

PART 2 - PREPARATION FOR THE RACE

Horses qualifying for a race

19. Requirements for a horse to enter the race

19. A horse may not be entered for a race unless such of the requirements of Schedule 2 as apply in relation to the horse are met.

20. Requirements for a horse to run the race

20.1 A horse may not run in a race unless such of the requirements of Schedule 3 as apply in relation to the horse are met.

20.2 Schedule 3 contains the following

20.2.1 Part 1 specifies requirements applying to all horses;

20.2.2 Part 2 specifies additional requirements that apply only to horses foaled or trained outside Great Britain;

20.2.3 Part 3 specifies additional requirements that apply where the race is a flat race;

20.2.4 Part 4 specifies additional requirements that apply where the race is a steeple chase;

20.2.5 Part 5 specifies additional requirements that apply where the race is a Hunters' Steeple Chase;

20.2.6 Part 6 specifies additional requirements that apply where a horse is trained outside Great Britain;

20.2.7 Part 7 specifies additional requirements that apply where a horse is imported to Great Britain to be trained.

Requirements as to equipment

21. Equipment for horse and rider

21. Schedule 4 (which makes provision about equipment for horses and riders) has effect.

Weighing out and declarations

22. Weighing out procedure

22.1 The Riders for each race must be weighed out in accordance with these Rules.

22.2 Each Rider must be weighed for a particular horse at the appointed place.

22.3 The weighing must take place

22.3.1 not less than a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the race, or

22.3.2 if this is not possible due to the late running of the preceding race, not more than five minutes after the Clerk of the Scales has weighed in the winner of that race, or

22.3.3 if the Stewards specify a later time under Rule 4.2.1, by that time

22.4 No Rider may be weighed out for any race unless the Declaration Sheet for the horse has been verified in accordance with Rule 23.

22.5 The Clerk of the Scales will not allow a Rider to be weighed out for a horse where he has been informed by the Stakeholder that any of the following have not been paid

22.5.1 any stake or any arrears in respect of any horse belonging to the same owner or standing in his name,

22.5.2 the Rider's fee or any fee due in respect of an Amateur Rider,

22.5.3 any payment due to the Professional Riders Insurance Scheme,

22.5.4 any arrears claimed under these Rules,

22.5.5 any VAT payable on or in connection with any of the matters specified in Paragraphs 22.5.1 to 22.5.4.

22.6 The Clerk of the Scales will not allow a Rider to be weighed out for any race unless he is wearing a safety

vest which conforms to a standard approved by the Authority (see Rule (D)36 (safety vests, skull caps and saddles)).

22.7 Rule (D)42 (weighing out) specifies requirements applying to a Rider on weighing out, including the items he must include in the scale.

22.8 Overweight will be rounded down to the nearest 1lb unit.

22.9 Subject to Paragraph 22.1, to compensate for being required to wear a safety vest, the weight of a Rider on weighing out will automatically be allowed at 3lbs less than the weight that is registered on the scale (factored into the calibration of the Weighing Room scales).

22.10 During the months of December, January and February, to compensate for wearing a safety vest and extra clothing, the weight of the Rider on weighing out for a flat race will automatically be allowed at 4lbs less than the weight that is registered on the scale (factored into the calibration of the Weighing Room scales).

23. Verifying the Declaration Sheet

23.1 A Person who signs the Declaration Sheet for a horse, or who in circumstances specified in Paragraph 23.3 makes a declaration by telephone, declares that

23.1.1 the horse is to run, and

23.1.2 the information contained in the sheet in relation to the horse is correct.

23.2 A declaration by signature must be made not less than three-quarters of an hour before the time fixed for the race.

23.3 A declaration may be made by telephone if, in exceptional circumstances, the Stewards authorise the Clerk of the Scales to accept the declaration but such authorisation may be given only if

23.3.1 the horse is not due to have its passport verified under Rule (E)15.1.1, 15.1.2 or 16.2,

23.3.2 the declaration is made not less than three-quarters of an hour before the time fixed for the race, and

23.3.3 the Person making the declaration immediately reports to the Clerk of the Scales to confirm the declaration on arrival at the racecourse.

