
DIRECTIVES

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INTRODUCTION:

The Directives which follow are issued under the authority of the Board of Horse Racing Ireland.

Any amendments, additions or deletions to these Directives must be published in two consecutive issues of the Racing Calendar.

The following are the general statutory functions of Horse Racing Ireland concerning these Directives:

1. To provide for the overall administration, governance, development and promotion of the Irish horseracing industry including promoting and increasing attendance at authorised racecourses.
2. To provide a single structure for the administration and financial management of Irish horseracing.
3. The processing of charges and payments to participants in the horseracing industry.
4. The provision of registry office services including the following activities:
 - a. Naming of horses, the issuing of horseracing passports and registration of matters relating to racehorses, including the registration of hunter certificates.
 - b. Horse race entries and declarations (other than point-to-point steeplechases).
 - c. Racing calendar publication.
 - d. Stakeholding of race entry funds and prize money for horseraces.
 - e. Registration of racehorse owners including racing colours.
5. The allocation of race-fixtures and the setting of race-programmes (other than point-to-point steeplechases).
6. The provision, maintenance to a specification agreed by HRI with the Racing Regulatory Body, and operation of mobile track equipment, including starting stalls, photo finish and camera patrol equipment and any other such equipment agreed from time to time between HRI and the Racing Regulatory Body and the provision to the Racing Regulatory Body of photographs, films, sound recordings and other connected materials or data generated by such equipment as required by the Racing Regulatory Body for its examination and use in the enforcement of the Rules of Racing.

HRI DIRECTIVE 1

Race Programmes:

Race programmes will be controlled in accordance with the procedures laid out in HRI Directive 1:

1. Racing Seasons

- a. The 2024/2025 Flat race Winter season shall commence on 6th November 2024 and conclude on 14th March 2025. The 2025 Flat race Summer season shall commence on 16th March and conclude on 2nd November.
- b. The 2024/2025 National Hunt race season shall commence on 5th May 2024 and conclude on 3rd May 2025.

2. Flat Race Programmes

- a. There shall be no race for yearlings.
- b. There shall be no race less than five furlongs unless for course layout reasons as may be approved by the IHRB on exceptional occasions.
- c. There shall be no race more than two and a half miles.
- d. There shall be no race for two year olds at a distance of more than five furlongs before 1st April.
- e. There shall be no race for two year olds at a distance of more than six furlongs before 1st May.
- f. There shall be no handicaps for two year olds before 1st July.
- g. There shall be no flat race with a minimum qualifying rating less than 40.
- h. Any horse with an official flat rating below 40 will be treated as though rated 40 for qualification and weight purposes.
- i. Horses taking part at race meetings scheduled for Dundalk will race off their "All-Weather" ratings. If a horse has only one handicap rating, this rating will be used for qualifying purposes.
- j. In Benchmark Handicaps with a benchmark rating of 70 or 80, horses with a qualifying rating more than 5lbs above the benchmark rating, at the time of entry, cannot enter.

3. National Hunt Race Programmes

- a. There shall be no steeplechase or I.N.H. Flat race for a horse under four years of age.
- b. There shall be no hurdle race for a horse under four years of age until 1st July of the year in which it is three years old.
- c. There shall be no steeplechase, hurdle race or I.N.H. flat race run over a distance of less than two miles unless for course layout reasons as may be approved by the IHRB on exceptional occasions.
- d. There shall be no hurdle race with a minimum qualifying rating less than 72.
- e. In handicap hurdles, any horse with an official rating below 72 will be treated as though rated 72 for qualification and weight purposes.

- f. In Benchmark Handicaps with a benchmark rating of 110 or 120, horses with a qualifying rating more than 5lbs above the benchmark rating, at the time of entry, cannot enter.

4. Mixed Meetings

- a. A meeting will only be designated as a mixed meeting if it contains a minimum of two races from each code.
- b. A fixture may, with agreement of the HRI Programmes Committee, contain one race under a different code to the rest of the meeting, provided that the race is restricted to either qualified riders or lady riders, but it will not be designated as a mixed meeting.

HRI DIRECTIVE 2

Race Conditions for Flat Handicaps:

The conditions that shall apply for Flat Handicaps are laid out in HRI Directive 2:

1. Top Weight (at entry)

- a. In Nursery handicaps the top weight at entry shall not be less than 9st 10lb or the top weight stipulated in the conditions of the race.
- b. In handicaps for three years old only, unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions of the race, the top weight at entry shall not be less than 9st 12lb (prior to 1st June), 10st (1st June to 31st July) or 10st 2lb (on or after 1st August).
- c. In handicaps for three years old and upwards, the top weight at entry shall not be less than 10st 2lb or the top weight stipulated in the conditions of the race.
- d. In Benchmark handicaps (handicaps where a certain top rating equals a certain weight e.g. 80 = 9st 12lb, 90 = 10st) the top weight at entry shall not be less than the top weight stipulated in the conditions of the race.

2. Raising of the Weights (at declaration)

- a. In races for two years old only, unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions of the race, the top weight after declarations shall not be less than 9st 10lb.
- b. In all other races, if the highest weight remaining declared after the time for declarations to the HRI Racing Department is less than the maximum stipulated weight as defined in the conditions of the race and the lowest weight is less than 8st 7lb or the minimum stipulated weight as defined in the conditions of the race, then it shall be raised to the maximum stipulated weight and the weight given to the other horses remaining declared will be raised by an equal amount, except that if the weight adjustment is less at the bottom of the handicap than it is at the top then it shall be raised to 8st 7lb or the minimum stipulated weight and all the other horses remaining declared will be raised by an equal amount. In raising the weights, nothing will be done to alter the relativity of horses' weights as per the original handicap.
- c. In the event of the top weight declared being less than 10st, or the maximum stipulated weight in the conditions of the race, it shall be raised to that weight and all of the other horses declared shall be raised by an equal amount.
- d. All horses still handicapped below 8st 7lb or the minimum stipulated weight as defined in the conditions of the race shall be raised to that weight.

3. Alternative Handicap

This alternative handicap will come into effect in the event of the withdrawal of the top weight in accordance with Rule 194 (iii)(a), provided there was still a horse remaining in the race at close of declarations which was weighted below the minimum weight to be carried in the race following any raising of the weights in accordance with paragraph (vii) and (viii) of Rule 66.

When there is provision in the conditions of a race for the weights to be raised in the event of the top weight being withdrawn on the day of a meeting and when there are horses remaining in the race weighted below the minimum weight to be carried in that race, following any raising of the weights, then the weights shall be re-calculated, omitting the top weight, to form an alternative handicap as follows:

The alternative handicap will only apply when the top weight declared becomes a non-runner before the deadline for declaration of non-runners has closed (90 minutes before the scheduled off time of the first race). The weight of the lowest weighted horse remaining in the race, prior to any raising of the weights, shall be raised to the minimum stipulated weight to be carried in that race and the weight of all other horses shall be raised by an equal amount provided such weight rise does not lead to the weight of the top weighted horse exceeding 9st 10lb or 9st 7lb in cases of handicaps confined to two year olds. When such circumstances arise then the race shall be re-calculated and the top weighted horse shall be raised to 9st 10lb, or 9st 7lb in cases of handicaps confined to two year olds, and the weight of all other horses shall be raised by an equal amount or to the minimum stipulated weight to be carried in the race.

4. Addition of Penalties

- a. Penalties incurred by winning after the calculation of the weights and prior to the close of declarations shall be added to the horse's weight as originally published before the raising of the weights in accordance with the subsections above.
- b. Penalties incurred by winning after the time of declaration shall be added to the weight of the horse as published on the racecard. However, if the horse is listed in the racecard as being out of the handicap, the penalty/penalties shall be added to the out of handicap weight (and not the minimum weight published on the racecard).

HRI DIRECTIVE 3

Race Conditions for National Hunt Handicaps:

The conditions that shall apply for National Hunt handicaps are laid out in HRI Directive 3:

1. Top Weight (at entry)

- a. The top weight shall be 12st, unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions of the race.
- b. In races with a rating band of 140 or more or with no rating band, the top weight shall be 11st 12lb, unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions of the race, although when no top weight is stipulated the handicapper may at his discretion and in the fairest allocation of the weights increase the top weight beyond 11st 12lb.
- c. In Benchmark Handicaps (handicaps where a certain top rating equals a certain weight e.g. 116 = 11st 12lb, 123 = 11st 12lb) the top weight at entry shall not be less than the top weight stipulated in the conditions of the race.

2. Raising of the Weights (at declaration)

- a. If the highest weight remaining declared after the time for declarations to the HRI Racing Department is less than 12st or, in the case of a race with no rating band or a rating band of 140 or more, is less than 11st 12lb or the maximum stipulated weight as defined in the conditions of the race and the lowest weight is less than 10st or the minimum stipulated weight as defined in the conditions of the race, then it shall be raised to 12st or, in the case of a race with no rating band or a rating band of 140 or more, to 11st 12lb or the maximum stipulated weight, and the weight given to the other horses remaining declared will be raised by an equal amount, except that if the weight adjustment is less at the bottom of the handicap than it is at the top then it shall be raised to 10st or the minimum stipulated weight and all the other horses remaining declared will be raised by an equal amount. In raising the weights, nothing will be done to alter the relativity of horses' weights as per the original handicap.
- b. In the event of the top weight declared being less than 11st 12lb, or the maximum stipulated weight in the conditions of the race, it shall be raised to that weight and all of the other horses declared shall be raised by an equal amount.
- c. All horses still handicapped below 10st or the minimum stipulated weight as defined in the conditions of the race shall be raised to that weight.

3. Alternative Handicap

This alternative handicap will come into effect in the event of the withdrawal of the top weight in accordance with Rule 194 (iii)(a), provided there was still a horse remaining in the race at close of declarations which was weighted below the minimum weight to be carried in the race following any raising of the weights in accordance with paragraph (vii) and (viii) of Rule 66.

When there is provision in the conditions of a race for the weights to be raised in the event of the top weight being withdrawn on the day of a meeting and when there are horses remaining in the race weighted below the minimum weight to be carried in that race, following any raising of the weights, then the weights shall be re-calculated, omitting the top weight, to form an alternative handicap as follows:

The alternative handicap will only apply when the top weight declared becomes a non-runner before the deadline for declaration of non-runners has closed (90 minutes before the scheduled off time of the first race). The weight of the lowest weighted horse remaining in the race, prior to any raising of the weights, shall be raised to the minimum stipulated weight to be carried in that race and the weight of all other horses shall be raised by an equal amount provided such weight rise does not lead to the weight of the top weighted horse exceeding 11st 9lbs. When such circumstances arise, then the race shall be re-calculated and the top weighted horse shall be raised to 11st 9lbs and the weight of all other horses shall be raised by an equal amount or to the minimum stipulated weight to be carried in the race.

4. Addition of Penalties

- a. Penalties incurred by winning after the calculation of the weights and prior to the close of declarations shall be added to the weight of the horse as originally published before the raising of weights in accordance with the subsections above.
- b. Penalties incurred by winning after the time of declaration shall be added to the weight of the horse as published on the racecard. However, if the horse is listed in the racecard as being out of the handicap, the penalty/penalties shall be added to the out of handicap weight (and not the minimum weight published on the racecard).
- c. Penalties incurred by winning after the time of declaration shall be added to the weight of the horse as published on the racecard. However, if the horse is listed in the racecard as being out of the handicap, the penalty/penalties shall be added to the out of handicap weight (and not the minimum weight published on the racecard).

HRI DIRECTIVE 4

Race Conditions for I.N.H. Flat Races:

The conditions that shall apply for I.N.H. Flat Races are laid out in HRI Directive 4:

1. Race Conditions

- a. No race shall be programmed over a distance less than two miles unless for course layout reasons as may be approved by the IHRB on exceptional occasions.
- b. No race shall be programmed for a horse under four years of age.

2. Weight for Age

- a. The scale of Weight For Age shall be the same as that for hurdle races as set out in Appendix C.

3. Qualification

A horse shall not be qualified to start for an I.N.H. flat race if:

- a. It has run in a Flat race or Steeplechase.
- b. It has run in a Hurdle race as a three year old.
- c. It has run in more than two Hurdle races.
- d. It has won a Hurdle race.

HRI DIRECTIVE 5

Jockey Fees:

The payments in relation to Jockeys' fees are laid out in HRI Directive 5:

1. Jockeys' Fees for Flat races

- a. In the absence of special agreement with the IHRB, the fee shall be €195.92 (subject to VAT where applicable) at the time of publication and no further charge except for expenses shall be allowed.
- b. All Jockeys' fees shall be paid to the Stakeholder at the same time as the Stakes.
- c. In the case of a dead-heat each jockey shall be paid a winning fee.
- d. For each horse ridden by a professional jockey the owner shall pay to the Stakeholder €1.50 to be applied as a contribution to the Jockeys' Accident Fund Company Limited by Guarantee and every Jockey shall contribute 5.0% of the riding fee for each mount. Any alteration to these contributions shall only be arrived at with the agreement of the Racing Regulatory Body.
- e. For the benefit of the Irish Jockeys Pension Trust 2% from the Riding Fee is deducted and this is then paid to the Irish Jockeys Pension Trust.
- f. For the benefit of the Irish Jockeys Association 2.0% from the Riding Fee is deducted and this is then paid to the Irish Jockeys Association Company Limited by Guarantee.

