
Fifth will receive €675
Sixth will receive €450

A novice steeplechase for four years old and upwards which at entry are rated 140 or less (also open to horses which at entry are rated 140 or less in hurdle races)

About 2 miles 5 furlongs

€202.50 to enter, €22.50 extra if declared to run
Weights: 4-y-o.....10st 9lbs
5-y-o and up11st 3lbs
Penalties -

Winner of a steeplechase..... 4lb extra
Of two steeplechases..... 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 140 or less at time of entry.

Horses which, at entry, have not run in three or more hurdle races and/or do not have a published hurdle rating may enter and run at the discretion of the handicapper provided their hurdle rating is 140 or less at time of entry. However hurdle ratings and performances will only be considered after steeplechase ratings and performances.

C 1:02 PM**The Stars Of Tomorrow 3-Y-O 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 three years old only, maidens at starting

About 2 miles 30 yards

€90 to enter, €10 extra if declared to run
Weights: 11st
Fillies allowed 7lbs

D 1:37 PM**The Tote Always SP Or Better @Fairyhouse Novice Handicap Hurdle of €12,000 (Rated 80-109)**

(Generously sponsored by Tote Ireland)
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

An extended handicap hurdle for four years old and upwards rated 80-109 that have not won a hurdle race before 5th May 2024 About 2 miles 30 yards

€108 to enter, €12 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 2:12 PM**The Lacey's Plumbing & Heating Supplies Maiden Hurdle of €11,000**

(Generously sponsored by Lacey's Plumbing & Heating Supplies)
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

A hurdle for four years old and upwards, maidens at starting

About 2 miles 7 furlongs 52 yards

€99 to enter, €11 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

F 2:47 PM**The Happy Christmas From All @Fairyhouse Handicap Hurdle of €10,000 (Rated 80-102)**

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 80-102

About 2 miles 4 furlongs

€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.

G 3:22 PM**The Irish Stallion Farms EBF 4-Y-O Fillies Flat Race of €11,000**

(Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF (€1,000))

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

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

An I.N.H. flat race for four years old fillies only that have not won a race under any N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing that are EBF eligible

About 2 miles 30 yards

€99 to enter, €11 extra if declared to run
Weights: 11st 5lbs

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

(The winning owner in this race will receive a €5,000 bonus (€7,500 bonus if Irish bred) should the winning filly be eligible for the Weatherbys Ireland/I.T.B.A. N.H. Fillies Bonus Scheme)

Under the I.N.H.S. Rules

NAVAN

Meeting No. 377

SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 2024

**CLOSING 12 NOON
TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER**

Handicaps calculated.....10th December
Rating Qualification 12pm.....9th December
Declarations to run must be made by 10am
Friday 13th December

ManagerMr. Ciaran Flynn
Clerk of the Course.....Mr. P.F. Graffin
Clerk of the Scales..... Mr. A. Ring
Starter..... Mr. J.R. Banahan
Judge.....Mr. A.L. McKeever
HandicappersMr.A.Shaw
.....Mr.S.Quinn

48 HOUR DECLARATIONS FOR ALL RACES

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

Maximum Stable Capacity: 136

Telephone 046-9021350, Fax 046-9023926
(available on racedays)

A 12:02 PM



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

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

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

An extended handicap hurdle for four years old and upwards rated 80-116 that are EBF eligible

About 2 miles

€180 to enter, €20 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.

B 12:35 PM



The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Handicap Hurdle of €20,000 (Rated 81-123)

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

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

An extended handicap hurdle for four years old and upwards rated 81-123 that are EBF eligible

About 2 miles 4 furlongs

€180 to enter, €20 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 1:10 PM



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

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

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

An extended handicap hurdle for four years old and upwards rated 80-116 that are EBF eligible

About 3 miles

€180 to enter, €20 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 1:45 PM



The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Handicap Steeplechase of €20,000 (Rated 0-123)

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

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

An extended handicap steeplechase for four years old and upwards rated 0-123 that are EBF eligible

About 2 miles

€180 to enter, €20 extra if declared to run
Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase after calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra for each steeplechase won.

E 2:20 PM



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

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

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

An extended handicap steeplechase for four years old and upwards rated 0-116 that are EBF eligible

About 2 miles 4 furlongs

€180 to enter, €20 extra if declared to run
Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase after calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra for each steeplechase won.



F 2:55 PM

The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Handicap Steeplechase of €20,000 (Rated 0-123)
(Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF (€3,000))

- 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

An extended handicap steeplechase for four years old and upwards rated 0-123 that are EBF eligible About 3 miles

€180 to enter, €20 extra if declared to run
Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase after calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra for each steeplechase won.



G 3:25 PM

The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Future Champions Flat Race of €25,000 (Listed Race)

(Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF (€2,500))

- Winner will receive €15,000 (Penalty Value: €14,750)
- Second will receive €5,000
- Third will receive €2,500
- Fourth will receive €1,250
- Fifth will receive €750
- Sixth will receive €500

An I.N.H. flat race for four, five, six and seven years old only that are EBF eligible that have not won a race, including races under any N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing, other than one, two or three I.N.H. Flat Races or N.H. Flat Races or a combination of such races About 2 miles

€225 to enter, €25 extra if declared to run
Weights: 11st 10lbs
Mares allowed 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

NAAS

Meeting No. 4

SUNDAY, 5th JANUARY, 2025

CLOSING 12 NOON WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER

Declarations to run must be made by 10am Friday 3rd January

Manager Mr. Aidan McGarry
Clerk of the Course Mr. B. Sheridan
Handicappers Mr.A.Shaw
..... 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)

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Supplementary Entries Close 12 noon on 30th December 2024

The Lawlor's Of Naas Novice Hurdle of €100,000 (Grade 1)

(Registered as the Slaney Novice Hurdle)
(Generously sponsored by Lawlor's of Naas Town Centre Hotel)

- 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

A novice hurdle for five years old and upwards

About 2 miles 4 furlongs 2 yards
€600 to enter on December 11th | €400 extra if forfeit not declared by December 30th | or €10,000 if entered by December 30th
Weights: 11st 12lbs
Mares allowed 7lbs

Under the I.N.H.S. Rules

NAAS

Meeting No. 378

MONDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 2024

CLOSING 12 NOON WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER

Handicaps calculated 11th December
Rating Qualification 12pm 9th December
Declarations to run must be made by 10am Saturday 14th December

