

42. Jump handicap or classified races: previous experience

42.1 This Rule applies to any of the following races

- 42.1.1 a Handicap Steeple Chase,
- 42.1.2 a Handicap Hurdle Race,
- 42.1.3 a classified Steeple Chase, or
- 42.1.4 a classified Hurdle Race.

42.2 The conditions specified in this Rule must be met up to and including

- 42.2.1 if the race closes more than six days before running, the Saturday immediately before the publication of the weights in The Racing Calendar, and
- 42.2.2 otherwise, the Saturday immediately before closing.

42.3 Subject to Paragraph 42.5, a horse may run in the race if

- 42.3.1 it has run at least three times in a steeple chase or hurdle race in any of Great Britain, Ireland and/or France, or
- 42.3.2 it has run at least twice in a steeple chase and/or hurdle race in any of those countries and, on each occasion, has been placed in the first four, or
- 42.3.3 it has run fewer than three times in a steeple chase and/or hurdle race in any of those countries but, having won such a race, is not a Novice or Juvenile in the type of race entered.

42.4 Subject to Paragraph 42.5, a horse may also run in a race classified in accordance with Schedule 2 as Class 1, 2 or 3 if

- 42.4.1 the horse has run at least three times in a steeple chase and/or hurdle race run under the rules of any one or more Recognised Racing Authorities,
- 42.4.2 it is not a Novice or Juvenile in the type of race entered, and
- 42.4.3 a notification in respect of the horse has been sent to The Racing Calendar Office in accordance with Rule 79.

42.5 A Novice or Juvenile may run

42.5.1 in a Class 1 or 2 Handicap steeple chase only if

- 42.5.1.1 it has run at least three times in a steeple chase in any of Great Britain, Ireland and/or France, or
- 42.5.1.2 in the case of a Class 2 Handicap steeple chase, it has run in at least two steeple chases in any of those countries and, on each occasion, has been placed in the first four;

42.5.2 in a Class 3, 4 or 5 Handicap steeple chase not restricted to Novices only if

- 42.5.2.1 it has run in at least one steeple chase in Great Britain, Ireland or France, or
- 42.5.2.2 it has run in at least one Novices' Handicap steeple chase in Great Britain, Ireland or France

in addition to meeting the requirements in Paragraph 42.3

42.5.3 in a Class 1 or 2 Handicap hurdle race only if it has run at least three times in a hurdle race in any of Great Britain, Ireland and/or France.

42.6 In determining whether a horse has run in the number of races required by this Rule, no account is to be taken of

42.6.1 any Match,

42.6.2 any walk-over,

42.6.3 any National Hunt Flat Race, or

42.6.4 subject to Paragraph 42.8, any race in respect of which

42.6.4.1 Disciplinary Action was taken against the Rider in Case 1 set out in Rule (B)59.2 (intentional failure to ensure horse is run on its merits), or

42.6.4.2 the Handicapper makes a determination under Paragraph 42.7.

42.7 The Handicapper may decide that no account is to be taken of any race where Disciplinary Action was taken against the Rider

42.7.1 in Case 2 set out in Rule (B)58.3 (failure to obtain its best possible placing but no intentional disregard of requirement to run horse on its merits), or

42.7.2 in Case 3 set out in Rule (B)58.4 (failure to ensure horse is run on its merits in circumstances not covered by Case 1 or Case 2).

42.8 Where any appeal under Part (A)7 (appeals) against Disciplinary Action is successful, the run of the horse in respect of which such action was taken may once again be taken into account for the purposes of this Rule, but only with effect from the date of the appeal decision.

42.9 The Handicapper may in any case decline to allot a Handicap Rating if, in his opinion, he does not have sufficient information upon which to allot one.