2. Jockeys' Fees for National Hunt Races

- a. In the absence of special agreement with the IHRB, the fee shall be €223.91 (subject to VAT where applicable) at the time of publication and no further charge except for expenses shall be allowed.
- b. All Jockeys' fees shall be paid to the Stakeholder at the same time as the Stakes.
- c. In the case of a dead-heat each Jockey shall be paid a winning fee.
- d. For each horse ridden by a professional Jockey the owner shall pay to the Stakeholder €1.50 to be applied as a contribution to the Jockeys' Accident Fund Company Limited by Guarantee, and every Jockey shall contribute 5.0% of the riding fee for each mount. Any alteration to these contributions shall only be arrived at with the agreement of the Racing Regulatory Body.
- e. For the benefit of the Irish Jockeys Pension Trust 2% from the Riding Fee is deducted and this is then paid to the Irish Jockeys Pension Trust.
- f. For the benefit of the Irish Jockeys Association 2.0% from the Riding Fee is deducted and this is then paid to the Irish Jockeys Association Company Limited by Guarantee.

HRI DIRECTIVE 6

Weights, Penalties and Allowances:

The weights, penalties and allowances to be carried as part of the race (handicap) conditions are laid out in HRI Directive 6:

1. Weights for Flat Races

- a. No horse shall carry less than 8st 7lb in a Flat race, except when a rider's allowance is claimed.
- b. No horse shall carry less than 8st 7lb in a Weight For Age flat race, handicaps excluded, except when a rider's allowance is claimed.

2. Weights for Steeplechases, Hurdle Races and I.N.H. Flat races

- a. No horse shall carry less than 10st in a Steeplechase or Hurdle race handicap, except when a rider's allowance is claimed.
- b. No horse shall carry less than 10st in a Steeplechase or Hurdle race, or in a I.N.H. Flat race, except when a rider's allowance is claimed. (as above).

3. Penalties

- a. In estimating the amount a horse has won in any one or more races, account shall only be taken of winning prize money, gained by it for its owner. Cups and trophies, or any monies gained from Matches, Private Sweepstakes, bonus schemes or any other source by its owner, trainer, rider, stable or breeder shall not be taken into account.
- b. In the case of a dead-heat for first place, account shall be taken only of the amount of which the horse has gained, after the prize assessed in accordance with this Directive has been divided in accordance with Directive 7(5).
- c. No account shall be taken of any deduction under Directive 7(4).
- d. In all cases the horse's own stake or entrance fee shall be deducted from the amount. Such stake or entrance fee shall be calculated as if the horse was entered at the first entry stage.
- e. No cognisance shall be taken of Second Entry fees or Supplementary Entry Fees or of any other deductions made. Any conversion to Euro shall be calculated in accordance with the Exchange Rates published by Horse Racing Ireland in the Irish Racing Calendar applicable to the year in which the prize money was won.
- f. Penalties for winning a fixed sum shall be understood to mean for winning it in one race, unless specified to the contrary.
- g. Extra weight shall not be incurred in respect of matches or private sweepstakes and any horse so doing shall not be debarred on that account from claiming any allowance or from taking part in any race.
- h. Penalties are not cumulative unless so declared by the conditions of the race.

i. Penalties in Handicap Flat Races

- In all normal closing handicap flat races, horses shall carry 7lb extra for each flat race won after the calculation of the handicap.
- In all early closing handicap flat races, horses shall carry 7lb extra for each flat race won after the calculation of the handicap.

j. Penalties in Handicap Hurdle Races

- In all normal closing handicap hurdle races, horses shall carry 7lb extra for each hurdle race won after the calculation of the handicap.
- In all early closing handicap hurdle races or in normal closing handicap hurdle races with an advertised value of €30,000 or more, horses shall carry any penalty or penalties which may be allotted by the Handicapper for each hurdle race won after calculation of the handicap.

Penalties in Handicap Steeplechase Races

- In all normal closing handicap steeplechase races, horses shall carry 7lb extra for each steeplechase race won after the calculation of the handicap.
- In all early closing handicap steeplechases or in normal closing handicap steeplechases with an advertised value of €30,000 or more, horses shall carry any penalty or penalties which may be allotted by the Handicapper for each steeplechase won after calculation of the handicap.

k. Winnings shall include all prizes, including a walk over, but shall only refer to the winner of a race. Winnings in flat races shall apply to all flat races at a recognised meeting in any country except:

- Private Sweepstakes or Matches in any country
- I.N.H flat races and flat races run under the Steeplechasing Rules of any recognised Turf Authority

l. All penalties and allowances shall be calculated according to the amount of the value of each race as reported in the Irish Racing Calendar and pending such publication, the valuation to be determined in accordance with Directive 6(3) (a) to (e) and unless otherwise stated in the conditions of the races shall be calculated up to the time of starting.

m. In Flat races, the assessments for qualification, penalties and allowances for races published in the International Cataloguing Standards Book are as follows:

For countries: whose major races are published in Part I only or in both Part 1 and Part II:

- Races will be regarded as Pattern races of the Group or Grade indicated.

- If no Group or Grade is indicated, races will be regarded as Listed races.

For countries whose major races are published in Part II only:

- Races will be regarded as Listed races, whatever the indicated Group or Grade.

For countries whose major races are published in Part III or who do not have races published in the International Cataloguing Standards Book:

- Only races as indicated as being Group 1 or Grade 1 races will be regarded as Listed races.
- n. For the purpose of determining race qualification or any penalty to be carried, a horse which in Great Britain has won a Grade 3 Handicap Steeplechase or Handicap Hurdle Race shall be regarded as having won a Grade A Handicap Steeplechase or Handicap Hurdle Race.
- o. If in the conditions of a race a fixed penalty has to be carried for winning a race, horses running a dead-heat for such race shall carry the penalty fixed as if the race has been won outright.

4. Allowances

- a. Allowances are cumulative unless otherwise specified.
- b. In all Flat races other than Handicaps, allowances as shown in Appendix A may be claimed for horses foaled between July 1st and December 31st in the Southern Hemisphere. These allowances may only be claimed at the time of entry and to make such a claim the name of the horse in the entry must be followed by "Southern Hemisphere Allowance Xlb".
- c. No horse shall receive allowance of weight or be relieved from extra weight for having been beaten in one or more races, provided that this Directive shall not prohibit maiden allowances or allowances to horses that have not won within a specified time, or races of a specified value or distance.

5. Scale of Weight for Age

- a. The Scale of Weight For Age, which appears as Appendix B, is published as a guide when framing the conditions of Weight For Age Flat races.
- b. The Scale of Weight For Age, which appears as Appendix C, is published as a guide when framing the conditions of Weight For Age Steeplechases and Hurdle Races. The Scale for I.N.H. Flat races is the same as that for Hurdle races.

HRI DIRECTIVE 7

Prize Money:

The payment and distribution of prize money are laid out in HRI Directive 7.

Any alteration to the constituent part of the deductions from prize money set out in Section 4 below will be arrived at after consultation with the Racing Regulatory Body, and any alteration to the deductions for the charitable Funds administered or jointly administered by the Racing Regulatory Body (Jockeys Emergency Fund) will only be arrived at with the agreement of the Racing Regulatory Body.

1. Base Values

- a. The prize money minimum values for each race type are laid out in Appendix D.

2. Payment of Prize Money

- a. In all races the Stakeholder shall be responsible for paying the advertised value in accordance with the conditions of the races run at each meeting subject to the provisions of Directive 9 Division of Races in respect of the division of races.
- b. If a race be never run or be void, stakes, forfeits, entrance money and bookage fees will be returned.

3. Walk-Overs

- a. When a cup or any prize money subject to Section 4(a) is advertised to be run for, it shall be given even in the event of a walk-over.

4. Distribution of Prize Money (see Appendix E)

- a. Any money or prize which, by the conditions, is to go to the horse placed second or in any lower place shall revert to the Stakeholder if the winner has walked over or no horse has been placed second or in any lower place.
- b. No prize shall be given to any but the first six horses placed except as specified in the conditions of the race.
 - In all races value less than €100,000 the owner of the winner shall receive 60%, the owner of the second shall receive 20%, the owner of the third 10%, the owner of the fourth 5%, the owner of the fifth 3% and the owner of 6th 2% of the value of the race.

- In all races value €100,000 or more where prize money is paid to more than six places the owner of the second shall receive a sum of 20%, the owner of the third 10%, the owner of the fourth 5%, the owner of the fifth 3% and the owner of the sixth 2% of the value of the race.

4.1 Owner and Associated Funds

- a. The Gross Prize Money won by an Owner (**A**) represents the total Prize Money won in accordance with the requirements of Directive 7 (4) prior to any deductions.
- b. The Cost to Run (**B**), used to determine the Gross Gain to an Owner, shall in all cases be calculated as if the horse was entered at the first entry stage. No cognizance shall be taken of Second Entry Fees or Supplementary Entry Fees.
- c. The Gross Gain to the Owner (**C**) shall be calculated as the Gross Prize Money less the Cost to Run.
- d. For the benefit of the Stable Employees Bonus Scheme (**D**) 3.0% of the Gross Prize Money won will be deducted from the Owner of which:
 - 1.7% (of **D**) will be paid to the IHRB (**D1**).
 - 3.5% (of **D**) will be paid to the Irish Stable Staff Association (ISSA) where the horse is trained in Ireland (**D2**).
- e. For the benefit of the Irish Stable Staff Association (ISSA) (**E**) 0.1% of the Gross Prize Money won will be deducted from the Owner where the horse is trained in Ireland.
- f. For the benefit of the Jockey Emergency Fund (JEF) (**F**) 1.0% of the Gross Prize Money won will be deducted from the Owner. These funds will be provided to the Jockeys Emergency Fund (JEF) and/or the Jockeys Accident Fund (JAF) as agreed on an annual basis between the Trustees of the JEF and HRI following consultation with the Association of Irish Racehorse Owners (AIRO). Such agreement(s) and any modification thereto will be notified to the IHRB within seven days.
- g. The Net Gain to the Owner (**G**) shall be calculated as the Gross Gain to the Owner (**C**) less the cumulative total of the deductions made for the benefit of the Stable Employees Bonus Scheme (**D**), the Irish Stable Staff Association (**E**) and the Jockey Emergency Fund (**F**). In order to calculate the Net Gain (**G**) these deductions will be applied to all winning Owners with one exception; if the horse is foreign trained the ISSA deduction of 0.1% (**E**) is not included in the calculation as this deduction will not apply.
- h. For the benefit of the Trainer and Associated funds (**H**) 10% of the Net Gain to the Owner (**G**).
- i. For the benefit of the Jockey and Associated funds (**J**) 10% of the Net Gain to the Owner (**G**).

4.2 Trainer and Associated Funds

For the benefit of the Trainer and Associated Funds **(L)** 10% of the Owners Net Gain **(G)** is debited from the Owner **(H)**. This sum will then be distributed as follows:

- a. 14.6% of the net amount **(L)** will be transferred to Funds to be administered by the Racing Regulatory Body and the Irish Racehorse Trainers Association. This will be distributed as follows:
 - 13.0% of the net amount **(L)** will be for the benefit of persons employed in racing stables **(M)**.
 - 1.6% of the net amount **(L)** will assist in the funding of a Benevolent Fund, to include Death in Service Benefit, for members of the Irish Racehorse Trainers Association **(M1)**.
- b. 5.4% of the net amount **(L)** will be transferred to Funds to be administered by Horse Racing Ireland and the Irish Racehorse Trainers Association. This will be distributed as follows:
 - 5.0% of the net amount **(L)** will assist in the funding of the Racing Academy and Centre of Education **(M2)**.
 - 0.2% of the net amount **(L)** will assist in the funding of the Blue Cross **(M3)**.
 - 0.2% of the net amount **(L)** will assist in the funding of the Irish Horse Welfare Trust **(M4)**.
- c. 1.0% of the net amount **(L)** will be transferred for the benefit of the Irish Racehorse Trainers Association Marketing Fund **(N)**.
- d. The remaining 79% of the net amount **(L)** will be distributed as follows contingent upon the type of Licence to Train held by the Trainer:

Where the Trainer of the horse holds a Licence to Train under the Rules of Racing and/or INHS Rules:

- 3.0% of the net amount **(L)** will be transferred for the benefit of the Irish Racehorse Trainers Association **(O)**.
- 76% of the net amount **(L)** remaining will be transferred to the Trainer of the horse **(P)**.