Manager Mr. Aidan McGarry
Clerk of the Course Mr. B. Sheridan
Clerk of the Scales Mr. P.L. Malone
Starter Mr. D. Cullen
Judge Mr. D. Maher
Handicappers Mr.A.Shaw
..... Mr.S.Quinn

The hurdle races at this meeting will be run on the inner most hurdle line

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 12:30 PM

The Bar One Racing '100% Acca Boost On Self Service Terminals' Beginners Steeplechase of €13,000

(Generously sponsored by Bar One Racing)

- Winner will receive €7,800 (Penalty Value: €7,670)
- Second will receive €2,600
- Third will receive €1,300
- Fourth will receive €650
- Fifth will receive €390
- Sixth will receive €260

A steeplechase for four years old and upwards that have not won a steeplechase About 2 miles 4 furlongs 29 yards

€117 to enter, €13 extra if declared to run
Weights: 4-y-o 11st 4lbs
5-y-o and up 11st 12lbs
Mares allowed 7lbs

B 1:00 PM

The Kieron Gammel Naas Member Handicap Steeplechase of €10,000 (Rated 0-102)

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 four years old and upwards rated 0-102

About 2 miles

€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.

C 1:30 PM

The Sign Up To GavinLynchRacing.com Maiden Hurdle of €12,500

(Generously sponsored by Gavin Lynch Racing)

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 hurdle for four years old only, maidens at starting

About 2 miles 3 furlongs 7 yards

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

Weights: 11st 7lbs

Fillies allowed 7lbs

Not more than 20 runners will be permitted to run in this race

D 2:00 PM

The Bar One Racing 'Guaranteed Multiples All Shops' Maiden Hurdle of €12,500

(Generously sponsored by Bar One Racing)

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 hurdle for four 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 3 furlongs 7 yards

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

Weights: 11st 12lbs

Mares allowed..... 7lbs

Not more than 20 runners will be permitted to run in this race



E 2:30 PM

The Gener8 Engineering Mares Maiden Hurdle of €12,500

(Generously sponsored by Gener8 Engineering Ltd.)

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

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 hurdle for four years old and upwards mares only, maidens at starting

About 2 miles

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

Weights: 11st 7lbs

(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)

Not more than 20 runners will be permitted to run in this race

F 3:00 PM

The John Thomas McNamara Series (Q.R.) Handicap Hurdle of €10,500 (Rated 80-95)

(A race in the John Thomas McNamara Q.R. Series)

(Generously sponsored by the Irish Qualified Riders Association)

Winner will receive €6,300
 (Penalty Value: €6,195)
 Second will receive €2,100
 Third will receive €1,050
 Fourth will receive €525
 Fifth will receive €315
 Sixth will receive €210

An extended handicap hurdle for four years old and upwards rated 80-95

About 2 miles

€94.50 to enter, €10.50 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.

Top weight after the time of declaration shall not be less than 12st 4lbs and the minimum weight is 10st 7lbs

Riders: Confined to Qualified Riders under I.N.H.S. Rules who have not lost the right to claim the 7lb allowance under Rule 52.

Allowances - (which are not cumulative, up to and including 12th December)

Riders who have not ridden the winner of a *race allowed.....4lb

Those who have not ridden the winners of 5 *races allowed.....2lb

No allowance to riders under Rule 52 may be claimed

*Including races under any N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing

Not more than 20 runners will be permitted to run in this race

**G 3:30 PM**

**The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Auction
(Pro/Am) Flat Race of €15,000
(Public Auction Race)**

(Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF
(€2,500))

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

Winner will receive €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 I.N.H. flat race for four years old and
upwards that have not won a race under any
N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing 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 €30,000 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 €30,000 at
any time**

About 2 miles 170 yards

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

Weights: 12st

Mares allowed 7lbs

Allowances - (which are not cumulative)

If purchased for not more than €20,000

allowed 2lb

If purchased for not more than €10,000

allowed 4lb

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

(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)

**(The winning owner in this race will receive
a €5,000 bonus (€7,500 bonus if Irish bred)
should the winning filly be eligible for the
Weatherbys Ireland/I.T.B.A. N.H. Fillies
Bonus Scheme)**

Under the Rules of Racing

DUNDALK

(A.W.T.)

Meeting No. 379

WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER, 2024

(Evening Meeting)

**CLOSING 12 NOON
THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER**

Handicaps calculated 12th December
Rating Qualification 12pm 9th December
Declarations to run must be made by 10am
Monday 16th December

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. Mark Bird

**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 4:55 PM

**The Christmas Party Nights At Dundalk
Stadium Handicap of €10,500 (Rated 47-65)**

Winner will receive €6,300

(Penalty Value: €6,195)

Second will receive €2,100

Third will receive €1,050

Fourth will receive €525

Fifth will receive €315

Sixth will receive €210

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

About 5 furlongs

€94.50 to enter, €10.50 extra if declared to run

Penalties - (after calculation of the handicap)

A winner shall carry 7lb extra for each race

won.

B 5:25 PM

**The Book Online At DundalkStadium.com
Nursery Handicap 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

**An extended handicap for two years old
only**

(70 = 9st 12lbs)

About 7 furlongs

€99 to enter, €11 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

C 5:55 PM

**The Happy Christmas From All At Dundalk
Stadium Handicap of €21,000**

Winner will receive €12,600

(Penalty Value: €12,390)

Second will receive €4,200

Third will receive €2,100

Fourth will receive €1,050

Fifth will receive €630

Sixth will receive €420

**An extended handicap for three years old
and upwards**

(105 = 10st)

About 7 furlongs

€189 to enter, €21 extra if declared to run

Penalties - (after calculation of the handicap)

A winner shall carry 7lb extra for each race

won.

Alternative Handicap

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

D 6:25 PM

**The Dundalk Stadium Gift Vouchers
Available Online Handicap of €10,500
(Rated 47-65)**

Winner will receive €6,300
(Penalty Value: €6,195)
Second will receive €2,100
Third will receive €1,050
Fourth will receive €525
Fifth will receive €315
Sixth will receive €210

**An extended handicap for three years old
and upwards rated 47-65 that at entry HAVE
NOT FINISHED FIRST, SECOND OR THIRD
ON THEIR LATEST START**

About 7 furlongs

€94.50 to enter, €10.50 extra if declared to run
Penalties - (after calculation of the handicap)
A winner shall carry 7lb extra for each race
won.

