

Schedule 16 - Field size limits and stabling capacity

Establishing field size limits

1. Where necessary a Field Size Limit will be established for each race at a fixture.
- 2.1 The Field Size Limit is to be determined as follows.
- 2.2 All Class 1 Pattern and Listed Races and Heritage Handicaps (and any associated consolation races) and any other race which is authorised by the Authority and specified as such in the conditions of the race, will remain unaffected and the maximum number of runners permitted will be determined by the Safety Factor or Maximum Figure as applicable for the race.
- 2.3 All Hunters' Steeple Chases in Classes 4, 5 or 6, where programmed, will be reduced to a Field Size Limit down to a figure of nine for the race, as necessary, before the application of Field Size Limit for the remaining races.
- 2.4 All other races will be divided into the remaining Stabling Capacity for the fixture to give the individual Field Size Limit for each race.
- 2.5 Any potential race divisions will be included in this calculation on the assumption that they will take place.
3. Once the Field Size Limit has been established for a race it will be advertised in The Racing Calendar or the Racing Administration Internet Site.
- 4.1 At the 5 or 6 day entry stage or at the time determined in accordance with Part 6 for confirming entries, the Authority will reassess the Field Size Limits and alter accordingly if required.
- 4.2 In addition, at the time determined in accordance with Part 6 for making declarations to run, the Field Size Limits will be reviewed once the actual number of races to be run is known.
- 4.3 The individual Field Size Limit for any race will not exceed whichever is applicable of the Safety Factor or Maximum Figure.
- 4.4 The total of the Field Size Limits for all races at a given fixture will be equal to or less than the Stabling Capacity.

Maximising runners in relation to stabling capacity

- 5.1 At the time determined in accordance with Part 6 for making declarations to run, if the total number of horses exceeds the Stabling Capacity for a meeting, all horses beyond the Field Size Limit for each race will initially be treated as being eliminated from the race.
- 5.2 Once the final declarations are known, the spare stables created by races with fewer declarations than the Field Size Limit will be filled through a process of adding horses back in, race by race, until whichever is applicable of the Safety Factor or Maximum Figure for each race is reached.
- 5.3 This process will continue with each race in turn until all available stables have been filled.
6. The protocol for adding horses back in will be made race by race in an order determined by the Authority.
- 7.1 Where a fixture contains two or more races of the same race and class type, the Authority will select which race is given priority for the re-introduction of horses.
- 7.2 The precise order of races for each fixture in which such re-introduction will take place (known as the stabling race preference order) will be published on the Racing Administration Internet Site with the 5 or 6 day entries and confirmation of entries.
- 7.3 Subject to paragraph 7.4, at the time determined in accordance with Part 6 for making declarations to run, if a division occurs, the race in question will be repositioned at the end of the stabling race preference order within races of the same class, in order to ensure a more equitable optimisation of opportunities to run.
- 7.4 If repositioning the race in question would prevent it from dividing due to a lack of stables, then it will remain in its original position within the sequence and be permitted to divide as advertised.
8. Where elimination sequences are necessary, the horse given 1 in the elimination sequence will continue to be the first horse eliminated and so on as necessary and the sequence will extend beyond whichever is applicable of the Safety Factor or Maximum Figure and down to the Field Size Limit.