OR

Where the Trainer of the horse holds a Restricted Licence, Hunter Chase Licence or Licence to Train under the Rules of any other recognised Turf Authority:

- 79% of the net amount **(L)** remaining will be transferred to the Trainer of the horse **(P)**.

4.3 Jockey and Associated Funds

For the benefit of the Jockey and Associated Funds (**Q**) 10% of the Owners Net Gain (**G**) is debited from the Owner (**J**). From this sum:

- a. 2% (of **Q**) will be transferred to the Irish Jockeys Pension Trust (**R1**). The Irish Jockeys Pensions Trust is administered jointly by the Stewards of the Racing Regulatory Body and the Irish Jockeys Association Company Limited by Guarantee.
- b. 2.0% (of **Q**) will be transferred to the Irish Jockeys Association Company Limited by Guarantee for the provision of career ending insurance for professional jockeys. (**R**)

The net amount remaining (**S**) will then be distributed as follows:

- c. 11% of the net amount (**S**) is transferred to the Irish Jockeys Pension Trust (**T**). 9% of the net amount (**S**) is transferred to the Irish Jockeys Trust (**T1**). These funds are for the benefit of licensed jockeys (other than those temporarily licensed) and are administered jointly by the Stewards of the Racing Regulatory Body and the Irish Jockeys' Association Company Limited by Guarantee.
- d. 80% of the net amount (**S**) will be transferred to the jockey who rode the horse (**U**). From the net amount transferred to the Jockey deductions will be made for the benefit of a Licensed Valet and/or Licensed Agent where applicable (as set out in sections (d) Licensed Valet and (e) Licensed Agent).

4.4 Licensed Valet

- a. 1.5% of the net amount received by the Jockey (**U**) will be deducted from the Jockey (**V**) and will be transferred for the benefit of the licensed Valet of the rider winning the prize money (**Y**). This transfer will be made on the provision the rider has lodged the appropriated authorisation appointing a Jockeys' Valet with the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board.

4.5 Licensed Agent

10% of the net amount received by the Jockey (**U**), having deducted any transfers made to a licensed Valet (**V**), will be deducted from the Jockey (**W1**) and will be transferred for the benefit of the licensed Agent of the rider winning the prize money (**Z**). This transfer will be made on the provision the rider has lodged the appropriate authorisation appointing the Agent with the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board.

Where the Agent is registered for VAT, a deduction will also be made from the Jockey at the applicable VAT rate (**W2**) and will be transferred to the Agent (**AA**).

4.6 In a race for Professional Jockeys where the rider of the winner or a placed horse is a Qualified Rider, deductions shall be made as in Sections (a) Owner and Associated Funds and (b) Trainer and Associated Funds but, in place of those under section (c) Jockey and Associated Funds, those amounts shall be credited to the Jockey's Accident Fund Company Limited by Guarantee. 2.0% will be deducted for use by the Industry Services Fund from the sum to be credited to the Jockeys' Accident Fund Company Limited by Guarantee.

4.7 The deduction in Sections (c) Jockey and Associated Funds in favour of the Irish Jockeys Trust and the Irish Jockeys Pension Trust shall not however be made when a Qualified Rider wins or is placed in a race for Professional Jockeys on a horse the property of the rider, his wife, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister or grandparents or owned in partnership between such persons.

4.8 In races confined to Qualified Riders, Ladies' Races and I.N.H. Flat races, the percentage deduction for the Trainer and Associated Funds shall be made as in Section (b) and no further deduction shall be made unless the rider of the winner or a placed horse in an I.N.H. Flat race is a professional jockey, in which case deductions shall be made as in Sections (c) for the Jockey and Associated Funds, (d) for the Licensed Valet and (e) for the Licensed Agent.

5. Dead-Heats

- a. Each horse that divides a prize for first place shall be deemed a winner for penalties (see Directive 6).
- b. When two horses run a dead-heat for first place all prizes to which the first and second horses would be entitled shall be divided equally between them, and this principle shall be observed in dividing the prizes whatever the number of dead-heaters and whatever the place for which the dead-heat is run.

HRI DIRECTIVE 8

The Forfeit List:

The Forfeit List shall be operated in accordance with the procedures laid out in HRI Directive 8:

- a. The Forfeit List shall be kept at HRI and shall be published at least twice annually in the Irish Racing Calendar. It shall include all arrears which have been notified by the Stakeholder of any recognised meeting in Ireland, or as otherwise provided under the Rules of Racing/IHRB or any amount otherwise due to HRI or unpaid Foal Levy due to HRI as advised by Weatherbys Ireland, and shall state the name or names of the persons or Companies from whom the horses in respect of which the same are due. "Arrears" or "amounts due" which have been so published must either be paid direct to HRI or notification that they have been duly paid must be received by HRI from some recognised Turf Authority or Weatherbys Ireland and, until so paid or until such notification has been received, such persons or Companies shall not be removed from the Forfeit List.
- b. Where a person or Company is prevented from entering or starting a horse for any race without paying arrears for which they would not otherwise be liable, they may, by settling the arrears, enter or start the horse and place the arrears in The Forfeit List as due to themselves.
- c. So long as the name of a person is in The Forfeit List or so long as the name of a person is in the Official Forfeit List published by the recognised Turf Authority of any country, he is a Disqualified Person. The registration of any Recognised Company whose name is in the Forfeit List shall be cancelled.
- d. Any owner having signed a training agreement between a trainer and themselves may be entered in the Forfeit List if they are found to have defaulted on this agreement.
- e. For the avoidance of doubt, "any amount otherwise due" to HRI includes, but is not limited to, any foal levy due to HRI.

HRI DIRECTIVE 9

Division of Races:

The Division of Races shall be operated in accordance with the procedures laid out in HRI Directive 9:

- a. HRI may at their discretion order that any race shall be divided at any time appointed by them prior to the time at which the names of the runners should be declared for such a race.
- b. When a race is divided, HRI shall divide the number of horses left in the race at the time appointed for its division into two or more divisions, each of which shall, as far as is possible, contain an equal number of horses.

When a race is divided, the following provisions shall be observed:

- If an owner or trainer shall have two or more horses declared as runners or left in the race at the time at which the division is being made, such horses shall, so far as is possible, be placed in different divisions of the race.
- The remainder of the horses declared as runners for the race or left in at the time at which the division is being made shall be divided between the different divisions of the race.

HRI DIRECTIVE 10

Elimination and Balloting out of Horses:

Where the number of horses declared exceeds the number permitted to run in the race, HRI shall reduce the number of declared runners to the recommended limit by ballot or elimination in accordance with the criteria laid out in HRI Directive 10:

In all normal closing races only performances up to the closing of entries will be taken into account when determining protection from balloting/elimination. In early closing races performances up to the final forfeit stage will be taken into account when determining balloting/elimination. Balloting or elimination at the overnight declaration stage will take place among those horses which are liable for ballot/elimination. Horses with the lowest ballot/elimination numbers will be the first to get into a race.

1. In Weight For Age Flat Races (excluding Pattern and Listed Races)

Protection from balloting will operate in the following order:

- a. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which do not have an official Flat rating in Ireland.
- b. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have an official Flat rating in Ireland of 80 or more (70 or more during the Flat race Winter Season), the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- c. Horses which have an official Flat rating in Ireland of 80 or more (70 or more during the Flat race Winter Season), the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- d. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed Flat races run in Ireland and which do not have an official Flat rating in Ireland.
- e. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have an official Flat rating in Ireland of 60 or more, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- f. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed Flat races run in Ireland and which have an official Flat rating in Ireland of 60 or more, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- g. Horses which have not completed in a Flat race run in Ireland.
- h. Horses which have completed three, four or five times in Flat races run in Ireland and do not have an official Flat rating in Ireland.
- i. Horses which have completed less than three times in Flat races run in Ireland.

- j. Horses which have the highest official Flat rating in Ireland below 80 at time of entry (below 70 during the Flat race Winter Season), the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- k. Horses which have completed six or more times in Flat races run in Ireland and do not have an official Flat rating in Ireland.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Flat race in Ireland, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting/elimination first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses with equal protection, such ballot will in the first place afford the greatest protection to those horses which have not run in a Flat race in Ireland since 1st June 2020 for the greatest number of days at the closing of entries and thereafter will be random. For the purposes of Section (1) above, 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

2. In Flat Handicaps

2.1 With a designated rating band of 0-60

By ballot or elimination first of those horses with an official flat rating below 40, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.

Protection from balloting/elimination will then operate in the following order:

- a. Horses placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd on their last completed run in a Flat race run in Ireland, on or subsequent to 1st January of the year previous to the current year.
- b. Horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Flat Handicap run in Ireland, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot with a designated rating band of 60 or less and within the same distance category (indicated below) of the race to be balloted. The latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording the greatest protection.

In all of the above, if it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will in the first place afford the greatest protection to those horses which have not run in a Flat race in Ireland since 1st June 2020 for the greatest number of days at the closing of entries.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

The relevant distance categories are as follows:

- Sprint (5 furlongs to less than 7 furlongs).
- Mile (7 furlongs to 9 furlongs).
- Intermediate (9 furlongs 1yds to 12 furlongs).

- Long (12 furlongs 1yds or more).

Note: Horse Racing Ireland give notice that the distance of the race at close of entries will be the distance used when applying the above balloting criteria to these type of races. Any alteration to a race distance after this time WILL NOT be taken into account if the race is balloted at the declaration stage. (Example: a race advertised at 7 furlongs at close of entries is subsequently altered to 6 furlongs and 200 yards before close of declarations – horses balloted from this race will be treated as having been balloted from a 7 furlongs race for future ballots).

Note: For the purposes of Section (2.1) above 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

Re-ballot

Notwithstanding the above and in the interest of permitting as many horses as possible a reasonable opportunity to run in flat handicaps with a maximum rating band of 0-60, horses will lose their provisional ballot status which:

- are declared to run but not a reserve in any flat race scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.
- since the time of entry, have run in a flat race in Ireland without being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.
- since the time of entry, have run more than once in a flat race in Ireland or have run once and are declared to run but not a reserve in any flat race scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.

In any of these circumstances, such re-ballot will afford the greatest protection to those horses with the greatest number of days since their last run in a flat race in Ireland at the closing of declarations and, when such protection is equal, horses with the highest rating will be afforded the greatest protection.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

2.2 In early closing Flat Handicaps

- a. By ballot or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are below the minimum stipulated weight after any penalties have been applied at the final forfeit stage.
- b. If this fails to reduce the number to the recommended limit a further ballot or elimination will take place among the remaining horses, with the elimination of the lowest rated horses after any penalties have been applied to the horses' ratings in the race at the final forfeit stage.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

2.3 In Benchmark Flat Handicaps with a Rating of 70

A Benchmark Handicap is a handicap where a rating is set as the top weight but horses with higher ratings can enter and run carrying the extra weight.

Horses rated above 75 cannot enter and balloting will operate in the following order:

By ballot or elimination first of those horses with an official flat rating below 40, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.

Protection from balloting/elimination will then operate in the following order:

- a. Horses rated 70 (or the highest rated entered horse below 70) down to 61 are protected first with the highest rating afforded the greatest protection.
- b. Horses rated 72 are protected next, then horses rated 71
- c. By ballot or elimination of horses rated 60 or lower down to the minimum stipulated weight in the race (usually 8st 7lb)
- d. Horses rated 73, then 74, then 75, in that order.
- e. By ballot or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are below the minimum stipulated weight but before any penalties have been applied.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

2.4 In Benchmark Flat Handicaps with a Rating of 80

A Benchmark Handicap is a handicap where a rating is set as the top weight but horses with higher ratings can enter and run carrying the extra weight.

Horses rated above 85 cannot enter and balloting will operate in the following order:

By ballot or elimination first of those horses with an official flat rating below 40, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.

Protection from balloting/elimination will then operate in the following order:

- a. Horses rated 82 are protected first, then horses rated 81.
- b. By ballot or elimination of horses rated at the Benchmark or lower (or the highest rated entered horse below 80), down to the minimum stipulated, with elimination first of the lowest rated horses but before any penalties have been applied (usually 8st 7lbs).

- c. Horses rated 83, then 84, then 85 in that order.
- d. By ballot or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are below the minimum stipulated weight but before any penalties have been applied.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

2.5 In all other Flat Handicaps

By ballot or elimination first of those horses with an official flat rating below 40, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.

- a. By ballot or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are below the minimum stipulated weight but before any penalties have been applied.
- b. If this fails to reduce the number to the recommended limit a further ballot or elimination will take place among the remaining horses, with the elimination of the lowest rated horses but before any penalties have been applied.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random

3. In all Pattern and Listed Flat Races

By ballot or elimination of those horses that have the lowest handicap ratings (having regard to the applicable sex allowance) or if they do not qualify for an official rating have the lowest assessment made by the Handicapper so as to reduce the number of declared runners to the recommended limit. International ratings will be taken into account under this subsection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. Horses which have not run will be eliminated first by random ballot.

