

POINT-TO-POINT REGULATION **CHANGES FOR 2024/25 SEASON**

REGULATION 34 - ELIGIBILITY

34. No Horse shall be eligible to be entered or run in a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase or Flat Race in the current Point-to-Point Season which:

- (i) Is less than 4 years old.
- (ii) On or after October 1st, ~~2023-2024~~ has won any race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority other than:-
 - (a) A Steeple Chase run between March 1st, ~~2023~~ ~~2025~~ and June 1st, ~~2024~~ ~~2025~~ which is confined to Amateur Riders;
 - (b) A Hunters' Steeple Chase; or
 - (c) The Grand Military Gold Cup or the Royal Artillery Gold Cup.
- (iii) During any of the 28 consecutive days prior to the day of closing of entries for the race for which the horse is being entered, has run in any race run under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority other than:-
 - (a) A Steeple Chase or National Hunt Flat Race run between March 1st, ~~2024~~ ~~2025~~ and June 1st, ~~2024~~ ~~2025~~ which is confined to Amateur Riders;
 - (b) A Hunters' Steeple Chase; or
 - (c) The Grand Military Gold Cup or the Royal Artillery Gold Cup
- (iv) During any of the 28 days ~~prior to the day of registering the Hunter Certificate, or any of the 28 days~~ prior to being entered in a race,
 - (a) has been in the care of a trainer licensed under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority unless the horse is, or was at the time the property of himself, his spouse, civil partner, co-habitant of the trainer by reason of a personal relationship, parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, sisters (or the Executors of such persons), free of all lease or other joint arrangement, except partnerships between such persons.
 - (b) has been in the care of a person holding a permit to train under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority unless the horse is or was at the time the property of himself, his spouse, civil partner, co-habitant of the trainer by reason of a personal relationship, parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, sisters (or the Executors of such persons), free of all lease or other joint arrangement, except partnerships between such persons.

unless, in either case, it has only run in jump or flat Point-to-Points in the current Season.

- (v) ~~On or after October 1st 2024 2022, it has won a Class 1 (which includes all Grade Races) or Class 2 Steeple Chase, or the foreign equivalent, which was not confined to Amateur Riders.~~

- (vi) On or after October 1st, ~~2022~~ 2023 it has been placed first, second or third in a Grade 1 or Grade 2 Steeple Chase in Great Britain or Ireland or in any other Steeple Chase run outside Great Britain or Ireland which in the opinion of the Authority is the equivalent of a Grade 1 or Grade 2 Steeple Chase.
- (vii) Has been disqualified or is not qualified to Regulations 150, 151 or 152.
- (viii) Following adherence to Regulation 34 (iii) and (iv), runs in a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase and then subsequently returns into the care of a licensed trainer or a person holding a permit to train.
- (ix) During the current season has run in one or more races under the Point-to-Point Regulations and subsequently run in any race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority other than:
 - (a) A Steeple Chase or National Hunt Flat Race run between March 1st, ~~2024~~ 2025 and June 1st, ~~2024~~ 2025 which is confined to amateur riders;
 - (b) A Hunters Steeple Chase; or
 - (c) The Grand Military Gold Cup and the Royal Artillery Gold Cup

REGULATIONS 46, 47& 48 - CODE OF MEDICATION PRACTICE FOR HORSES IN TRAINING

46. Every Owner shall be responsible for and have due regard for the welfare of their horse(s) and must take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety and welfare of every horse in their care at all times.

Every owner must ensure that:

- (i) all treatment and medication administered to their horse is
 - a. given in the best interests of the horse's health and welfare and justified by the horse's medical condition, and
 - b. they obtain and follow advice from a Veterinary Surgeon as to the appropriate treatment and level of training for a horse affected by injury or disease;
- (ii) the sensory hairs around the horse's mouth, nose and eyes have not been clipped, shaven or in any other way removed, except for:
 - a. hairs removed by a veterinarian on welfare grounds; or
 - b. hairs removed by a veterinarian to allow veterinary treatment.

NEW

47. No substance shall be given to any horse on the day of a race by injection, orally or any other method other than normal feed and water by mouth until it has completed the race unless special dispensation has been granted from this requirement by a British Horseracing Authority Veterinary Officer.

NEW

48. Every owner shall make premises and horse(s) available for inspection by a person authorised for that purpose as provided for in Sub-Regulation 1(xiii).