E 6:55 PM

**The Irishinjuredjockeys.com Race
of €20,000**

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

**For two years old only that have not won
more than one weight-for-age race**

About 1 mile

€180 to enter, €20 extra if declared to run
Weights: 9st 5lbs
Fillies allowed 5lbs
Penalty -
Winner of a race 5lb extra

F 7:25 PM

**The Floodlit Fridays At Dundalk Stadium
Maiden of €12,500**

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

**For three years old and upwards, maidens at
starting**

About 1 mile 4 furlongs

€112.50 to enter, €12.50 extra if declared to run
Weights: 3-y-o 9st 8lbs
4-y-o and up 9st 12lbs
Fillies allowed 5lbs

G 8:00 PM

**The DundalkStadium.com Handicap
of €11,000 (Rated 47-70)**

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

**An extended handicap for three years old
and upwards rated 47-70**

About 1 mile 2 furlongs 150 yards

€99 to enter, €11 extra if declared to run
Penalties - (after calculation of the handicap)
A winner shall carry 7lb extra for each race
won.

**Riders: Confined to Riders who have not
ridden more than 15 winners under any N.H.
Rules or Rules of Racing from 18th March,
2024 to 14th December, 2024 inclusive**

Under the Rules of Racing

DUNDALK

(A.W.T.)

Meeting No. 380

FRIDAY, 20th DECEMBER, 2024

(Evening Meeting)

**CLOSING 12 NOON
MONDAY 16th DECEMBER**

Handicaps calculated 16th December
Rating Qualification 12pm 9th December
Declarations to run must be made by 10am
Wednesday 18th December

Manager Mr. Jim Martin
Clerk of the Course Mr. B. Sheridan
Clerk of the Scales Mr. P.L. Malone
Starter Mr. J.R. Banahan
Judge Mr. D. Cullen
Handicappers Mr. G. O'Gorman
..... Mr. Mark Bird

**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 4:45 PM

**The Happy Christmas From All At Dundalk
Stadium Maiden of €15,000**

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 two years old only, maidens at starting
About 6 furlongs**

€135 to enter, €15 extra if declared to run
Weights: 9st 7lbs
Fillies allowed 5lbs

B 5:15 PM**The Dundalk Stadium Champion Trainer & Jockey Awards 2024 Handicap of €11,500 (Rated 47-75)**

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 and upwards rated 47-75 About 7 furlongs

€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.

C 5:45 PM**The Irishinjuredjockeys.com Maiden of €12,500**

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

For three years old and upwards, maidens at starting About 1 mile

€112.50 to enter, €12.50 extra if declared to run
Weights: 3-y-o..... 9st 8lbs
4-y-o and up 9st 9lbs
Fillies allowed 5lbs

D 6:15 PM**The Botanica International Apprentice Rated Race of €12,500**

(Generously sponsored by Botanica International)

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

For three years old and upwards which at entry are rated 85 or less**About 1 mile**

€112.50 to enter, €12.50 extra if declared to run
Weights: 3-y-o.....9st
4-y-o and up..... 9st 1lbs

Penalties -

Horses that at entry have a published rating - for every 1lb above the rating of 70 1lb extra

Horses that at entry have a performance rating of 71-75 5lb extra

Horses that at entry have a performance rating of 76-80 10lb extra

Horses that at entry have a performance rating of 81-85 15lb extra

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

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 16th December 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

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 85 or less at time of entry

E 6:45 PM**The William Hill Top Price Guarantee Handicap of €11,500 (Rated 47-75)**

(Generously sponsored by William Hill)

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 and upwards rated 47-75 About 2 miles

€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.

F 7:15 PM**The HRI Best Turned-Out Flat League Handicap of €10,500 (Rated 47-65)**

Winner will receive €6,300
(Penalty Value: €6,195)
Second will receive €2,100
Third will receive €1,050
Fourth will receive €525
Fifth will receive €315
Sixth will receive €210

An extended handicap for three years old and upwards rated 47-65 About 1 mile 4 furlongs

€94.50 to enter, €10.50 extra if declared to run
Penalties - (after calculation of the handicap)
A winner shall carry 7lb extra for each race won.

G 7:45 PM

**The Horse Racing Returns To Dundalk
Friday 10th January 2025 Handicap
of €22,000**

Winner will receive €13,200
(Penalty Value: €12,980)
Second will receive €4,400
Third will receive €2,200
Fourth will receive €1,100
Fifth will receive €660
Sixth will receive €440

**An extended handicap for three years old
and upwards
(100 = 10st)**

About 1 mile 2 furlongs 150 yards

€198 to enter, €22 extra if declared to run
Penalties - (after calculation of the handicap)
A winner shall carry 7lb extra for each race won.

Alternative Handicap

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

Under the I.N.H.S. Rules

THURLES

Meeting No. 381

SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 2024

**CLOSING 12 NOON
TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER**

Handicaps calculated..... 17th December
Rating Qualification 12pm 16th December
Declarations to run must be made by 10am
Thursday 19th December

Manager Ms. Kate Molony
Clerk of the Course Mr. L. Wyer
Clerk of the Scales Ms. P. Hassett
Starter Mr. P. Moloney
Judge Mr. D. Maher
Handicappers Mr. A. Shaw
..... Mr. S. Quinn

48 HOUR DECLARATIONS FOR ALL RACES

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

Maximum Stable Capacity: 105

New Easyfix traditional style hurdles will be used in all hurdle races at this meeting.

Telephone 087-7558882 (available at all times)

A 12:10 PM

The Molony Cup Handicap Steeplechase of €11,500 (Rated 0-109)

(Generously sponsored by the Molony Family)

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 rated 0-109

About 3 miles 219 yards

€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.