4. In Weight For Age National Hunt Races (excluding Pattern/Listed Races)

4.1 Steeplechases (other than Beginners Steeplechases)

Protection from balloting will operate in the following order:

- a. Horses which have won a Grade 1, 2 or 3 Weight For Age National Hunt race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority.
- b. Horses which have won a Steeplechase run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which do not have an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland.
- c. Horses which have won a Steeplechase run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- d. Horses which have an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland of 115 or more, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- e. Horses which have won a Hurdle race, an I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race run under Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which were placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- f. Horses which have won a Hurdle race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- g. Horses which have won an I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- h. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th in either of their last two completed Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- i. Horses which have completed in three or more Steeplechases run in Ireland and to which the handicapper is not prepared to allocate an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland.
- j. Horses which have completed less than three times in steeplechases run in Ireland.
- k. Horses which have the highest official Steeplechase rating in Ireland below 115 at time of entry, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Steeplechase run under I.N.H.S. Rules, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot

will be random. For the purposes of Section (4.1) above, 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

4.2 Beginners Steeplechases

Protection from balloting will operate in the following order:

- a. Horses which have won a Grade 1, 2 or 3 Weight for Age National Hunt race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- b. Horses which have an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland of 115 or more, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- c. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed weight-for-age Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- d. Horses which have won a Hurdle race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- e. Horses which have won a I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- f. Horses which have completed in two, three or four Steeplechases run in Ireland and to which the handicapper is not prepared to allocate an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland.
- g. Horses which have completed less than three times in Steeplechases run in Ireland.
- h. Horses which have the highest official Steeplechase rating in Ireland below 115 at time of entry, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- i. Horses which have completed five or more times in Steeplechases run in Ireland and do not have an official Steeplechase rating in Ireland.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Steeplechase run under I.N.H.S. Rules, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. For the purposes of Section (4.2) above, 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

4.3 Hurdles (other than Maiden Hurdles)

Protection from balloting will operate in the following order:

- a. Horses which have won a Grade 1, 2 or 3 Weight For Age National Hunt race or a Group 1, 2 or 3 Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority.
- b. Horses which have won a Hurdle race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which do not have an official Hurdle rating in Ireland.
- c. Horses which have won a Hurdle race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have an official Hurdle rating in Ireland, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- d. Horses which have won a Flat race, an I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which were placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed hurdle races run in Ireland.
- e. Horses which have won an I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three hurdle races run in Ireland.
- f. Horses which have an official Hurdle rating in Ireland of 105 or more, the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- g. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th in either of their last two completed Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- h. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority on or subsequent to January 1st of the year previous to the current year and which have completed in less than three hurdle races run in Ireland.
- i. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- j. Horses which have completed in three or more Hurdle races run in Ireland and to which the handicapper is not prepared to allocate an official Hurdle rating in Ireland.
- k. Horses which have completed less than three times in Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- l. Horses which have the highest official Hurdle rating in Ireland below 105 at time of entry, the highest racing affording the greatest protection.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Hurdle Race run under I.N.H.S. Rules, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is

necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. For the purposes of Section (4.3) above 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

4.4 Maiden Hurdles

Protection from balloting will operate in the following order:

- a. Horses which have won a Grade 1, 2 or 3 Weight for Age National Hunt race or a Group 1, 2 or 3 Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- b. Horses which have an official Hurdle rating in Ireland of 115 or more at the time of entry (105 from 1st May to 30th September), the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- c. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed weight-for-age Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- d. Horses which have won an I.N.H Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- e. Horses which have won a Flat race run under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority and which have completed in less than three Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- f. Horses which have completed in three, four or five Hurdle races run in Ireland and to which the handicapper is not prepared to allocate an official Hurdle rating in Ireland.
- g. Horses which have completed less than three times in Hurdle races run in Ireland.
- h. Horses which have the highest official Hurdle rating in Ireland below 115 at time of entry (105 from 1st May to 30th September), the highest rating affording the greatest protection.
- i. Horses which have completed six or more times in Hurdle races run in Ireland and do not have an official Hurdle rating in Ireland.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Hurdle race run under I.N.H.S. Rules, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. For the purposes of Section (4.4) above, 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

4.5 I.N.H. Flat Races

Protection from balloting/elimination will operate in the following order:

- a. Horses which have won an I.N.H. Flat race or a National Hunt Flat race run under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority.
- b. Horses placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th in either of their last two completed runs in Irish National Hunt Flat races.
- c. Horses which have completed less than three times in I.N.H. Flat races run in Ireland.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from an I.N.H. Flat Race in Ireland, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. For the purposes of Section (4.5) above, 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

4.6 In all Certified Hunter Chases

Protection from balloting/elimination will operate in the following order:

- a. Horses which have won a Certified Hunters Steeplechase.
- b. Horses which were placed second, third or fourth in either of their last two completed Steeplechases in Ireland confined to Certified Hunters.
- c. Horses which have won a Point-to-Point Steeplechase in Ireland on and from the commencement day of the two previous Point to Point seasons, the greatest number of wins in this period affording the greatest protection.

Note: When protection is equal, horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Steeplechase run under I.N.H.S. Rules, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot will be protected from balloting first, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. For the purposes of Section (4.6) above 'pulled up' will be considered a completed run.

5. In National Hunt Handicaps

5.1 In Handicap Steeplechases with a designated rating band of 0-100

By ballot or elimination first of the lowest weighted horses which are below the minimum stipulated weight at time of entry but before any penalties have been applied.

Protection from balloting/elimination will then operate in the following order:

- a. Horses placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd on their last run in a Steeplechase run in Ireland, on or subsequent to 1st January of the year previous to the current year.
- b. Horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Handicap Steeplechase run in Ireland with a designated rating band of 0-100 and within the same distance category (indicated below) of the race to be balloted on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection.

In all of the above, if it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will in the first place afford the greatest protection to those horses which have not run in a Steeplechase in Ireland since 1st January 2025. for the greatest number of days at the closing of entries.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

The relevant distance categories are as follows:

- 2 Miles (or such a lesser distance which for course layout reasons as may be approved by the IHRB on exceptional occasions) to less than 2 miles and 4 furlongs.
- 2 Miles and 4 furlongs or more.

Note: Horse Racing Ireland gives notice that the distance of the race at close of entries will be the distance used when applying the above balloting criteria to these type of races. Any alteration to a race distance after this time WILL NOT be taken into account if the race is balloted at the declaration stage. (Example: a race advertised at 2 miles 4 furlongs at close of entries is subsequently altered to 2 miles 3 furlongs and 200 yards before close of declarations – horses balloted from this race will be treated as having been balloted from a 2 miles 4 furlongs race for future ballots).

Re-ballot

Notwithstanding the above and in the interest of permitting as many horses as possible a reasonable opportunity to run in steeplechase handicaps with a maximum rating band of 0-100, horses will lose their provisional ballot status which:

- are declared to run but not a reserve in any steeplechase scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.

- since the time of entry, have run in a steeplechase in Ireland without being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.
- since the time of entry, have run more than once in a steeplechase in Ireland or have run once and are declared to run but not a reserve in any steeplechase scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.

In any of these circumstances, such re-ballot will afford the greatest protection to those horses with the greatest number of days since their last run in a steeplechase in Ireland at the closing of declarations and, when such protection is equal, horses with the highest rating will be afforded the greatest protection.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

5.2 In Handicap Hurdles with a designated rating band of 0-100

By ballot or elimination first of the lowest weighted horses which are below the minimum stipulated weight at time of entry but before any penalties have been applied.

Protection from balloting/elimination will then operate in the following order (only performances up to the time of entry will be taken into account):

- a. Horses placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd on their last run in a Hurdle race run in Ireland, on or subsequent to 1st January of the year previous to the current year.
- b. Horses previously balloted/eliminated from a Handicap Hurdle race run in Ireland with a designated rating band of 0-100 and within the same distance category (indicated below) of the race to be balloted, on or subsequent to 180 days prior to the date of the preliminary ballot, the latest ballot/elimination date at the time of the preliminary ballot stage affording greatest protection.

In all of the above, if it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will in the first place afford the greatest protection to those horses which have not run in a Hurdle race in Ireland since 1st January 2025 for the greatest number of days at the closing of entries.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

The relevant distance categories are as follows:

- 2 Miles (or such a lesser distance which for course layout reasons as may be approved by the IHRB on exceptional occasions) to less than 2 miles and 4 furlongs.
- 2 Miles and 4 furlongs or more.

Note: Horse Racing Ireland gives notice that the distance of the race at close of entries will be the distance used when applying the above balloting criteria to these type of races. Any alteration to a race distance after this time WILL NOT be taken into account if the race is balloted at the declaration stage. (Example: a race advertised at 2 miles 4 furlongs at close of entries is subsequently altered to 2 miles 3 furlongs and 200 yards before close of declarations – horses balloted from this race will be treated as having been balloted from a 2 miles 4 furlongs race for future ballots).

Re-ballot

Notwithstanding the above and in the interest of permitting as many horses as possible a reasonable opportunity to run in hurdle handicaps with a maximum rating band of 0-100, horses will lose their provisional ballot status which:

- are declared to run but not a reserve in any hurdle race scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.
- since the time of entry, have run in a hurdle race in Ireland without being placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd.
- since the time of entry, have run more than once in a hurdle race in Ireland or have run once and are declared to run but not a reserve in any hurdle race scheduled to be run in Ireland up to and including the day after that fixed for the closing of declarations.

In any of these circumstances, such re-ballot will afford the greatest protection to those horses with the greatest number of days since their last run in a hurdle race in Ireland at the closing of declarations and, when such protection is equal, horses with the highest rating will be afforded the greatest protection.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

5.3 In all early closing National Hunt Handicaps

- a. By ballot or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are below the minimum stipulated weight after any penalties have been applied at the final forfeit stage.
- b. If this fails to reduce the number to the recommended limit a further ballot or elimination will take place among the remaining horses, with the elimination of the lowest rated horses after any penalties have been applied to the horses' ratings in the race at the final forfeit stage.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

5.4 In Benchmark National Hunt Handicap Steeplechases and Hurdles a with Rating of 110 or 120

A Benchmark Handicap is a handicap where a rating is set as the top weight but horses with higher ratings can enter and run carrying the extra weight.

Horses rated more than 5lbs above the Benchmark cannot enter and balloting will operate in the following order:

- a. Horses rated 2lbs above the benchmark are protected first, then horses rated 1lb above the benchmark
- b. By ballot or elimination of horses rated at the benchmark (or the highest rated entered horse) down to the minimum stipulated weight in the race (usually 10st)
- c. Horses rated 3lb above the Benchmark, then 4lb above, then 5lb above in that order.
- d. By ballot or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are below the minimum stipulated weight but before any penalties have been applied.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

5.5 In all other National Hunt Handicaps

- a. By ballot or elimination of the lowest weighted horses which are below the minimum stipulated weight but before any penalties have been applied.
- b. If this fails to reduce the number to the recommended limit a further ballot or elimination will take place among the remaining horses, with the elimination of the lowest rated horses but before any penalties have been applied.

Note: If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random.

6. In all Pattern and Listed National Hunt Races

6.1 Steeplechases

By ballot or elimination of those horses that have the lowest steeplechase handicap ratings or if they do not qualify for an official rating have the lowest assessment made by the Handicapper (having regard to the applicable sex allowance) so as to reduce the number of declared runners to the recommended limit. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. Horses which have not run will be eliminated first by random ballot.

6.2 Hurdles

By ballot or elimination of those horses that have the lowest hurdle handicap ratings or if they do not qualify for an official rating have the lowest assessment made by the Handicapper (having regard to the applicable sex allowance) so as to reduce the number of declared runners to the recommended limit. If it is necessary to ballot among horses of equal protection, such ballot will be random. Horses which have not run will be eliminated first by random ballot.

7. Refund of Fees

Owners with horses balloted out or eliminated will not be charged any entrance, forfeit, declaration or bookage fees. Where a horse has more than one engagement on the same day and would have been balloted out or eliminated from the second race, the entrance, forfeit, declaration and bookage fees will be refunded for the second race. However, in cases of low grade Handicaps (Flat 0-60, NH 0-100) the ballot date will only apply for the race in which the horse was originally declared.

8. Reserves

Where a race is the subject of a ballot or elimination, not more than three extra horses will be included as Reserves. The names of the Reserves will be published on the race card in order of priority. Owners with horses designated as Reserves will only be charged entrance, forfeit if applicable, declaration and bookage fees if they exercise their option to run. Reserves which run are no longer deemed balloted or eliminated on that day.