REGULATION 111(iv) - NON-RUNNERS

111(v). Every qualified horse which has been declared a runner under Sub-Regulation (i) of this Regulation and in respect of which the declaration has not been withdrawn prior to the time fixed for declaration, shall run in that race. If any horse, ~~whether qualified or not,~~ does not run the Stewards shall impose a fine of £155 on the owner unless ~~the race has become a walk over and the owner does not wish to run or the owner and/or their representative~~ satisfies the Stewards on the day of racing that the failure of the horse to run was due to circumstances outside their reasonable control.

REGULATION 119(iv) - EAR PLUGS

119(iv) A horse may wear ear plugs of any type in a race but such plugs must not be removed during the course of the race.

APPENDIX C - SKULL CAPS

EFFECTIVE FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2025

Only Skull Caps that satisfy all the requirements laid down below are approved by the British Horseracing Authority for use by a Rider on a racehorse or for riding in races at Point-to-Points.

A. Criteria:

1. **Skull Caps** must comply with at least two different international testing standards (see table below) and should have evidence of Quality Testing from organisations such as BSI, INSPEC, SNELL, SEI.

A Skull Cap must comply with at least one standard from Group A <u>AND</u> at least one different standard from Group B.	
Group A	Group B
British standard PAS 015 2011 and any subsequent updates.	British standard PAS 015 2011 and any subsequent updates.
European standard (EN): UKCA and/or CE marked products referencing harmonised standard EN1384:2023.	European standard (EN) UKCA or CE marked products referencing harmonised standard EN1384:2023.
European standard (EN): UKCA and/or CE marked products referencing the VG1 performance specification.	European standard (EN) UKCA or CE marked products referencing the VG1 performance specification.
(NB VG 1 will be withdrawn as an acceptable standard on 1 June 2025)	(NB VG 1 will be withdrawn as an acceptable standard on 1 June 2025)

	American ASTM F1163: 2015 and any subsequent updates.
	American Snell E2016 and any subsequent updates (Please note: Snell combines a standard with subsequent quality testing; therefore no additional quality testing mark is required).

2. Skull Caps must be in a serviceable condition;
 3. Skull Caps must NOT have a chin cup, cradle or draw lace.
 4. The chin strap must pass under the jaw and be attached to the harness by a quick release buckle. METAL HOOKS ARE EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN.
- B. The Skull Cap must be of the correct size for the individual Rider, correctly fitted and fastened, and the harness must be correctly adjusted and the chin strap fastened at all times when mounted on a horse.
- C. As Skull Caps are designed for “single impact only” any Skull Cap which has been subjected to a severe impact or has been worn by a Rider suffering concussion should not be regarded as serviceable and should be replaced.

For further details of approved Skull Caps please contact medical@britishhorseracing.com

APPENDIX C - BODY PROTECTORS

EFFECTIVE FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2025

A Body Protector must conform to (BS) EN 13158: ~~2009~~ or 2018.

The minimum acceptable standard for a Body Protector is Level 2.

Body Protectors may not be modified in any way and must be in a serviceable condition.

For further details of approved patterns please contact medical@britishhorseracing.com

APPENDIX X - USE OF EQUIPEMENT OUTSIDE OF THOSE PERMITTED IN REGULATIONS

Save for equipment expressly permitted under the Regulations, no equipment that is designed or advertised to have an effect on any mammalian body system, including but not limited to:

- magnetic boots;
- magnetic rugs;
- massage pads; and
- nasal dilators;

may be used or brought onto the racecourse.

APPENDIX Z - LIP CHAINS

Lip Chains includes but is not limited to French Lip Chains, Lip Cords, Shanks.

Lip Chains must not be used on a horse at a Point-to-Point unless the chain is covered and, with the exception of a French Lip Chain, connected to a lead rope which is under the control of a handler on the ground. All Lip Chains must be removed before the horse goes to the Start.

APPENDIX BB - USE OF ICE ON RACECOURSE

The British Horseracing Authority directs that until a horse has either run in the Race or been withdrawn it must not be stood in ice or iced water, or have a cooling device (including ice boots or bandages, or ice bags) applied to any part.

Any horse found to have been treated with ice on the racecourse prior to running will not be allowed to run and will be withdrawn by the Stewards.