B 12:45 PM

The Adare Manor Opportunity Handicap Steeplechase of €18,500 (Rated 0-130)

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

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

An extended handicap steeplechase for four years old and upwards rated 0-130

About 2 miles 4 furlongs

€166.50 to enter, €18.50 extra if declared to run
Penalties - Winner of a steeplechase after calculation of the handicap shall carry 7lb extra for each steeplechase 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 17th December)

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

C 1:20 PM

The Thank You For Supporting Us In 2024 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 four years old and upwards, maidens at starting THAT HAVE NOT WON A RACE, INCLUDING FLAT RACES, UNDER ANY N.H. RULES OR RULES OF RACING

About 1 mile 7 furlongs 205 yards

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

Weights: 11st 12lbs
Mares allowed 7lbs



D 1:55 PM

The Billy Harney Memorial Irish EBF Mares Novice Hurdle of €30,000

(Listed Race)

(Registered as the Boreen Belle Mares Novice Hurdle)

(Generously sponsored by the Harney family and the Irish EBF (€5,000))

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 that are EBF eligible About 1 mile 7 furlongs 205 yards

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

Weights: 10st 11lbs

Penalties (handicaps excluded) -

Winner of two hurdle races 4lb extra

Of a Listed or Grade 3 hurdle race 7lb extra

Of a Grade 2 hurdle race 10lb extra

Of a Grade 1 hurdle race 12lb extra

E 2:30 PM

The Wishing Everyone A Safe & Happy Christmas Handicap Hurdle of €16,000

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 hurdle for four years old and upwards (130 = 11st 12lbs)

About 1 mile 7 furlongs 205 yards

€144 to enter, €16 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.

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

F 3:05 PM

The Horse & Jockey Hotel Rated Novice Hurdle of €15,000

(Generously sponsored by Tom Egan, Horse & Jockey Hotel)

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 novice hurdle for four years old and upwards which at entry are rated 125 or less About 2 miles 7 furlongs

€135 to enter, €15 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.



G 3:40 PM

The Irish Stallion Farms EBF Mares Flat Race of €11,000

(Generously sponsored by the Irish EBF (€1,000))

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

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

An I.N.H. flat race for four years old and upwards mares only that have not won a race under any N.H. Rules or Rules of Racing that are EBF eligible

About 1 mile 7 furlongs 205 yards

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

Weights: 11st 11lbs

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

(The winning owner in this race will receive a €5,000 bonus (€7,500 bonus if Irish bred) should the winning filly be eligible for the Weatherbys Ireland/I.T.B.A. N.H. Fillies Bonus Scheme)



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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):

C.A. McBratney for Summertime Romance at Down Royal 1st November 2024

Yvonne Latta for Ragtime Milly at Dundalk 1st November 2024

Charles Weld for Twinkling Toes at Dundalk 1st November 2024

W. McCreery for Liltia (GB) at the Curragh 3rd November 2024

Augustine Leahy, trainer of Strategic Power, reported to the Office of the IHRB that his charge had a wind operation in April 2024.

Fairyhouse Meeting, 5th November 2024

The Stewards fined the following trainers in respect of their non-runners:

Mrs Denise Foster, trainer of Rideau Canal (Off feed) - €200

E. Sheehy, trainer of l'vedoneitall (Transport difficulties) - €200

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

J.B. Foley rode French Milan (reserve), trained by Aidan Anthony Howard (Race 7)

343A Irish Stallion Farms EBF Beginners S'chase The IHRB Veterinary Officer reported to the Raceday Stewards that Croke Park, trained by Gordon Elliott, was found to have blood at both nostrils.

343D Sign Up To GavinLynchRacing.com M'dn H'dle The IHRB Veterinary Officer reported to the Raceday Stewards that Nancy Miles, trained by Adrian Sexton, was found to have a small trickle of blood at the left nostril post race.

343E Fairyhouse Membership 2025 Rated H'dle The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined What's Up Darling, trained by Gordon Elliott, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be post race normal.

J.W. Kennedy, rider of What's Up Darling, trained by Gordon Elliott, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung violently left.

343F(i) BARONERACING.COM Winter Festival H'cap H'dle (Division One) S.D. Torrens, rider of Mythical Times, trained by Paul Stafford, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung right throughout.

G.B. Noonan, rider of Western Doyen, trained by V.T. O'Brien, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount burst a blood vessel. This was subsequently confirmed by an IHRB Veterinary Officer.

The Raceday Stewards requested a report from Jarlath P. Fahey, trainer, as to the apparent improvement in form of Tommies Call, placed first, as compared with his recent run when beaten over 30 lengths. Mr. Fahey stated that Tommies Call had been disappointing and he has reverted to training his charge from the

paddock. Having considered the report, the Raceday Stewards noted the contents.

343F(ii) BARONERACING.COM Winter Festival H'cap H'dle (Division Two) The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident rounding the bend for home involving Hurricane Honey, ridden by Eoin G. Kelly, and Glas Acres, ridden by Niall Moore where it appeared it became tight for room on the inside. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. Eoin G. Kelly stated that there was a gap on the rail and ran short of room when filling it. Niall Moore stated that he never left the rail and there was no gap for any horse. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that Eoin G. Kelly was in breach of Rule 214 (careless riding). Having considered his clean record in this regard, they suspended him for 2 racedays.

S. Fitzgerald, rider of Klassman, trained by Shane Nolan, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount was hampered by the fallers at the third last hurdle.

343G Sign Up To Fairyhouse Newsletter H'cap H'dle The Raceday Stewards requested a report from Conor David Maxwell, trainer, as to the apparent improvement in form of Mabel In May, placed first, as compared with her recent run. Conor David Maxwell stated that his charge did not handle the track on her previous run and a step up in trip here and being ridden more forward brought out the improvement. Having considered the report, the Raceday Stewards noted the contents.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Cruisin Susan, at the request of trainer, J.A. Berry, and reported the animal to be blowing hard post race.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer reported to the Raceday Stewards that Will It Be You, trained by Liam P. Cusack, was found to have mucus on endoscopic examination post race.

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

Mr. M. Hickey (Chairman), Mr. J. Collins,
Mr. L. McFerran, Mr. W. Flood, Mr. L. Aspell.

Dundalk Meeting, 6th November 2024

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

Leigh Roche rode Boomerang Bill (reserve), trained by Ross O'Sullivan (Race 6)

344A Christmas Party Nights Claiming Race The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Fly To Glory, trained by P.J.F. Murphy, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to have coughed once post race, but was otherwise found to be post race normal.

L.T. McAteer, rider of Fly To Glory, trained by P.J.F. Murphy, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung right throughout.

R.M. Mulligan, rider of Wild Mountain, trained by Patrick J. McKenna, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung left in the home straight.