23.4 Before the end of the period specified in Paragraph 23.2 or 23.3.2, the information contained in the Declaration Sheet may be altered without penalty.

23.5 If any necessary correction is not made before the end of that period

23.5.1 the Person making the declaration, or

23.5.2 if the declaration was made by one of his employees, the Trainer,

shall be taken to have contravened a requirement imposed on him by these Rules.

24. Persons who may verify the Declaration Sheet

24.1 The Declaration Sheet for a horse may only be verified by

24.1.1 the Owner,

24.1.2 the Trainer,

24.1.3 a stable employee of the Trainer who produces his racehorse attendant's identity card and validity pass, or

24.1.4 any other Person who produces a written authorisation which is signed by the owner or Trainer and which is valid for the day of the race only.

24.2 Where a horse is owned by a Recognised Company, the verification may also be provided by

24.2.1 a Registered Agent of the Recognised Company, or

24.2.2 any other Person who produces written authorisation signed by the Registered Agent which is valid for the day of the race only.

25. Late change of rider

25.1 Subject to Paragraphs 25.2 to 25.4, no new Rider will be permitted after the time determined under Rule (F)92 for making declarations of Rider.

25.2 Paragraph 25.1 does not apply in any case where

25.2.1 the Authority or Stewards direct that it does not apply, or

25.2.2 the Stewards authorise the substitution of a Rider who has been weighed out for a particular horse but who is prevented, before he has come under Starter's Orders, from riding in the race on account of accident or illness.

25.3 Paragraph 25.1 does not apply where the Authority or Stewards are satisfied that any of the following circumstances apply and that the new Rider can be weighed within the appropriate time, as determined by Rule 22.3

25.3.1 if the declared Rider is ill or unfit to ride another Rider may be substituted,

25.3.2 if the declared Rider is not qualified to ride another Rider may be substituted,

25.3.3 a meeting on the same day has been abandoned and the substitute Rider was declared to ride at the abandoned meeting,

25.3.4 the substitute Rider was declared to ride at another meeting on the same day and one of his declared rides is unable to run,

25.3.5 the substitute Rider was declared to ride another horse in the same race but the horse is unable to run,

25.3.6 the substitute Rider was not declared to ride because he had already been declared to ride at nine meetings but subsequently did not ride at one of those meetings,

25.3.7 if the declared Rider is due to carry 1lb or more overweight another Rider may be substituted, or

25.3.8 in such other circumstances as the Authority or the Stewards consider acceptable.

25.4 Paragraph 25.1 does not apply if the Stewards authorise a Rider for a horse where

25.4.1 the horse has been declared to run under Rule (F)89,

25.4.2 no Rider has been declared for the horse as required under Rule (F)92,

25.4.3 the Stewards have received a request for authorisation from a Person listed in Rule 24.1, and

25.4.4 the authorisation is given not less than three-quarters of an hour before the time fixed for the race.

25.5 Where a Rider switches rides in the circumstance specified in Paragraph 25.3.4, the Trainer of the horse to which the Rider is switching must inform The Racing Calendar Office of the change at the earliest opportunity.

25.6 The Trainer or Owner of a horse shall be taken to have contravened a requirement imposed on him by these Rules in any case where

25.6.1 the Authority or the Stewards permit a substitution because, at the instruction of the Trainer or owner, the declared Rider is not present to ride, but

25.6.2 they are not satisfied that any of the circumstances specified in Paragraphs 25.3.1 to 25.3.8 apply.

25.7 In all races, other than those confined to

25.7.1 Apprentice Jockeys

25.7.2 Conditional Jockeys

25.7.3 Amateur Riders, or

25.7.4 both Conditional Jockeys and Amateur Riders

where a Rider is prevented from weighing out in the circumstances specified in Rule (D)42.5, the new Rider must be of a similar level regarding claiming a Rider's allowance.