Note:

Trainers are advised that every effort is made to ensure the above balloting procedures are strictly adhered to in all races. However, should a horse, for whatever reason, be inadvertently or incorrectly published on the liable for ballot listing, it is the trainer's responsibility to notify HRI of any error in the balloting procedures before the deadline for declarations has passed as any amendments after this deadline will not be possible.

HRI DIRECTIVE 11

Bookage Fees:

For every entry, including entries for races to be run outside of Ireland, the following bookage fees and levy shall be paid to HRI in accordance with HRI Directive 11:

1. Irish Flat Group 1, 2 or 3 Flat races €52.50.
2. Irish Flat Listed races €52.50.
3. Irish National Hunt Grade 1, 2 or 3 races €52.50.
4. All other Irish races €15.00.
5. All foreign races €52.50.
6. In addition, for every race in which there is a forfeit, a supplementary bookage fee of €52.50 shall be paid at each stage.

€2.50 of each entry bookage fee is a levy which will be paid to the Irish Equine Centre.

HRI DIRECTIVE 12

Registration Fees:

The Registration fees charged by HRI are laid out in HRI Directive 12:

1. For the annual registration or re-registration of Authority to Act generally on behalf of the owner €50.
2. For every registration of lease, contingency, or joint arrangement €50. For the re-registration of syndicates and on every charge there of €25.
3. For the annual registration of partnership €50. For the re-registration of partnerships and on every change thereof €25.
4. For every annual registration of colours €50.
5. For registration of colours for five years €200. For registration of colours for ten years €350.
6. For every registration of colours for life €1000.
7. For registration of non-standard racing colours €3000.
8. For registration of a horse's name including update/issue of passport:
 - Under two year old €137.50.
 - Two year old and upwards €137.50.
 - In Ireland if already registered in Britain €22.
 - For change or cancellation of a horse's name €440.
 - For the replacement of a lost passport €220.
 - For registration of Sale with Engagements €50.

HRI DIRECTIVE 13

Terms of Business – Horse Racing Clients:

The Terms of Business for Horse Racing Ireland clients are laid out in HRI Directive 13. These Terms of Business do not affect or exclude any Terms and Conditions implied by law. HRI reserves the right to vary these Terms of Business.

1. Account Security

- a. HRI is required to satisfy itself about the identity of any person who seeks to open an account. To this extent, HRI requests a copy of official proof of photographic identification. Any provision of false information will result in accounts being suspended. HRI reserves the right to decline an application. All owners acknowledge that all registrations with HRI are solely for racing purposes and such registrations do not confer any other legal or beneficial entitlements. Payment of €500 is required to open an account and €300 to re-activate an account. Note: An account can only be re-activated within seven years from the date of closure.
- b. HRI will not accept an ownership application from a person less than 18 years of age.
- c. Any change in client details must be notified to HRI in writing.
- d. HRI will require certain security information before confidential client information is given out over the telephone such as account number, date of birth, address details, racing colours etc.
- e. It is HRI's policy to record telephone phone calls for the purpose of security, accuracy and training.
- f. Where an owner wishes to grant a third party access to information on his/her account, they must complete the relevant section on the Owner Registration form or inform HRI in writing at any stage in the future.
- g. HRI will accept an instruction to close a client's account by telephone, fax or letter. Any credit balances will be forwarded to the client's bank account. Where the client is overdrawn and wishes to close his/her account, then any outstanding balances must be cleared first. Clients are recommended to keep a working balance in their account to meet upcoming entries and avoid refusal of entries. An average race can cost approximately €350 (inclusive of riding fee).
- h. All documents lodged for registration are for the purposes of racing horses under the HRI Directives, Rules of Racing and the INHS Rules.

- i. An Authority to Act must be completed and signed by the owner (or registered agent) appointing a specific trainer before a horse may be returned as racing active in the owner's name for racing purposes. This authorisation is one of the most important aspects of the registration process. This may be carried out by the owner on the Racing Administration System (RÁS), or by completing the appropriate documentation. It allows the authorised trainer, or any person deputised by him/her, to carry out significant administration procedures on the owner's behalf which include but are not limited to, returning horses in the trainer's care, updating the status of the horse, sale with engagements, changing the ownership of a horse, making entries, forfeits, declarations and jockey bookings. This Authority to Act registration is automatically renewed for subsequent years unless specifically cancelled by the owner on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) or in writing to HRI.
- j. HRI's main hours of business are between 9am to 5pm not including Saturday, Sunday, Bank Holidays or any day that the HRI offices are closed for any reason. The Entries and Declarations department hours of business are between 8am and 5pm and in some instances are open for limited hours on Sunday and Bank Holidays. The Client Accounts Department is open from 8.30am to 5pm each day Monday to Friday.

2. Client Payments

- a. HRI will accept payments by cheque, bank transfer, online credit/debit card facility or cash. (Cash up to a limit of €1,000).
- b. HRI will credit any prize monies won to the client's account on the second day after the race meeting. Subject to any deductions permitted under these HRI Directives, the monies will be available for withdrawal on the 17th day after the race meeting in accordance with Rule 35 of the Rules of Racing.
- c. HRI will accept instructions to pay funds out of a client's account by telephone, fax or letter, email or via the client online system. Payments will be made directly to the client's bank account by electronic funds transfer (EFT) normally within two working days. The bank details section on the owner registration form must be completed at account set-up. A copy of the "Header" part of the client bank statement must also be submitted to verify the bank details. This "Header" must be dated within six months of the date of account set-up and show the name, address, bank account name, IBAN and BIC number of the client which should correspond with that of the HRI account holder. In the event of a cheque being issued it will only be in the name of the client and will be marked account payee only. Cheques are issued monthly.
- d. HRI has a client account online system from which clients, once registered, can access their account online, check entries and make requests. Each registered owner upon registration will receive a unique 10 digit code to facilitate their setup.

- e. HRI offers the facility to make “industry related” third party payments. HRI will make the payment upon receipt of an invoice or statement detailing the amount in question. Where HRI makes payments to parties on behalf of clients, it accepts no responsibility for any loss incurred. Where payments are made on the basis of faxed instruction, any loss arising from fraud shall be to the Client’s account. HRI are not responsible for the application of any taxes or other deductions.

3. Fees and Charges

- a. HRI fees are laid out in Directives 11 and 12.
- b. Annual registration charges such as Authority to Acts, annual racing colours, syndicate and partnerships will be automatically renewed for subsequent years unless specifically cancelled in writing or cancelled through the online system. Unpaid accounts due for these charges for a period of more than 6 months may have, their registrations cancelled and account closed without prior notice and may appear on the Forfeit List.
- c. HRI fees are subject to change from time to time.
- d. In the event that there are any amounts due to HRI, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any outstanding foal levy due to HRI, that unpaid amount may be deducted from client funds (upon notification from Weatherbys), whether such client funds represent funds credited to the account by client deposits or prize monies where such amounts due to HRI remain outstanding.

4. Disputes

- a. In the event of a dispute between owners, partners or syndicate members and/or owners and trainers which they are unable to resolve, the below process may be used where this dispute impinges upon the registration of horse names or matters involving the racing administration of a named horse.

4.1 Raising a Dispute

- a. Disputes or matters of concern should be raised with the Racing Department Manager by telephone or by email.
- b. Queries which involve third parties and any other query as determined by the Racing Department Manager will be required to be put in writing together with the evidence to support the position taken. It is noted that certain matters may be time sensitive, and responses may be required in a short timeframe from the parties involved.
- c. The Racing Department Manager will consider the matter and may seek further information from relevant parties. The matter may be referred to the Director of Racing and other executives depending on the nature of the matter under consideration.

- d. A decision will be made by HRI and will be communicated with the parties. For ongoing matters an update will be provided monthly.

4.2 Right to Appeal – Horse Related Matters

- a. The Right to Appeal Policy (“Appeal Policy”) governs the process for appeal against a decision of HRI (a) register a horse name, (b) to refuse to register a horse name, (c) any other matters involving the racing of a registered horse. The main objective of the Appeal Policy is to allow the appellant an option to have their reported dispute reviewed in full by an Appeals Committee.
- b. The Appeal Policy should be read in conjunction with the HRI Owner Eligibility Policy along with HRI Directives 13 and 15.
- c. This appeal process does not prevent either party seeking legal advice or remedy through the courts in relation to these matters.

4.3 How to Appeal a HRI Decision

- a. A person may appeal in writing a HRI decision regarding horse registration or other racing matters within 14 days of the decision. A person may request HRI to extend this timeframe. HRI will respond to any such request in writing.
- b. The appeal submission should:
 - Outline the reasons why the HRI decision is being challenged
 - Produce relevant documentation to support the appeal, and
 - Produce any other relevant information/documentation

Requests for appeal (plus all supporting documentation) should be sent by registered post and addressed to:

Racehorse Decision Appeal
HRI Company Secretary
Horse Racing Ireland
Ballymany
The Curragh
Co. Kildare
R56 XE37

Prize money and/or the ability to access a HRI account may be frozen and/or suspended pending the outcome of an appeal. This decision will be made by the Director of Racing following consultation with the Chief Executive and the Company Secretary.

4.4 Grounds for an Appeal

The appellant must outline the reasons why he/she believes the decision is incorrect and provide any supporting documentation in relation to same. The appellant has the right to submit any new information he/she deems relevant for his/her appeal.

4.5 Appeals Committee

The HRI Board shall have discretion in the composition of the Appeals Committee. However, unless otherwise determined by the HRI Board, it shall comprise of three members of the HRI Board. The HRI Board reserves the right to appoint independent members, including the role of chair. All members of the Appeals Committee will be independent of the original HRI decision.

4.6 Appeal Format

Appeals must be made by written submission for consideration by the Appeals Committee. The appellant also has the right to request an oral hearing. The format of an oral hearing shall be determined by the chair at the relevant time. The Appeals Committee may seek any additional information from both the appellant and/or other sources as it deems appropriate.

4.7 Confidentiality

The fact of an appeal and related information and/or documentation are confidential. Any oral hearing and/or other discussions/meetings will be conducted in private. However, Horse Racing Ireland retains the right to provide information to the Irish Horse Racing Regulatory Board.

HRI DIRECTIVE 14

Credit Control:

HRI's Credit Control policy operates in accordance with the procedures laid out in HRI Directive 14:

1. The client's HRI account must be kept in credit at all times. Where the account goes overdrawn it must be brought back into credit immediately. HRI reserves the right to suspend the account (no race entries or naming applications will be accepted) and if necessary suspend the client's ownership. Only AFTER the account is brought back into credit will entries be accepted.
2. HRI will, if necessary, exercise its legal rights to receive any payments due to it from clients.
3. HRI will take the following steps should a client account go overdrawn:
 - Each client receives a statement at the beginning of each month for the previous month's transactions.
 - If the client's account is overdrawn a letter may accompany the statement informing the client that a stop will be placed on the account if it is not brought back into credit within 14 days. HRI reserves the right to place an immediate stop on the client's account during this 14 day period.
 - If the account remains overdrawn a 1st reminder letter will be sent informing the client that his/her name will appear in the forfeit list and they will be deemed a Disqualified Person.
 - If the account remains overdrawn a 2nd and final reminder letter will be sent informing the client that he/she will be named in the published forfeit list and the debt sent to solicitors of HRI for collection.
 - HRI may charge an administration fee of €10 per letter sent.

HRI DIRECTIVE 15

Racehorse Ownership Registration:

The conditions of owner registration and the maintenance thereafter are outlined in Directive 15:

1. HRI Owner Register

- a. HRI maintains a register of racehorse owners for the administration of horse racing in Ireland. Ownership must be registered with HRI in accordance with this Directive, for all horses that have a return status of “racing active”.

Note: Trainers who have horses under their care that have a return status of “racing inactive” must keep the ownership record of the horse updated at all times irrespective of whether the owner is a registered owner with HRI or not.

Any horse ownership record held by HRI is not legal confirmation of ownership.

- b. HRI has complete discretion on the approval of an owner registration application. An applicant(s) whose conduct, behaviour or character is not in accordance with that which, in the opinion of HRI, should be expected of a registered person, may not be considered suitable and therefore may be refused registration. Owner applicants must read the HRI Racehorse Owner Eligibility and Right to Appeal Policy in conjunction with the Owner Registration documents to ensure they fully understand and comply with the criteria which may influence owner application.
- c. At any stage during the lifetime of an owner registration, HRI may void or suspend the owner registration(s). It is not possible to outline all circumstances where this may occur, however such instances include (but are not limited to) the discovery of false or misleading records being submitted to HRI, financial anomalies with the HRI owner’s account or the failure to implement the agreed Code of Conduct for a syndicate or club. Additionally, should a registered owner be added to the Forfeit/Disqualified List, this registration will automatically be made void. All existing registered owners should refer to the HRI Racehorse Owner Eligibility and Right to Appeal Policy during the lifetime of their registration to ensure they remain compliant with the criteria which may influence on-going owner registration.
- d. Should the owner subsequently be removed from the Forfeit/Disqualified List, the owner must submit the appropriate owner application forms and fees to re-register.
- e. All active owners, whose names are recorded on the Owner Register on or before 1st January 1980, automatically remain registered with HRI.
- f. All registered owners with HRI shall remain on the register of owners for a period of seven years after their HRI client account has been closed whereupon the personal details shall be purged. Should an individual wish to take out ownership with HRI after

this seven-year period, they will be required to submit the relevant HRI registration forms, supporting documentation and relevant fees to re-register. If an individual wishes to re-activate their HRI ownership account within this seven-year period, they will be subject to the client re-activation process which may include personal verification to re-activate the client account.