344B Book Online DundalkStadium.com Nursery H'cap The IHRB Veterinary Officer

examined El Fontenaro, trained by Jarlath P. Fahey, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be post race normal.

R.C. Colgan, rider of Sea Fort (GB), trained by Ms. Sheila Lavery, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount was tight for room at the first bend.

R.P. Cleary, rider of Movin And Groovin, trained by Adrian McGuinness, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount was hampered at the first bend.

The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident at the first bend involving Sea Fort (GB), ridden by R.C. Colgan, placed 5th, El Fontenaro, ridden by R.P. Whelan, unplaced, Undefeatable, ridden by W. Joyce, placed 3rd, and Movin And Groovin, ridden by R.P. Cleary, placed 4th where it appeared that horses were tight for room on the inside. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. R.C. Colgan stated that it was tight at the first bend. R.P. Whelan stated that he maintained his racing line though it became tight at the bend. W. Joyce stated that his horse travelled well to the point of the bend where it became tight and so he took back. R.P. Cleary stated that it was tight on the bend. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

344D Bet On The Best Night Out At Dundalk H'cap The Raceday Stewards requested a report from Patrick J. Flynn, trainer, as to the apparent improvement in form of Shaaden, placed first, as compared with her recent form. The trainer reported that a sounder surface on this occasion helped to bring about the apparent improvement in form. Having considered the report, the Raceday Stewards noted the explanation offered.

344F(i) Now Racing Every Wednesday H'cap (Division One) At the request of the Raceday Stewards, C.T. Keane, rider of Tastyee, trained by David Kenneth Budds, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount could not lie up early on and stopped quickly in the home straight.

344F(ii) Now Racing Every Wednesday H'cap (Division Two) The Raceday Stewards requested a report from Diego Dias, trainer, as to the apparent improvement in form of The World's Astage, placed first, as compared with her recent form. The trainer reported that The World's Astage had been given a break to freshen him up. Having considered the report, the Raceday Stewards noted the explanation offered.

The Raceday Stewards reviewed an incident around the two furlong mark where it appeared horses were tight for room on the outer. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the matter, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

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

Dr. P. Molony (Chairman),
Mr. J. McGrath, Mr. P. Law, Mr. S. Power,
Mr. H. Hynes.

Clonmel Meeting, 7th November 2024

345B Connolly's Red Mills EBF Auction M'dn H'dle The Raceday Stewards reviewed an incident coming down the hill involving Ben Purple, ridden by D. King, unplaced, and Ballinoe Blaze, ridden by P.T. Enright, unplaced, where it appeared Ben Purple ran short of room when Ballinoe Blaze did not corner well. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the matter, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

345C Clonmel Oil Service Station H'cap H'dle The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Tullyveery Lad, trained by R.P. Cody, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be post race normal.

345D T.A. Morris Memorial EBF (Mares) S'chase The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Allegorie De Vassy (FR), trained by W.P. Mullins, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be post race normal.

345F Prior Park Service Station H'cap S'chase The Raceday Stewards requested a report from Robert Tyner, trainer, as to the apparent improvement in form of Irish Impulse, placed first, as compared with his recent form. Robert Tyner stated that his charge was unsuited to the tight track at Tramore on his chase debut and never got into the race. He further added that the application of the tongue tie may have helped. Having considered the report, the Raceday Stewards noted the content of the report.

S. Fitzgerald, rider of Zolpharine, trained by John Patrick Ryan, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung left up the straight.

S. O'Callaghan, rider of Rock On Pedro, trained by Eoin Doyle, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount was badly hampered by the unseated rider coming down the hill.

K.M. Donoghue, rider of Le Grand Vert (FR), trained by J.P. Dempsey, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount stumbled and he was unseated independently of any other horse. Having viewed a recording of the incident and considered the matter, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

345G Watch Racing TV INH Flat Race The Raceday Stewards interviewed Mr S. Cleary, rider of Honky Tonk, concerning his use of the whip in the closing stages of this race. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned who stated that his mount was running on. Having viewed a recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that Mr. S. Cleary was in breach of regulation 10.3.b (the unnecessary hitting of a horse after its chance of winning or being placed is clearly gone) and, having considered his record in this regard (first offence), the Raceday Stewards suspended him. for two racedays.

Mr. D.G. Lavery, rider of Emily's Light, trained by Gavin Cromwell, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung left.

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

Mr. Nicholas P. Lambert (Chairman),
Mr. Steve McDonogh, Mr. James D. Kennedy,
Mr. L. Aspell.

Dundalk Meeting, 8th November 2024

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

W. Joyce rode Man Is King (reserve), trained by Thomas Dowling (Race 7)

346B William Hill More Top Prices Apprentice H'cap R. Donaghue-Leahy, rider of Bright N Shine, trained by Terence O'Brien, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that her mount ducked out from the rail coming out of the backstraight.

346C Irish Stallion Farms EBF (Fillies) M'dn The Raceday Stewards reviewed an incident leaving the stalls involving Ballyneety Girl, ridden by J.J.G. Ryan, unplaced, and Misappropriation, ridden by C.T. Keane, placed first, where it appeared Misappropriation went left leaving the stalls and interfered with Ballyneety Girl. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the matter, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that the incident was caused by Misappropriation jumping markedly left despite the rider's best efforts and therefore took no further action.

J.J.G. Ryan, rider of Ballyneety Girl, trained by Shane Crawley, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung right.

C.T. Keane, rider of Misappropriation, trained by G.M. Lyons, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount jumped left out of the stalls.

346D Irish Stallion Farms EBF Cooley (Fillies) Stakes The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident approximately two furlongs from the finish involving Cloud Cover, ridden by W.J. Lee, placed third, Quadruple (GB), ridden by G.F. Carroll, unplaced, and Red Viburnum, ridden by C.D. Hayes, unplaced, where it appeared Cloud Cover had to check. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. W.J. Lee stated that his mount quickened well, but the gap closed before he was in it and he had to check. C.D. Hayes stated that his mount was tiring but felt he was ahead of Cloud Cover at all times. G.F. Carroll stated that he kept a straight line the whole way up the straight. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

W.J. Lee, rider of Cloud Cover, trained by James Tate (in GB), reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount had to check.

346E Irish Stallion Farms EBF (C&G) M'dn Adam Caffrey, rider of No Return, trained by Adrian McGuinness, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount ran too freely early on.