So, for example, a Rider who claims any Rider's allowance must be replaced by a Rider who also claims any Rider's allowance.

25.8 The Trainer must, without delay and without exception, request approval from

25.8.1 The Racing Calendar Office, or

25.8.2 if he is at the racecourse, the Stewards

where the declared Rider will not be riding and a new Rider has been identified as provided for in Paragraphs

25.3.1 to 25.3.8.

26. Publication of information about changes

26.1 The Clerk of the Scales will cause to be displayed on the screen or number board any alterations to the following information which differs from that appearing in the official race card

- 26.1.1 declared horses,
- 26.1.2 declared Riders, with allowances claimed if appropriate,
- 26.1.3 the draw in any flat race,
- 26.1.4 any extra weight or variation of weight or weight allowance,
- 26.1.5 colours, and
- 26.1.6 any declaration that a horse is wearing
 - 26.1.6.1 a hood,
 - 26.1.6.2 blinkers,
 - 26.1.6.3 visor,
 - 26.1.6.4 eyeshield,
 - 26.1.6.5 eyecover,
 - 26.1.6.6 cheek pieces (sheepskin or otherwise), or
 - 26.1.6.7 any combination of the items in Paragraphs 26.1.6.1 to 26.1.6.6, or
 - 26.1.6.8 a tongue strap.

The definitions in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 have effect for the purposes of Paragraph 26.1.6.

26.2 The Clerk of the Scales will immediately cause to be displayed on the screen or number board such alterations to the information listed in Paragraphs 26.1.1 to 26.1.6 as the Stewards may sanction.

26.3 The information will be displayed either continuously or at regular intervals until the race starts.

26.4 Where a horse is withdrawn under Rules 6, 35 or 39 the Clerk of the Scales must immediately

- 26.4.1 arrange for an announcement to be made over the public address system which states that the horse is withdrawn and indicates whether or not the horse has come under Starter's Orders, and
- 26.4.2 arrange for a notice to be exhibited on the number board or screen which states whether or not the horse has come under Starter's Orders.

26.5 Where the horse is withdrawn by order of the Starter, the Clerk of the Scales must also immediately report that fact to the Stewards.

Requirements before proceeding to the Start

27. Requirements before mounting

27.1 The Racecourse Managing Executive must ensure that a clean number-cloth, of a pattern approved by the Authority is provided for every horse for which a Rider presents himself to be weighed out.

27.2 The horse attendants must be provided with badges bearing numbers corresponding with those on the card and the Trainer of a horse will be reported to the Stewards if an attendant's badge is not exhibited.

27.3 Each horse running at a meeting

- 27.3.1 may be saddled in the official racecourse stables if
 - 27.3.1.1 the horse is difficult to saddle, and
 - 27.3.1.2 the owner or Trainer has first obtained permission from the Stewards;

27.3.2 otherwise, must be saddled in the appointed place.

27.4 Each horse must then, unless Paragraph 27.6 applies

- 27.4.1 be brought into the Parade Ring, or
- 27.4.2 in the case of an All Weather Track fixture, be brought to the place designated for mounting,

by the time stipulated on the Timetable Plan for Start Times displayed in the Weighing Room and racecourse stables.

27.5 The Trainer of a horse will be reported to the Stewards in the event of the horse not being brought into the

Parade Ring before the signal to mount is given and shall be taken to have contravened a requirement imposed on him by these Rules.

27.6 Where the Stewards at an All Weather Track fixture have, under Rule 9.2.2, authorised mounting in the place appointed for saddling

27.6.1 the riders must proceed to the place designated for mounting when so instructed by the Clerk of the Course or his representative,

27.6.2 no horse may leave there to proceed early to the start before the signal to mount is given unless the owner or Trainer has first obtained the permission of the Stewards,

27.6.3 the horses will be mounted where they are standing when the signal to mount is given, and

27.6.4 the horses must then proceed directly to the entrance onto the track.