- g. Until an owner is registered by HRI, a horse cannot be returned by a trainer in the status of “racing active”.
- h. All those registered with HRI, including members of syndicates and clubs, are bound by the HRI Directives and Rules Of Racing and the I.N.H.S Rules of the IHRB.
- i. In the event of the death of an Owner, any entries or liabilities will be transferred to his or her executors/personal representative. Such entries and liabilities will not be made void.
- j. The executors/personal representative of a deceased Owner (who have been registered with HRI) can run a horse under the description ‘Executor(s) of the late....’. The executor(s) or personal representative are not required to be registered Owners unless otherwise determined by HRI.
- k. Horses the property of the Irish National Stud Co. Ltd. may be raced under these Directives in the name of the President of Ireland, who shall be deemed to be the lessee of such horses.

2. Sole Owner Registration (1 person)

To register as a sole owner with HRI the following must be adhered to:

- The person must be 18 years of age or older.
- The person must not be on the Forfeit/Disqualified List.
- The person must have submitted the appropriate HRI Registration form, accompanied by the requested supporting documentation.
- The person must lodge the correct registration fee(s).
- The person is not permitted to race under a nickname or an assumed name.

The sole owner registration shall be effective 2 working days following approval by HRI.

3. Partnership Owner Registration (2-4 persons, each to be registered owners)

To register as a partnership with HRI the following must be adhered to:

- a. All persons must be Registered Owners.
- b. The appropriate HRI registration form(s) must be submitted to HRI with the supporting documentation.

- c. The correct registration fee(s) must be submitted.
- d. A partnership consists of a minimum of two Partners and a maximum of four Partners. All partners are jointly and severally liable for the cost of running as outlined on partnership form.
- e. All partners must not be on the Forfeit/Disqualified List.
- f. The partners must race in a combination of the partner's names or under an approved partnership name. The registered partnership name is deemed unique for the period the partnership registration is in existence.
- g. Partner one must register a set of colours and an authority to act.
- h. A new partnership form must be completed and submitted to HRI should there be any material change to the partnership structure. In such instances where the partners involved have changed, all previous partners will be notified of the cancellation of the previous partnership registration.
- i. Each horse partnership is registered annually on January 1st, with an automatic renewal in place unless cancelled with HRI by correspondence or through the online RÁS system.

The partnership registration shall be effective 2 working days following approval by HRI of the appropriate documentation and fee(s) unless all partners are already registered owners.

All partnerships and other joint arrangements shall be published on <https://www.hri-ras.ie/> and in the Irish Racing Calendar Registrations Supplement.

4. Syndicate Owner Registration (3-100 persons, all of whom own at least 1% of the horse, with the syndicate agent to be a registered owner)

A Standard Syndicate is a group of a minimum of three shareholders and a maximum of 100 shareholders collectively racing a horse(s) under one name. Standard Syndicates may be private or may publicly advertise shares in a syndicate horse(s). HRI retain the right to categorise a syndicate for racing purposes.

To register as a standard syndicate with HRI the following must be adhered to:

- a. A syndicate must have a minimum of three shareholders and a maximum of one hundred shareholders in an individual horse.
- b. A syndicate must have a nominated syndicate agent; this syndicate agent is registered as an owner with HRI. The syndicate agent is subject to all the liabilities, duties and privileges of ownership.

- c. The nominated syndicate agent is the sole individual that has the authority to manage HRI's administrative procedures on behalf of the syndicate and its shareholders.
- d. In the instances that the syndicate agent is not listed as a shareholder of an individual syndicate horse, the agent remains fully responsible under the Rules of Racing and the I.N.H.S Rules of the IHRB and under the HRI Directives.
- e. A syndicate agent must complete and submit the appropriate HRI registration form, accompanied by the requested supporting documentation. Thereafter, the appropriate form must be submitted for each horse added to the syndicate.
- f. The syndicate agent and all shareholders must be 18 years of age or older.
- g. The syndicate agent and all shareholders must not be on the Forfeit/Disqualified List.
- h. The correct registration fee(s) must be submitted.
- i. The syndicate agent must issue a Code of Conduct to each syndicate shareholder and keep a signed and dated copy. The syndicate agent and shareholders are bound by this Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct for each syndicate must, at a minimum, include what is outlined in HRI's Code of Conduct requirements.
- j. HRI may at any stage update HRI's Code of Conduct requirements. In such instances syndicate agents will be required to update their code of conduct and inform shareholders of any changes.
- k. At the initial registrations stage of the syndicate, the syndicate agent must provide HRI with the Code of Conduct/Agreement that has been issued to the shareholders of the syndicate. Thereafter, for each horse added to the syndicate, a relevant Code of Conduct/Agreement must be issued to HRI. If the syndicate agent does not comply with these requests, registration of the syndicate/additional horse(s) will be refused. HRI may at any stage request a copy of the signed Code of Conducts/Agreements in place with the syndicate shareholders. These documents must be submitted to HRI within 14 days of the request.
- l. A syndicate agent must supply HRI with details of all shareholders and their shares at the time of registration and thereafter upon joining or leaving the syndicate.
- m. A syndicate agent can add or remove individual shareholders from a horse on the appropriate HRI documentation. The syndicate agent must notify, in recordable form, the individual shareholders of this amendment.
- n. A syndicate agent must be able to supply HRI with a full listing of all shareholders if requested by HRI at any stage. Upon request the full listing of shareholders must be submitted to HRI within 14 days.

- o. If shareholders differ in each syndicate horse, then a report for each individual horse must be submitted to HRI.
- p. HRI must be notified immediately if the syndicate is changing agent as must all syndicate shareholders.
- q. A syndicate agent, if requested, must provide proof of a robust management/admin system for the regulation and maintenance of correct shareholder details.
- r. If the syndicate horse is leased, a HRI lease registration form must also be submitted.
- s. Each horse is registered to the syndicate annually on January 1st, with an automatic renewal in place unless cancelled with HRI by correspondence or through the online RÁS system.

Registration shall be effective 2 working days following approval by HRI of the appropriate documentation and fee(s) unless the agent is already a registered owner.

All syndicates and other joint arrangements shall be published on <https://www.hri-ras.ie/> and in the Irish Racing Calendar Registrations Supplement.

5. Micro-Share Syndicate Owner Registration (3+ persons in which some of the shares are less than 1% and/or for specified time periods)

A micro-share syndicate is a group of three or more shareholders, collectively racing a horse(s) under one name, which publicly advertises shares in the syndicate horse(s) and includes micro-shares (i.e. shares of less than one percent shareholding and/or shares of a specified limited period of time). HRI retains the right to categorise a syndicate for racing purposes.

To register as a micro-share syndicate with HRI the following must be adhered to:

- a. A syndicate must have a minimum of three shareholders.

Note: there is no maximum specified for micro-share syndicates, however the syndicate agent must state on registration the maximum number of shares available in each syndicate horse.

- b. A syndicate must have a nominated syndicate agent; this syndicate agent is registered as an owner with HRI. The syndicate agent is subject to all the liabilities, duties and privileges of ownership.
- c. The nominated syndicate agent is the sole individual that has the authority to manage HRI's administrative procedures on behalf of the syndicate and the shareholders.

- d. In the instances that the syndicate agent is not listed as a shareholder of an individual horse, the agent remains fully responsible under the Rules of Racing and the I.N.H.S Rules of the IHRB and under the HRI Directives.
- e. A syndicate agent must complete and submit the appropriate HRI registration form, accompanied by the requested supporting documentation. Thereafter, the appropriate form must be submitted for each horse added to the syndicate.
- f. The syndicate agent and all shareholders must be 18 years of age or older.
- g. The syndicate agent and all shareholders must not be on the Forfeit/Disqualified List.
- h. The correct registration fee(s) must be submitted.
- i. The syndicate agent must issue a Code of Conduct to each syndicate shareholder and keep a signed and dated copy. The syndicate agent and shareholders are bound by this Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct for each syndicate must, at a minimum, include what is outlined in HRI's Code of Conduct requirements.
- j. HRI may at any stage update HRI's Code of Conduct requirements. In such instances agents will be required to update their code of conduct and inform shareholders of any changes.
- k. At the initial registrations stage of the syndicate, the syndicate agent must provide HRI with the Code of Conduct/Agreement that has been issued to the shareholders of the syndicate. Thereafter, for each horse added to the syndicate, a relevant Code of Conduct/Agreement must be issued to HRI. If the syndicate agent does not comply with these requests, registration of the syndicate/additional horse(s) will be refused. HRI may at any stage request a copy of the signed Code of Conducts/Agreements in place with the syndicate shareholders. These documents must be submitted to HRI within 14 days of the request.
- l. A syndicate agent must supply HRI with details of any shareholders with one percent or more shareholding in a syndicate horse at the time of registration and thereafter upon joining the syndicate.
- m. A syndicate agent can add or remove these individual shareholders from a horse on the appropriate HRI documentation and the syndicate agent must notify, in recordable form, the individual shareholders of this amendment.
- n. A syndicate must be able to supply HRI with a full listing of all shareholders, including those with less than one percent shareholding, if requested by HRI at any stage. Upon request the full list of shareholders must be submitted to HRI within 14 days.
- o. If shareholders differ in each syndicate horse, then a report for each individual horse must be submitted to HRI.

- p. HRI must be notified immediately if the syndicate is changing agent as must all syndicate shareholders.
- q. A syndicate agent, on registration of the non-standard syndicate, must provide proof of a robust management/admin system for the regulation and maintenance of correct shareholder details.
- r. If a syndicate horse is leased, a HRI lease registration form must also be submitted.
- s. Each horse is registered to the syndicate annually on January 1st, with an automatic renewal in place unless cancelled with HRI by correspondence or through the online RÁS system.

Registration shall be effective 2 working days following approval by HRI of the appropriate documentation and fee.

All micro-share syndicates and other joint arrangements shall be published on <https://www.hri-ras.ie/> and in the Irish Racing Calendar Registrations Supplement.

6. Club Owner Registration (5+ members who do not have ownership rights with the horse(s) being owned/leased by the club)

A club is made up of five or more people collectively racing a horse(s) under the Club name.

To register as a Club with HRI the following criteria must be followed:

- a. A club must have a minimum of five members with no maximum limit.
- b. A club must have two agents, who will be registered as owners with HRI. The club agents are subject to all the liabilities, duties and privileges of ownership.
- c. The nominated club agents are the sole individuals that have the authority to manage HRI's administrative procedures on behalf of the club.
- d. In the instances that the club agents are not listed on the membership of the club, the agents remain fully responsible under the Rules of Racing and the I.N.H.S Rules of the IHRB and under the HRI Directives.
- e. The club agents must complete and submit the appropriate HRI Registration form, accompanied by the requested supporting documentation.

- f. Members of the club do not have ownership rights to the club horse(s), but rather the horse(s) will be owned or leased by the club entity itself. Members of the club should however enjoy some benefits of being involved in racehorse ownership for racing purposes.
- g. The club agents and all members must be 18 years of age or older.
- h. The club agents and all members must not be on the Forfeit/Disqualified List.
- i. The correct registration fee(s) must be submitted.
- j. The club agents must issue a Code of Conduct to each club member and keep a signed and dated copy. The club agent and members are bound by this Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct for each club must, at a minimum, include what is outlined in HRI's Code of Conduct requirements.
- k. HRI may at any stage update HRI's Code of Conduct requirements. In such instances club agents will be required to update their code of conduct and inform members of any changes.
- l. At the initial registrations stage of the club, the club agents must provide HRI with the Code of Conduct/Agreement that has been issued to the members of the club. If the club agents do not comply with this request, registration of the club will be refused. HRI may at any stage request a copy of the signed Code of Conducts/Agreements that are in place with the club members. These documents must be submitted to HRI within 14 days of the request.
- m. The club agent must be able to supply HRI with a full listing of all members if requested by HRI at any stage. Upon request the full listing of members must be submitted to HRI within 14 days.
- n. A club agent can add or remove individual members from the club on the appropriate documentation. The club agent must notify, in recordable form, the individual member of this amendment.
- o. HRI must be notified immediately if the club is changing agent as must all club members.
- p. If any of the Club's horses are leased, a HRI lease registration form must also be submitted.

