

## **REGULATIONS RELATING TO CLAIMING RACES**

### **CLAIMING RACES**

1. All Horses that run in a claiming race may be claimed by any person, subject to these Regulations.
2. The claiming price for every horse must be declared to Horse Racing Ireland by the time of closing of entries and this price may not be changed. If no claiming price is declared then the entry will not be accepted. The claiming price will be printed on the race card.
3. The weight to be carried by a horse entered for a Claiming Race is linked to the price at which he may be claimed. The price/weight relationship is set out in the conditions of the Race as published in the Irish Racing Calendar and printed on the race card.
4. A horse which is the subject of a registered Lease may not be entered or run in a Claiming Race without the written consent of the lessor.
5. Any person disputing the ownership of a horse listed to run in a Claiming Race must notify Horse Racing Ireland of the nature of the dispute at least twenty-four hours before the advertised starting time of the race. In such a case the Directors of the IHRB, may at their absolute discretion, decide whether the horse shall be allowed to run in the said race.
6. Any horse declared for a Claiming Race must be available for viewing by prospective purchasers at its training stables at any reasonable time prior to the race. During this time the Passport should be available for inspection. When a filly or mare has been declared to run in a Claiming Race it shall be the responsibility of the Trainer to inform Horse Racing Ireland by the time fixed for closing of declarations if she has been covered by a stallion in the previous twenty one days and whether or not she has been confirmed in foal and such information will be published on the IHRB website ([www.ihrb.ie](http://www.ihrb.ie)) and the HRI RAS website ([www.hri-ras.ie](http://www.hri-ras.ie)) prior to the race.
7. It is the responsibility of the person entering the Horse in the claiming race to comply with any direction of the IHRB Officials post-race including bringing of the Horse to the veterinary unit for Sampling if required prior to the Horse being transferred to a successful claimant.
8. A horse may not be claimed for less than or more than the advertised claiming price.

9. Duplicate claims (submitting more than one claim for the same horse by the same person including through any form of collusion with any other person) are not allowed.
10. Claims may only be made by telephone to Horse Racing Ireland on the following designated telephone number - 045 455444 and can be made from the advertised start time of the race until 15 minutes after the "Winner All Right" announcement has been authorised in accordance with Rule 229.
11. Claims received by telephone shall be accepted from Horse Racing Ireland account holders (other than a rider riding in the claiming race), subject to that person being authorised by Horse Racing Ireland to make a claim.

Claims made by persons not holding a HRI account shall only be accepted if payment is authorised by Credit or Debit Card.

12. The telephone claiming system will be operational every time there is a Claiming Race and the designated telephone number shall be the only valid number for receipt of claims. Claims may be made by telephone from the advertised start time of the race until 15 minutes after the "Winner All Right" announcement has been authorised in accordance with Rule 229. Sufficient details must be given at the time to identify the person making the claim.
13. The claimant shall provide the name of the horse which is the subject of the claim, the name of the designated Trainer of the horse, the person responsible for the removal of the Horse from the racecourse should the claim be successful and any further information which may be required from time to time by Horse Racing Ireland. Horse Racing Ireland shall not accept any claim without the above information being provided in full.
14. Horse Racing Ireland shall inform the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy of all claims made not more than 20 minutes after the "Winner All Right" announcement has been authorised.
15. Once the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy have been advised of claims received such claims may not be withdrawn.
16. The successful claimant(s) shall then be determined by the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy in the presence of one or more of the Stewards, subject to paragraph 16 of this Regulation.
17. Should there be more than one claim for the same horse with the same pre-designated Trainer the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy shall initially reduce by drawing of a lot, in the presence of one or more of the Stewards, the number of such claims to one claim for that trainer.

Thereafter if there is more than one claim for the same horse the successful claimant will be determined by drawing of a lot in the presence of one or more of the Stewards. The identity of any claimant will not be disclosed until after the time for making claims has elapsed.

18. The claiming price shall be debited to the successful claimant's Horse Racing Ireland Account or credit/debit card.
19. Title to the claimed horse shall be vested immediately in the successful claimant and the claimant then becomes the legal owner of the horse regardless of the result of any test that may have been taken in accordance with Rule 18 or the physical condition of the horse. The individual with the Horse shall be responsible for bringing the Horse to be sampled post-race if required and for transferring the Horse to the person designated by the successful claimant.
20. Any objection lodged against any horse subsequent to the race being run will have no effect on any claim made.
21. Arrears due as a consequence of a successful claim shall be subject to Rule 165.
22. The advertised claiming price of a horse successfully claimed shall be subject to a 5% payment by the original Owner(s) of the horse to Horse Racing Ireland and the IHRB.
23. When a claim is successful Horse Racing Ireland shall immediately inform the claimant. It is then the claimant's responsibility to ensure the person designated by them under clause 12 collects the Horse. The IHRB, HRI or the previous owner shall have no responsibility for the transport, stabling and/or any veterinary costs that may be incurred if adequate transport or stabling is not arranged by the claimant and any costs incurred in arranging same shall be charged to the claimant and payment required in full prior to the Horse being collected. Failure to pay shall be subject to Rule 165.
24. After unsaddling, all horses that have run in a Claiming Race shall be taken straight to the racecourse stables and may not be removed from there without clearance from the IHRB Veterinary Officer or the Veterinary Assistant.
25. The prize money for a Claiming Race is for the benefit of the Owner(s) of the horse recorded with Horse Racing Ireland at the time of running. A horse's eligibility for claiming is not affected by his "walking over".
26. In the event of a claimed horse holding any subsequent engagements, such engagements shall pass to and become the liability of the successful claimant.
27. A horse successfully claimed by any person will automatically be returned out of training. For a period of three months following the day of the claiming race in

question, the horse may not be returned in training again with the named trainer on the race card on the day of the race unless;

- (a) he/she is the successful claimant or
  - (b) he/she is the trainer pre-designated by the successful claimant when making the claim or
  - (c) since that day the horse was claimed from another claiming race or was sold at public auction.
28. Within the period of three months following the day of the claiming race should a successfully claimed horse be next returned in training by a Trainer other than the named pre-designated Trainer, the matter may be referred for investigation to a Senior Racing Official.
29. It shall be a breach of these Regulations for any person to attempt to prevent another individual from claiming a horse or for any person to refuse to release a claimed horse to the successful claimant.
30. A list of all claims received and the successful claimant will be published on the IHRB website ([www.ihrb.ie](http://www.ihrb.ie)) and the HRI RAS website (<http://www.hri-ras.ie/>) not later than the next working day following the race.
31. In the event of a Claiming Race being declared void by the Stewards, any claims in such race will be annulled.
32. Any person who commits a breach of this Regulation shall be reported to the Stewards or the Referrals Committee who shall deal with the matter using their general powers, which may include the annulling of any claim(s) on a horse.