

## HOW TO HANDLE DIVISIONS ON THE DAY OF RACING

### DIVISION OF RACES AT DECLARATION (REGULATION 113) & BALLOTING PROCEDURES

- 4.4 If, on the day of the Meeting the number of declared runners exceeds the Safety Factor, the Stewards shall order a division to be carried out and deadlines for declarations put back to the appropriate later time(s).

The division should be made by randomly drawing the declarations by lot into two equal divisions and these shall be run consecutively. However, in exceptional circumstances (i.e. with the declarations only just exceeding the Safety Factor and where the Stewards have already decided that any second division may result in the non-completion of all races), the Stewards may choose to 'ballot out' (by randomly drawing lots of the horses declared that have Hunter Certificates registered with the host area) the necessary horses so that only one 'division' need be run but with the maximum number of runners as governed by the Safety Factor. This ensures that as few owners as possible are subsequently disappointed by not getting a run.

Organisers cannot state in their race conditions that balloting will definitely occur.

**The number of runners in any race cannot exceed the Safety Factor and the Stewards cannot raise the Safety Factor on the day.**

### DIVISION OF RACES ON THE DAY (REGULATION 111 (ii)) – RIDERS' PREFERENCES

- 4.5 If on the day of the Meeting it is anticipated that the number of declared runners in a race is likely to exceed the Safety Factor, a rider can be declared to ride two or more horses with the anticipation of riding one horse in each division. If a rider is declared for more than one horse, the rider must, at the time of the subsequent declarations, state their order of preference to the Declarations Clerk and inform the owners accordingly.

The procedure for the double declaration of riders is outlined in Instruction 8.3 'Declarations Clerk'.