Registration shall be effective 2 working days following approval by HRI of the appropriate documentation and fee(s).

All clubs and other joint arrangements shall be published on <https://www.hri-ras.ie/> and in the Irish Racing Calendar Registrations Supplement.

7. Company Owner Registration

To register as a company with HRI the following criteria must be followed:

- a. The company must be a recognised company.
- b. A company agent must be nominated by the directors of the company. The company agent must be a company director or a company secretary. Thereafter the company will only be able to exercise the powers of an owner through the company agent.
- c. The company agent must complete and submit the appropriate HRI registration form, accompanied by the requested supporting documentation.
- d. The registration of a company agent can be cancelled at the request of the company board. A new company agent must be nominated with approval from the directors of the company. The new company agent must submit the required registration documentation.
- e. The submission of the correct registration fee(s).
- f. Where a Company is registered for the purpose of selling shareholdings in horses and/or selling micro-shares in horses to the general public for racing purposes, the company agent must be able to supply HRI with details of all horses owned or leased for racing purposes along with all the shareholders and their shareholdings at the time of registration. Furthermore, the company agent must supply HRI with details of any changes to shareholders, shareholdings and any additional horses and their shareholders and shareholdings during the company registration.
- g. A company agent must be able to supply HRI with a full listing of all shareholders and their shareholdings if required at any stage. Upon request the full listing of shareholders must be submitted to HRI within 14 days.
- h. If shareholders differ in each company horse, then a report for each individual horse must be submitted to HRI.

Registration shall be effective 2 working days following approval by HRI of the appropriate documentation and fee(s).

All company and other joint arrangements shall be published on <https://www.hri-ras.ie/> and in the Irish Racing Calendar Registrations Supplement.

8. Lease Registration

To register a Lease (of a horse) with HRI the following criteria must be followed:

- a. A Lessee and Lessor must complete and submit the appropriate HRI registration form accompanied by the requested supporting documentation.
- b. The Lessee will be deemed to be the sole Owner for racing purposes for the term of the lease.
- c. The Lessee must be 18 years of age or older.
- d. The Lessee must not be on the Forfeit/Disqualified List
- e. The correct registration fee(s) must be submitted.
- f. Each lease is registered annually on January 1st with an automatic renewal in place unless cancelled with HRI by correspondence from either the Lessee or Lessor.
- g. The Lessee is liable for the cost of running as outlined on the Lease registration form.
- h. A new Lease registration form must be completed and submitted to HRI should there be any material change to the Lease structure.

All Lease and other joint arrangements shall be published on <https://www.hri-ras.ie/> and in the Irish Racing Calendar Registrations Supplement.

9. Lease in a Horse for a Day

To register a Lease (in a horse) for a day with HRI the following criteria must be followed:

- a. A Lessee and Lessor must complete and submit the appropriate HRI registration form, accompanied by the requested supporting documentation before the time set for close of declaration of runners.
- b. The Lessee may be any of the following:
 - An Individual
 - Group of People
 - Company
- c. The Lessee(s) is not deemed to be registered Owners with HRI. The Lease for a day registration is for racecard purposes only.
- d. The Lessee or any person(s) associated with the Group or Company must not be on the Forfeit/Disqualified List.

- e. The horse shall be leased for one day only specifying the race in which the horse is to run on the Lease for a day registration form.
- f. The horse will run in the name of the Lessee and will carry the colours of the Lessor or any nominated racing colours as approved by HRI.
- g. The Lessor will remain liable for the cost of running and will retain any prizemoney.
- h. In the case of a Group, HRI will have final approval of any Group name to appear on the racecard.
- i. HRI has complete discretion on the approval of a Lease for a day registration application and may withdraw approval for such a registration at any time.

10. Racing Colours

Racing Colours are unique to each individual Owner and can be registered for the following periods:

- Annual
- 5 Year
- 10 Year
- Life

To register Racing Colours with HRI the following criteria must be followed:

- a. Racing colours consist of a combination of jacket, sleeves and cap description as laid out in the standard colours description chart.
- b. Where an owner wishes to apply for racing colours where the designs do not conform to all of the usual restrictions as laid out in the standard colours description chart, an application must be made in writing to HRI. A higher fee will be applied (see Directive 12). Any non-standard racing colours that could be perceived to be offensive or inflammatory will not be accepted.
- c. The correct registration fee(s) must be submitted.
- d. To register racing colours the Owner must complete and submit the appropriate HRI registration form accompanied by the requested supporting documentation, thereafter any subsequent racing colours can be registered through the online RÁS system.
- e. Each annual racing colours is registered on January 1st with an automatic renewal in place unless cancelled with HRI by correspondence or through the online RÁS system.

- f. Each five/ten year racing colours registration will be due for renewal on the five or ten year anniversary registration date with an automatic renewal in place unless cancelled with HRI by correspondence or through the online RÁS system.
- g. The colours must be distinguishable by the Judge and describable for commentary along with being clearly identifiable for members of the public.
- h. HRI has complete discretion on the approval of any application for racing colours and may withdraw approval at any time.
- i. HRI will have the final decision on the right to any particular set of racing colours.

All Racing Colours, shall be published on <https://www.hri-ras.ie/> and in the Irish Racing Calendar Registrations Supplement.

11. Registration of Change of Racing Ownership

HRI maintain the register of racehorse owners for the administration of horse racing (horse's returned in a status of "racing active"). In the event of a horse being sold or requiring a change of ownership, notification of the change of ownership must be made to HRI.

- a. All persons associated with the new ownership must be Registered Owners.
- b. Notification can be made through the online RÁS system. Alternatively, as a contingency, the appropriate HRI form(s) must be submitted to HRI with any supporting documentation.

Note: Trainers who have horses under their care that have a return status of "racing inactive" must keep the ownership record of the horse updated at all times irrespective of whether the owner is a registered owner with HRI or not

Please note It is a legal requirement to complete a transfer of ownership under the S.I No. 189/2014 Equidae transfer of ownership regulations 2014. These Regulations provide that new owner(s) of Equidae must register the change of ownership with the Passport Issuing Body, within 30 days of acquiring the animal. Please see Weatherbys GSB for further details <https://www.weatherbys.co.uk/general-stud-book/bloodstock-studbook/ireland-registrations-and-applications>

12. Sale with Engagements

- a. In the event of a horse sold, leased or syndicated with active engagements, notification of this sale must be registered with HRI by the deadline set for Rider Nominations for such a race.
- b. All persons associated with the new ownership must be Registered Owners.
- c. The appropriate HRI form(s) must be submitted to HRI with any supporting documentation.
- d. On registration of the Sale, all engagements will pass to the purchaser. In the case of early closing races, the vendor shall be liable for all entrance money, fees and forfeits due at the date of registration of sale. After the registration of sale, the purchaser shall be liable for all entrance money, fees and forfeits, except for those already due.
- e. On the registration of the Sale, all engagements will pass to the purchaser. In standard races, the purchaser shall be liable for all entrance money and fees due.
- f. The horse must not be on the Forfeit/Disqualified list.

HRI DIRECTIVE 16

Horse Registration and Clearance:

The conditions of horse names registration, horse returns and the maintenance thereafter are outlined in Directive 16:

1. HRI Horse Names Register

- a. In order for a horse to be eligible to race under the Rules of Racing or in Point-to-Points in Ireland, they must be first registered with a unique name. All horse name applications of Irish trained horses are administered by HRI, while name choice approval is governed by Weatherbys and the BHA for inclusion in the Weatherbys General Studbook and must comply with the General Studbook naming rules.
- b. HRI maintains a register of racehorse names for the administration of horse racing in Ireland and reserves the right to request any supporting documentation as required by HRI or Weatherbys/BHA during the naming application or thereafter.
- c. All racehorse naming applications should be submitted to HRI on the HRI Naming Application form along with the horse's passport, markings updates (where applicable) and the relevant registration fee. Please note it is a requirement to submit up-to-date markings for animals foaled outside Ireland and Great Britain.
- d. On application for registration of horse name, the markings on the Passports must be verified by a licensed Irish Trainer or a Veterinary Surgeon as correct by signing the declaration on the naming form. Before signing this declaration, the markings in the passport must be checked against the animal within a recent period from the date of application (no more than three months). Where there is a doubt on the markings or where any discrepancies have been found, new markings must be taken by a Veterinary Surgeon on a Weatherbys Markings Chart.
- e. Where a horse is bred outside of Ireland or Great Britain, markings must be submitted (i.e. markings must be taken by a Veterinary Surgeon on a Weatherbys Markings Chart).
- f. Markings cannot be signed by a Veterinary Surgeon who is either the Owner or the Trainer of the horse, nor a person for whom the Trainer of the horse holds a current Racing Establishment Employee Card.
- g. Where a horse is already named with Weatherbys GSB and may have been imported to Ireland to race here under an Irish licensed trainer, an application to register the name in Ireland must be submitted to HRI on a HRI naming application form, with any supporting documentation as required along with the appropriate fee.

- h. Naming Applications which comply with the HRI Directives and the relevant IHRB Rules and are received in HRI up to and including the Thursday of any week will be processed and the name registered on the following Monday.
- i. HRI reserves the right to accept or reject a naming application if the client applying for the name has insufficient funds in their HRI client account or if the client appears on the Forfeit/Disqualified list.
- j. A Change of Name application may only be considered where the horse has not already raced under the original name under the Rules of Racing or in Point-to-Points.

2. HRI Horse Returns

Trainers must notify HRI of all registered thoroughbreds (named or un-named) in their care and control in accordance with Rule 148 (xii) of the Rules of Racing.

- a. Notification to HRI should be made by the trainer through the Racing Administration System (RÁS). As a contingency, returns can be made when necessary, on the appropriate form to HRI, furnishing such information as HRI may require.
- b. It is the trainer's responsibility to keep their horse return records accurate on the Racing Administration System (RÁS) by updating their horse's in my care list with any changes within 24 hours.
- c. HRI must be notified of the correct ownership of every horse in the trainer's care and control.
- d. A horse shall not be qualified to enter in any race until the horse has been returned as "Racing Active" in accordance with HRI Directives 13, 15 and 17.
- e. Where a trainer is adding a horse to their care that has raced outside of Ireland under a foreign trainer, the horse's previous race form must be submitted as part of the horse return on Racing Administration System (RÁS). In this circumstance, entries cannot be accepted for at least two working days.

3. Racing Clearance Notification

The conditions required for HRI to issue a horse racing clearance notification for an Irish trained horse to another Racing Authority are outlined below:

- a. When an Irish trained horse is to travel abroad for the purposes of running in a race, the licensed Trainer must submit a written request to HRI to issue a Racing Clearance Notification (RCN) to the recognised Racing Authority staging the race no later than the day prior to the deadline for declaration (with the exception where the recognised Racing Authority considers all movements regardless of purpose or time frame as permanent).

- b. Racing Clearance Notifications will only be issued to those Racing Authorities that are signatories to Article 3 A (Racing) of the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering.
- c. The RCN will attest that:
 - The horse is free or not free, from any restrictions/suspensions which prevent it from racing
 - The Trainer is licensed (and not suspended)
 - The Owner(s) is registered and does not appear on the Forfeit/Disqualified List. Please note the RCN will not attest to the horse's vaccination history being in order, this remains the Trainer's responsibility.

4. Horses Retired from Racing – Non-Racing Declaration

A Trainer can permanently retire a horse from racing by notifying HRI via the online RÁS system. If the horse is not remaining in the care of the trainer, they must provide the details of the next keeper of the horse (name, contact details and location). On receipt of the notification, HRI will notify the current Owner via email, the Owner may refute the return within 14 days of notification.

If the horse is not in the care of a licensed trainer, the Owner of the horse may also notify HRI as to the status of the horse being "Permanently Retired" from racing. Notification must be submitted to the HRI Welfare Department on the appropriate HRI form along with any supporting documentation that may be required. If the horse is not remaining in the care of the notifying owner, they must provide HRI with the details of the next keeper of the horse (name, contact details and location).

Any horse flagged as "Permanently Retired" from racing will not be permitted to be "returned with a status of "racing active" or entered for any race nor can these horses hold an active Hunter Certificate under the I.N.H.S. Regulation for Point-to-Point Steeplechases.

Any horse which is subject to a British Horseracing Authority Non-Racing Declaration and/or Permanently Retired will be assigned the status of "Permanently Retired" in Ireland. These horses cannot hold an active Hunters Certificate under the I.N.H.S Regulations for Point to Point Steeplechases, except for a horse which is subject to a non-racing declaration from the British Horse Racing Authority that permits the horse to run in Point to Points only. For the avoidance of doubt, any such horse that is permitted to run in Point to Points only, is not permitted to run in a Hunter Steeplechase. Any horse which has been "Permanently Retired" from racing in Ireland will be treated as having a Non-Racing Declaration in Britain.