346F William Hill Top Price Guarantee H'cap The Raceday Stewards informed Stephen Thorne, trainer, that Sayifyouwill (GB) would have to be recertified before being declared to run from stalls again.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Blues Emperor, trained by J.P. Murtagh, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be post race normal.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Black Storm, trained by Kevin Thomas Coleman, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be post race normal.

P. McGettigan, rider of Blues Emperor, trained by J.P. Murtagh, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount jumped right out of the stalls.

M.W. Hassett, rider of Walhaan, trained by Ciaran Murphy, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount met with interference coming out of the stalls. 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 advised Stephen Thorne, trainer of Sayifyouwill (GB), that a repeat performance from his charge, who refused to load, may render the animal liable to a suspension in the future.

346G(i) William Hill Proper Betting H'cap (Division One) Adam Caffrey, rider of River Derwent (GB), trained by Thomas Coyle, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount was slowly away.

The Raceday Stewards reviewed the closing stages involving Higher Kingdom (GB), ridden by G.F. Carroll, placed first, and Man Is King, ridden by W. Joyce, placed second, where it appeared slight contact was made between the two horses. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the matter, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

346G(ii) William Hill Proper Betting H'cap (Division Two) At the request of the Raceday Stewards, R.M. Mulligan, rider of Storm Eric, trained by Jamie Flynn, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount was slowly away and never got into a rhythm thereafter.

The Raceday Stewards requested a report from Daniel James Murphy, trainer, as to the apparent improvement in form of Tribal Moon, placed first, as compared with his recent form. Mr. Murphy reported that it was his charge's first time on the all-weather track and the return of the tongue strap may have helped to bring about the apparent improvement in form. Having considered the report, the Raceday Stewards noted the explanation given.

GENERAL INFORMATION The following Raceday Stewards acted on behalf of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board at this race meeting:
Dr. P. Molony (Chairman), Mr. P. Stewart, Mr. S. Collins, Mr. D. Aiken, Mr. L. Walsh.

Gowran Park Meeting, 9th November 2024

The Stewards fined the following trainers in respect of their non-runners:

Peter Fahey, trainer of A Law Of Her Own (Ran recently) - €200
John Patrick Ryan, trainer of Grange Walk (Ran recently) - €200

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

M.J.M. O'Sullivan replaced S. O'Callaghan on Be Fierce, trained by T.M. Walsh (Race 2) (injured)

H. Morgan replaced S. O'Callaghan on Phildante, trained by Eoin Doyle (Race 5) (injured)

S.F. O'Keeffe replaced S. O'Callaghan on Rebelle Chaud, trained by Alan Donoghue (Race 8) (injured)

347A Irish Stallion Farms EBF (Mares) Beginners S'chase The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Air Drop, trained by Gordon Elliott, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be blowing hard post race.

J.W. Kennedy, rider of Air Drop, trained by Gordon Elliott, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount stopped quickly.

347B Gerry Comerford Drilling Beginners S'chase The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Hardy Diamond, trained by Gordon Elliott, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be post race normal.

The Raceday Stewards interviewed H.E. Sexton, rider of Brucejack, concerning his use of the whip in the closing stages of this race. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned. H.E. Sexton accepted he was in breach of the Regulation and apologised for his actions. Having viewed a recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards found H.E. Sexton in breach of R.10.3(g) (frequency). Having considering his clean record in this regard, they suspended him for two racedays.

The Raceday Stewards reviewed an incident on the home bend involving Noble Blue (FR), ridden by R. Deegan, unplaced, and Tell Nobody Nothin, ridden by Sam Ewing, placed sixth, where it appeared they were close together as they turned in. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the matter, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

J.W. Kennedy, rider of Hardy Diamond, trained by Gordon Elliott, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount never travelled.

347C Noreside Catering H'cap S'chase The IHRB Veterinary Officer reported to the Raceday Stewards that Gaelic Arc, trained by John Patrick Ryan, was found to have blood at both nostrils post race.

347D PRL Group M'dn H'dle At the request of the Raceday Stewards, K.E. Buckley, rider of Kazakh D'arthel (FR), trained by Gavin Cromwell, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his mount hesitated and was slowly away.

Sam Ewing, rider of Pearl Of Australia, trained by Noel Meade, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung violently left and was difficult to steer or pull up.

The Raceday Stewards interviewed Sam Ewing, rider of Pearl Of Australia, trained by Noel Meade, concerning the fact he did not pull up after leaving the race after the fourth hurdle. Evidence was heard from the rider concerned, who stated that his mount was hanging violently right and proved a very difficult ride. After running out, he was unable to pull his mount up completely. Having viewed the recording and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied with the explanation given.

347E Proficient Engineering Irish EBF M'dn H'dle The Raceday Stewards reviewed where Roc My Haarth, ridden by L. Quinlan, unplaced, and Light Of Life, ridden by J. Coen, collided over the fourth hurdle resulting in J. Coen being

unseated. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the matter, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

347F GAIN Equine Nutrition Novice H'cap H'dle S.W. Flanagan, rider of Single Edition, trained by Nigel Thomas Slevin, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount pulled up out of control.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Single Edition, trained by Nigel Thomas Slevin, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be post race normal.

347G(i) Pat Carroll's Pub Kilkenny (Mares) H'cap H'dle (Division One) M.J.M. O'Sullivan, rider of Realtin Lonrach, trained by M.F. O'Dowd, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount made a bad mistake at the first hurdle.

P.T. Enright, rider of Stowaway Lass, trained by S. Curling, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount made a bad mistake at the last hurdle.

347G(ii) Pat Carroll's Pub Kilkenny (Mares) H'cap H'dle (Division Two) The IHRB Veterinary Officer reported to the Raceday Stewards that Letters To Juliet, trained by Patrick Downey, was found to have blood at both nostrils post race.

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

Mr. N.P. Lambert (Chairman),
Mrs. Caroline Corballis, Mr. John Martin-Smith,
Mr. Patrick Coveney, Mr. P. Deegan.

The Raceday Stewards used their powers under Rule 29 to appoint Mr. Leslie Deacon as Security Officer for this meeting.

Naas Meeting, 10th November 2024

348A Overlander Horseboxes Novice H'cap S'chase P.T. Enright, rider of Winding River, trained by Oliver McKiernan, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount jumped poorly throughout.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer reported to the Raceday Stewards that Faux Fur (FR), trained by Gordon Elliott, had blood at both nostrils post race.

