

QUALIFICATION OF RIDERS – RQCs and MRBs

7.5 (a) **Riders Qualification Certificate (RQC)**

The RQC application paperwork is available from the National Point-to-Point website (www.pointtopoint.co.uk) via the 'Owners & Riders' section in a downloadable format, or from the PPA office info@p2pa.co.uk /07193 781990. When any declaration to run is made all riders will have to provide proof of their qualification under Regulation 50. This must be in the form of an RQC for the current Season, signed by the rider to the effect that he agrees to be bound by the current Regulations.

Note: The colour of the current Season's RQC will be the same as the colour of the current Regulations

The RQC will also state in what respect the rider is eligible (e.g. as a Member, Subscriber etc.). If the rider is to ride in any race for which their RQC does not state their eligibility, they must submit written proof of their qualification to ride which has been signed by the relevant Hunt Secretary. The BHA may require applicants to undergo a riding assessment to achieve their RQC.

ORGANISERS MUST APPOINT AN OFFICIAL ON RACEDAY (E.G. DECLARATIONS CLERK) TO CHECK ALL RQC's. AMATEUR OR IRISH LICENCES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Regular Serving Members of Her Majesty's Forces or members of Clubs, Associations or Societies must also provide evidence as to their qualification for races open to such organisations.

On those occasions when a rider has left their RQC behind the declaration to run can only be accepted if the rider signs a declaration (see Appendix (8)D) that they are qualified to ride in the race in question. The necessary declaration, to be signed by the rider, should be provided by the Declarations Clerk. Disciplinary action will be taken against any rider who signs a false declaration.

(b) **Riders Qualification Certificate (RQC) for Hunt Members Race**

Organisers must ensure that riders, who hold an RQC valid for the Hunt Members Race or Members Race Across Natural Country only, surrender this 'one-off' Certificate to the Declarations Clerk.

(c) **Riders Medical Record Books**

Riders Medical Record Books are issued by the BHA and remain the property of the BHA at all times. Medical Record Books are to be collected by the Declaration Clerk before the rider's first ride and retained by the Declarations Clerk until the rider has finished riding for the day. They must only be returned when the (S)RMO has confirmed that no medical entry is required.

Declarations Clerks must check the Medical Record Book to ensure that the rider is not subject to a medical suspension period on the day of racing and has been passed as fit to ride.

Any rider who has left their Medical Record Book behind shall not be permitted to ride unless prior permission has been obtained from the BHA Chief Medical Adviser. Such permission must have been requested before 9am on the day of the race, so as proper enquiries can be made before any dispensation is given, and no consideration to such a request will be given after this time.

Note: A rider may only hold one RQC and one Medical Record Book issued by the BHA.