28. The Parade Ring

28.1 Riders must proceed to the Parade Ring when so instructed by the Clerk of the Course or his representative.

28.2 No horse may be admitted to the Parade Ring unless

28.2.1 it has been declared to run under Rule (F)89,

28.2.2 it is advertised on the racecard as being for sale, or

28.2.3 the Authority or the Stewards have given prior permission.

28.3 A Person may enter the Parade Ring if he is

28.3.1 an official of the meeting,

28.3.2 an owner, Trainer, horse attendant or Rider of a horse which is to run in the next race, or

28.3.3 a Person who has special leave from the Stewards or the Racecourse Managing Executive,

and any Person refusing to leave shall be reported to the Stewards.

28.4 No horse is allowed to leave the Parade Ring to proceed early to the start before the signal to mount is given unless the owner or Trainer first obtains the permission of the Stewards.

28.5 When the signal to mount is given, each horse must continue to proceed around the Parade Ring and be mounted at the walk or a horse may instead be made to stand still, with its heads towards the centre of the Parade Ring, for the Rider to walk immediately to where his horse is standing and mount there.

28.6 When the Rider has mounted, he may walk his horse round the Parade Ring in front of those horses which are still standing and must continue to do this, in the same direction as the horses were walking before they were mounted, until the moment arrives to go down to the start.

28.7 Horses are not allowed to cross the middle of the Parade Ring unless directed to do so by an official or any representative of the Racecourse Managing Executive.

29. After the horse is mounted

29.1 Horses must be ridden in front of the stand before proceeding to the start in any case where

29.1.1 a Parade has been advertised for the race in accordance with Rule (F)22 (publication of race programme), or

29.1.2 the Racecourse Managing Executive so requires under Paragraph 29.3.

29.2 As regards Parades, Rule 30 applies to determine when parades are to be held and imposes certain requirements in respect of the conduct of parades and, if a race is to have a Parade

29.2.1 this must be clearly identified on the Timetable Plan for Start Times which must be displayed on the Weighing Room notice board, and

29.2.2 in respect of any Parade in which the runners are led in front of the Stand, a plan showing the Parade requirements must be displayed in the Weighing Room.

29.3 As regards Paragraph 29.1.2, where a Racecourse Managing Executive decides to require the horses in any race to be ridden in front of the stand

29.3.1 a notice of the requirement must be displayed in the Rider's Changing Rooms and on the

Weighing Room notice board,

29.3.2 the notice must indicate the route to be taken to the start, and

29.3.3 Trainers, Riders and horse attendants must obey the instructions of any racecourse officials who are organising this requirement.

30. Requirements applying to parades

30.1 A Parade is mandatory in

30.1.1 each Group 1 flat race (but this is subject to Paragraph 30.2), and

30.1.2 each Grade 1 jump race which is not a Grade 1 novice or Juvenile jump race,

but, where there are two or more such races on a racecard, a Parade is mandatory in the principal race only.

30.2 There shall be no Parades in races confined to two years old or any flat race less than seven furlongs.

30.3 A Parade is optional in all other races but, where a Racecourse Managing Executive wishes to exercise the option of having a Parade, permission must be sought from the Authority's Jump Racing or Flat Racing Committee respectively.

30.4 Any Parade must take place in the order requested by the racecourse managing executive.

30.5 Trainers, Riders and horse attendants must

30.5.1 obey the instructions of racecourse officials who are organising a Parade,

30.5.2 make every effort to assist racecourse officials in maintaining the Parade order requested by the racecourse managing executive in the pre-Parade Ring, Parade Ring and during the Parade itself and, where possible, horses should be mounted on the move to assist in this respect.

30.6 Once the Parade has started no Rider may dismount or leave the Parade early except in an emergency.

30.7 A Parade may be assisted by one or more outriders at the front or rear.