J.W. Kennedy, rider of Faux Fur (FR), trained by Gordon Elliott, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount burst.

The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Andys Flame (GB), trained by John C. McConnell, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be blowing hard post race.

348B Cavan Developments M'dn H'dle The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Jersey Des Brosses (FR), trained by Gordon Elliott, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be blowing hard post race.

The Raceday Stewards enquired into the running and riding of Royal Noble, ridden by J.B. Foley, and trained by Michael G. Cleary. Evidence was heard from the rider and trainer concerned. J.B. Foley stated that his instructions were to drop him out and settle him. He stated that his horse ran away with him on

the way to the start. In the race, he was running away with him after two hurdles and was very free. His jumping was generally okay, but he galloped into the last hurdle. At the third hurdle he ran into a gap. After his previous run he suggested the horse might benefit from a hood. Michael G. Cleary stated that this horse was very keen the last day. He should have put a hood on him. He felt the horse burnt himself out by pulling so hard but was satisfied with the ride given. The Raceday Stewards also received a report from the IHRB Veterinary Officer who stated that Royal Noble was post race normal. Samples were taken for analysis. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards noted the explanations offered with regard to the running and riding. They did, however, find J.B. Foley in breach of Rule 213 by failing to report something which may have affected the running of his horse. Having taken his clean record in this regard into account, they suspended him for one race day.

348C Fishery Lane Novice H'dle The IHRB Veterinary Officer examined Zariyann, trained by M. Halford & T. Collins, at the request of the Raceday Stewards and reported the animal to be blowing hard post race.

J.W. Kennedy, rider of Zariyann, trained by M. Halford & T. Collins, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount hung left.

M. Halford, trainer of Zariyann, reported to the Stewards' Secretaries that his charge scoped clean post race.

348D I.N.H. Stallion Owners EBF M'dn H'dle The Raceday Stewards received a report from J.R. Banahan, IHRB Starter, regarding the delay to the start of this race. The Starter reported that when he arrived at the start the starting mechanism had been set up incorrectly. This resulted in the delay to the start of this race. Having considered the report, the Raceday Stewards noted its contents.

348E Brown Lad H'cap H'dle The Raceday Stewards reviewed an incident past the stands with a circuit to go involving Gaoth Chuil, ridden by K.M. Donoghue, Win Some Lose Some, ridden by M.P. Walsh, and Natural Look, ridden by J. Coen, where it appeared horses were tight for room on the bend. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the matter, the Raceday Stewards were satisfied that no further action was warranted.

C.M. Quirke, rider of Sir Allen (GB), trained by Andrew Slattery, reported to the Clerk of the Scales that his mount was badly hampered turning into the finishing straight.

The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident from the approach to the hurdle to the point of the bend involving Happy Jacky, ridden by P.T. Smithers, Sir Allen (GB), ridden by C.M. Quirke, First Dare, ridden by P. Hanlon, and Missus Beeton, ridden by C.M. Hogan where it appeared Sir Allen (GB) ran short of room on the inner. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. P.T. Smithers stated that his horse jinked left and the rail came out to meet him. The horses on his outer came in to him. C.M. Quirke stated that he was down the inside, he let a shout and was squeezed and pushed in. P. Hanlon stated that he kept a straight line, he was aware of the horse on his inner, but was bumped from the right. C.M. Hogan stated that as they rounded the bend the horse in front came left and he went for a gap that closed at which point his own horse leaned left. Having

viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards took no further action other than to advise all the riders to ride with more awareness in future.

The Raceday Stewards enquired into an incident on the turn into the straight involving Win Some Lose Some, ridden by M.P. Walsh, and Natural Look, ridden by J. Coen, where it appeared Natural Look ran short of room on the inner. Evidence was heard from the riders concerned. M.P. Walsh stated that he switched into a gap where there was room for two horses. He heard no shout from his inner and his horse leaned in. J. Coen stated that he did not have the horse to maintain his position and his mount's race was run. Having viewed the recording of the race and considered the evidence, the Raceday Stewards did not apportion blame to any rider and took no further action.

348H Irish EBF (Mares) (Pro-Am) INH Flat Race The Raceday Stewards ordered the withdrawal of Diamond Approach, trained by Mary Ellen Doyle, for failing to present the horse for identification to 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.B. Wachman (Chairman),
Mr. Raymond J. McSharry, Mr. Stephen Collins
Mr. Noel C. McCarthy, Mr. L. Walsh.

Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board Licensing Department

The following Apprentices have been granted a license for 2024

Brophy, Killian Thomas - Mrs John Harrington
Burns, Nicola - R.P. Burns
Frain, Freya - A.P. O'Brien

Registration of Jockey Sponsorship

McCullagh, Niall G. - Equine Products Ltd
McDonogh, Declan P. - Manguard Plus
O'Keefe, Darragh J. - Dornan Engineering

2024 Fixture List

NOVEMBER

Fri	15	Punchestown
Fri	15	Dundalk (e)
Sat	16	Navan
Sun	17	Navan
Tue	19	Limerick
Wed	20	Dundalk
Thu	21	Thurles
Fri	22	Dundalk (e)
Sat	23	Punchestown
Sun	24	Cork
Sun	24	Punchestown
Tue	26	Tramore
Wed	27	Dundalk
Thu	28	Thurles
Fri	29	Dundalk (e)
Sat	30	Fairyhouse

DECEMBER

Sun	1	Fairyhouse
Tue	3	Clonmel
Wed	4	Dundalk
Fri	6	Dundalk (e)
Sat	7	Navan
Sun	8	Cork



SPRING
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Point to Point

FIXTURE
LIST

The INHSC is responsible for the governance and administration of Point to Points in Ireland.

DECEMBER

Monday 30th **Duhallow (F) Kanturk** Dromahane, Mallow, Co. Cork.

JANUARY

Sunday 5th **Shillelagh & District (F)** Fairwood, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow.

Sunday 5th **United Hunt (F) Lisgoold** Watergrasshill, Ballindenisk, Co. Cork.

Sunday 12th **Clonmel (H)** Turtulla, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.

Sunday 12th **Muskerry (F) Aghabullogue** Dromatimore, Co. Cork.

Sunday 19th **Ballinagore (H)** Ballycrystal, Killealy, Co. Wexford.

Sunday 19th **Killeagh (H)** Carrigarostig, Killeagh, Co. Cork.

Saturday 25th **East Down (F)** Tyrella, Downpatrick, Co. Down.

Sunday 26th **Lismore (H) Dungarvan** Killossera, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

Sunday 26th **Stonehall (H)** Cragmore, Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

FEBRUARY

Sunday 2nd **Co. Clare (H) Belharbour** Belharbour, Co. Clare.

Sunday 2nd **United Hunt (F) Carrigtwohill** Ballyvodock, Carrigtwohill, Co. Cork.

Sunday 2nd **Wexford (F)** Moorfields, Ballinaboola, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

Saturday 8th **North Down (F)** Kirkistown, Portavogie, Co. Down.

Sunday 9th **Scarteen (F)** Comea, Killeacle, Co. Tipperary.

Sunday 9th **West Waterford (F) Tallow** Shanakill Cross, Waterford.

Saturday 15th **Ward Union (S)** The Folly, Palmerstown, Oldtown, Co. Dublin.

Sunday 16th **Avondhu (F)** Knockanard, Fermoy, Co. Cork.

Sunday 16th **Bray (H)** Fairwood, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow.

Sunday 16th **North Tipperary (F)** Lisboney, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

Saturday 22nd **Kildare (F)** Punchestown, Naas, Co. Kildare.

Saturday 22nd **Tynan & Armagh (F)** Farmacaffey, Co. Armagh.

Sunday 23rd **Duhallow (F) Kildorrery** Rockmills, Co. Cork.

Sunday 23rd **Tipperary (F) Lisronagh** Lisronagh, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

MARCH

Saturday 1st **East Down (F)** Tyrella, Downpatrick, Co. Down.

Sunday 2nd **Carbery (F)** Kilpatrick, Bandon, Co. Cork.

Sunday 2nd **Carlow Farmers (F)** Borris House, Borris, Co. Carlow.

Sunday 2nd **Limerick (H)** Ballycahane, Crecora, Co. Limerick.

Saturday 8th **North Down (F)** Kirkistown, Portavogie, Co. Down.

Sunday 9th **Killinick (H)** Lingstown, Tomhaggard, Co. Wexford.

Sunday 9th **North Galway (F)** Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Sunday 9th **West Waterford (F) Lismore** Castlelands, Lismore, Co. Waterford.

Sunday 16th **Kilworth & Araglen (H)** Knockanohill, Kilworth, Fermoy, Co. Cork.

Sunday 16th **Longford (H)** Daramona House, Corncausk, Streete, Co. Westmeath

Sunday 16th **North Kilkenny (F)** Parksgrove, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny.

Saturday 22nd **Island Hunt (F)** Ballycrystal, Killealy, Co. Wexford.

Saturday 22nd **Route (H)** Loguestown Road, Portrush, Co. Derry.

Sunday 23rd **Streamstown (H)** Durrow, Tullamore, Co. Offaly.

Sunday 23rd **Tipperary (F) Lisronagh** Lisronagh, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

Sunday 23rd **United Hunt (F) Ballynoe** Garryanne, Killavorilla, Kilclare, Co. Cork.

Saturday 29th **Co. Down (S)** Derrydrummuck, Loughbrickland, Co. Down.

Sunday 30th **Ballymacad (F)** Newcastle, Oldcastle, Co. Meath.

Sunday 30th **Bree (F)** Monksgrange, Rathnure, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

Sunday 30th **Duhallow (F) Liscarroll** Knockardbane, Liscarroll, Mallow, Co. Cork.

APRIL

Saturday 5th **Newry (H)** Taylorstown, Co. Down.

Sunday 6th **Co. Limerick (F) Athlaca** Rathcannon, Athlaca, Co. Limerick V35 Y026.

Sunday 6th **Duhallow (F) Dromahane** Dromahane, Mallow, Co. Cork.

Sunday 6th **Westmeath (F)** Castletown-Geoghegan, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

Sunday 13th **Doneraile (H)** Dromahane, Mallow, Co. Cork.

Sunday 13th **Laois (F)** Stradbally Hall, Laois, Co. Laois

Sunday 13th **Louth (F)** Tattersalls, Fairyhouse, Co. Meath.

Wednesday 16th **Killeagh (H) Inch** Ballyknock, Killeagh, Co. Cork.

Saturday 19th **East Antrim (H)** Loughanmore, Dunadry, Co. Antrim.

Sunday 20th **Co. Clare (H) Quakerstown** Quakerstown, Boston, Co. Clare.

Sunday 20th **Waterford (F)** Curraghmore, Portlaw, Co. Waterford.

Monday 21st **East Antrim (H)** Loughanmore, Dunadry, Co. Antrim.

Saturday 26th **Stonehall (H) Ballysteen** Askeaton, Co. Limerick.

Sunday 27th **Killeady (H)** Dromahane, Mallow, Co. Cork.

Sunday 27th **Kilkenny (F)** Tullaherin, Dungarvan, Co. Kilkenny R95 X4K6.

Sunday 27th **Meath (F) & Tara (H)** Fairyhouse Racecourse, Ratoath, Co. Meath.

MAY

Saturday 3rd **Mid Antrim (H)** Moneyglass, Toomebridge, Co. Antrim.

Sunday 4th **East Galway (F)** Stowlin, Eyrecourt, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Sunday 4th **Muskerry (F)** Ballindenisk, Watergrasshill, Co. Cork.

Monday 5th **Muskerry (F) Dawstown** Birch Hill, Grenagh, Co. Cork.

Friday 9th **Fermanagh (H)** Necarne, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh.

Saturday 10th **Fermanagh (H)** Necarne, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh.

Sunday 11th **Galway Blazers (F)** Dartfield, Kilreekill, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Sunday 11th **United Hunt (F) Bartlemy** Hightown, Bartlemy, Co. Cork.

Sunday 18th **North Kerry (H)** Tralee Racecourse, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

Sunday 18th **United Hunt (F) Ballindenisk** Watergrasshill, Co. Cork.

Saturday 24th **Ormond (F)** Southpark, Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.

Sunday 25th **Carbery (F) Clonakilty** Inchydoney, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

Sunday 25th **Ormond (F)** Southpark, Ballingarry, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.

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