A horse which has been permanently retired is one which has been considered by its Trainer and/or Owner to be unsuitable for further racing. A reversal of this status will require a compelling case arbitrated by a panel comprising HRI's Director of Racing, HRI's Director of Equine Welfare and Bloodstock and IHRB's Chief Veterinary Officer.

An Owner and/or Trainer should submit their case with a recent veterinary certificate confirming the horse's suitability to race to HRI's Equine Welfare Administrator. The veterinary examination required must be to the standard of the 5 stage Pre-Purchase Examination with compulsory blood sampling at the time of examination.

On review of each individual case the horse may be subject to further blood tests, antidoping protocols and/or imaging examinations as deemed appropriate. All associated costs will be at the Owner's expense and paid in advance.

In the case where a dispute may arise, HRI will follow the Disputes process as outlined as in HRI Directive 13.

HRI DIRECTIVE 17

Race Stage Administration:

The conditions of race entries and the maintenance of race stages thereafter are outlined in Directive 17:

1. General

For the purpose of this directive the term race stages will be used to refer to the following:

- Entries
- Second Entries
- Supplementary Entries
- Declaration of Forfeit
- Declaration to Run
- Rider Nominations

The following criteria applies for all race stages:

- a. Racehorse Trainers must be licensed with the IHRB or any other recognised Racing Authority.
- b. Racehorse Owners must be registered in accordance with HRI Directive 15 or registered with any other recognised racing authority unless otherwise stated in the conditions of a race.
- c. Except for sales races, a horse shall not be entered for any race unless its name has been registered by the Racing Authority of the country in which the horse was foaled.
- d. To be eligible to enter in a race, a horse must have a return status with HRI as "racing active" except for sales races only.
- e. By engagement in any race, an Owner is accepting all race fees as outlined in the race conditions and HRI Directives 5 and 11.
- f. The notification of the death of the horse shall cancel any engagements the horse may have.
- g. In exceptional circumstances, HRI reserves the right to extend any race closure deadlines outlined in this Directive (in consultation with the IHRB).
- h. In any race where there are particular conditions required as a qualification to start, such conditions extend to the start time of the race unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race.

- i. Qualification of the horse is subject to compliance with the Rules of Racing and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules and more particularly Rules 86, 87 and 148 (xii) thereof.
- j. The qualifying ratings for handicaps shall be calculated each Monday at 12 noon. The qualifying rating for each horse shall be equivalent to the horse's current rating at that time.
- k. In certain circumstances, HRI reserve the right to make alterations to a horse or race at any race stage once HRI is satisfied that the change will not present any administrative difficulties and not result in any breach of the Rules of Racing and the Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules.

2. Race Entries

- a. Every race shall close for entries at 12 noon with Horse Racing Ireland and the date shall be fixed in the advertisement of the race as published in the Irish Racing Calendar and on the Racing Administration System (RÁS).
- b. An entry may, before the time of closing, be altered or cancelled.
- c. No alteration or addition shall be made to any entry after the time fixed for closing, except in cases expressly sanctioned by these Directives.
- d. Race entries shall be closed at the advertised time and no entry made after that time shall be accepted on any grounds. Notwithstanding the above:
 - In all normal closing races where there are less than 10 entries at the time fixed for the closing of entries there will be an automatic supplementary time period of 45 minutes during which additional entries may be made for that race.
 - For the purposes of this Directive no more than two entries per Trainer shall be taken into account when calculating the number of entries received.
 - Any entry made in this supplementary time period may not be cancelled.
- e. HRI, in consultation with the IHRB, shall have absolute discretion to declare a race void in the event of insufficient entries.
- f. Following the publication of preliminary entries, the entries with weights will be published and where applicable, the liable for ballot numbers will be applied as outlined in HRI Directive 10.
- g. For Irish trained horses, Entries should be submitted by the authorised Trainer of the horse through the Racing Administration System (RÁS) or by email to the dedicated entries email address – entries@hri.ie In certain circumstances, an entry may be submitted by the registered Owner of the horse, by email to the dedicated entries email address.

- h. When entering a horse by email, the following details are required:
- Horse Name
 - Meeting Number
 - Race Letter
 - Trainer and Owner Name
 - HRI Account number
- i. An Irish trained horse whose name has not been registered with HRI and is registered with a recognised Racing Authority outside Ireland may be entered for an early closing race provided the trainer has applied to HRI to name the horse, and has notified HRI of the correct horse details on the Racing Administration System (RÁS), or alternatively as a contingency, appropriate form, with any supporting documentation as HRI may require.
- j. For foreign trained horses, entries to Irish races should be submitted by a recognised Racing Authority and provide the following detail:
- Race meeting, race date and race name
 - Horse Name
 - Country and Year of Foaling
 - Sex
 - Colour
 - Breeding and Name of Breeder
 - Owner and Racing Colours
 - Trainer
 - Horse Performances

Note: For normal closing races the deadline for entries is 11am on the published closing date and for early closing entries the deadline is 12 noon on the published closing date.

- k. Entries made by any recognised Racing Authority shall in all respects be subject to these Directives.
- l. It is the responsibility of the trainer to ensure allowances under the conditions of the race should be claimed at the time of entry.

Note: The above conditions are applicable to second entries and supplementary entries, unless otherwise specified.

3. Declaration of Forfeit

- a. Every declaration of forfeit shall close at 12 noon with Horse Racing Ireland and the date shall be fixed in the advertisement of the race as published in the Irish Racing Calendar and on the Racing Administration System (RÁS).

- b. A declaration of forfeit may, before the time of closing, be cancelled.
- c. Declaration of forfeit shall be closed at the advertised time and no declaration or cancellation of forfeit will be accepted after that time on any grounds.
- d. For Irish trained horses, declaration of forfeit should be submitted by the authorised Trainer of the horse through the Racing Administration system (RÁS) or by email to the dedicated entries email address – entries@hri.ie In certain circumstances, a declaration of forfeit may be submitted by the registered Owner of the Horse, by email to the dedicated entries email address.
- e. When declaring a forfeit by email, the following details are required:
 - Horse Name
 - Meeting Number
 - Race Letter
 - Trainer or Owner Name and HRI Account number
- f. For foreign trained horses, declaration of forfeits for Irish races should be submitted by the foreign licensed trainer or their authorised representative and provide the following details:
 - Race meeting, race date and race name
 - Horse Name
 - Country and Year of Foaling
 - Breeding
 - Owner
 - Trainer
 - HRI Account Number

4. Declaration to Run

- a. Every declaration to run shall close at 10am with Horse Racing Ireland and the date shall be fixed in the advertisement of the race as published in the Irish Racing Calendar and on the Racing Administration System (RÁS).
- b. A declaration to run may, before the time of closing, be cancelled or altered.
- c. No alteration or addition shall be made to any declaration to run after the time fixed for closing, except in cases expressly sanctioned by these Directives.
- d. A declaration to run must include permitted extra equipment where required such as headgear and tongue strap which must be made in line with the closing of declarations to run as outlined in this directive.

- e. Declarations to run shall be closed at the advertised time and no declarations to run shall be accepted on any grounds after this time. Notwithstanding the above:
- In every Weight For Age race where there are less than 5 declared runners at the time fixed for the closing of declarations there will be an automatic supplementary time period of 15 minutes during which additional declarations may be made for that Race. Any additional declarations will only be accepted by telephone.
 - Any declaration to run made in this supplementary time period may not be cancelled.
- f. Declaration of runners to Horse Racing Ireland are confirmed as such declarations are subsequently published on the Racing Administration System (RAS) or other approved media information services.
- g. It is the responsibility of the Trainer to ensure the weight allocated to the horse is correct.
- h. Any correction or alteration should be notified to HRI prior to the close of declarations (including any penalties the horse has incurred).
- i. After declarations close, any alterations (including penalties incurred) must be declared by the Trainer to the Clerk of the Scales or to the Non-Runner Line not less than one and a half hours before the time fixed for the running of the first Race.
- j. Where an Owner has more than one declared runner in a race, it is the responsibility of the Trainer to declare to HRI a distinguishing cap or alternate colours for the Owner in respect of any declared Horse(s) under their care in that race that is not carrying the Owner's registered colours. Failure to comply with this may result in a fine.
- k. Should a Trainer make an error in the declaration of permitted extra equipment where required such as headgear or tongue Strap the error may be corrected by notification to the Racing Department of HRI by telephone of any such correction by 12 noon on the day fixed for the declaration of runners. In such instances, an administration fee of €50 per horse to correct this error will apply to the Trainer of the horse. Note: The first and second error by any Trainer will not incur this fee within a calendar year.
- l. For flat races starting from stalls the draw allotting positions to all declared runners including reserves shall be randomly determined by computerised algorithm drawn in HRI subsequent to the completion of the declaration process.

5. Rider Nominations

- a. Rider nominations shall close at 12 noon on the day of declaration to run with Horse Racing Ireland. It is the responsibility of the Trainer to ensure a Rider is nominated to Horse Racing Ireland by that time.
- b. This closing time may be extended by Horse Racing Ireland for administrative purposes and where possible the extended closing time shall be published on the Racing Administration System (RÁS).
- c. A rider nomination may, before the time of closing, be altered or removed.
- d. All riders must be licensed with the IHRB or any other recognised Racing Authority.
- e. For Irish trained horses, rider nominations should be submitted through the Racing Administration system (RÁS) or by telephone to the HRI entries and declarations dedicated phone line. Rider nominations can be made by:
 - the Trainer of the horse
 - a Jockey licensed by the Directors of the IHRB in Ireland
 - an Authorised Riders' Agent
- f. Rider nominations shall not be accepted from any of the categories above unless they are in possession of a Horse Racing Ireland Account Number and a Personal Identification Number (P.I.N.).
- g. In the case of foreign trained horses, rider nominations, alterations or removals thereof will only be accepted by Horse Racing Ireland if made by the Trainer, Rider or their respective agents by telephone.
- h. If a Rider expects to carry overweight of 2lbs, that probable amount shall be declared to Horse Racing Ireland by the time of closing for rider nominations. The responsibility for such declaration rests with both the Trainer and the Rider.
- i. It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure that they are qualified to ride in the race and that they claim any weight allowances correctly in accordance with the Rules of Racing and Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Rules.
- j. Where a horse is listed as a Reserve the Trainer has the option of nominating a rider with HRI up to the closing time fixed for rider nominations.

APPENDIX A

Weight For Age Table
Southern Hemisphere Bred Horses : Flat Races

The Official Scale of Weight, Age & Distance (Flat 2017) – Southern hemisphere bred horses																									
Dist		Jul		Aug		Sep		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		June	
(fur)	Age	1-5	16-31	1-14	15-28	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-31
5	2	0	0	0	0	0	47	44	41	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	19	18	17	17	16	16
	3	15	15	14	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	41	38	36	33	31	28	26	24	22	21	20	19	18	17	17
	3	16	16	15	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	35	32	30	27	25	23	22	21	20	19	19
	3	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	0	0
8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	34	31	28	26	24	23	22	21	20
	3	20	20	19	19	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1
9	3	22	22	21	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	2
	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	3	23	23	22	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	2
	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	3	24	24	23	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	5	4	4	3	3
	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	3	25	25	24	24	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4
	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	3	26	26	25	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4
	4	5	5	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	3	27	27	26	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	7	6	6	5	5
	4	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	3	28	28	27	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	19	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5
	4	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	3	29	29	28	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	19	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	7	6	6
	4	7	7	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	3	31	31	30	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	21	19	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6
	4	8	8	7	7	6	6	5	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	3	33	33	32	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	23	21	19	17	15	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	7
	4	9	9	8	8	7	7	6	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: changes from the previous year are shown in bold

APPENDIX B
IRE - Weight-For-Age scale

Rules of Racing (Flat)

TURF CLUB SCALE OF WEIGHT FOR AGE

RULES OF RACING

Expressed as the number of pounds that is deemed the average horse in each group falls short of maturity at different dates and distances

Furlongs	Age	JAN		FEB		MAR		APR		MAY		JUN		JUL		AUG		SEP		OCT		NOV		DEC	
		1-15	16-31	1-15	16+	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-31	1-15	16-30	1-15	16-31
5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	24	22	20	18	18	17	17	16	16
	3	15	15	14	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	26	24	22	21	20	19	18	17	17
	3	16	16	15	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	28	26	24	23	22	21	20	19	19
	3	18	18	17	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	-	-
8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	32	29	27	25	24	23	22	21	21
	3	20	20	19	19	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2	1	1
9	3	22	22	21	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	2
	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	3	23	23	22	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	12	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3	3	2	2
	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	3	24	24	23	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	5	4	4	3	3
	4	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	3	25	25	24	24	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4
	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	3	26	26	25	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4
	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	3	26	26	25	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	17	15	13	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4
	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	3	28	28	27	27	26	25	23	22	21	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	5	4	4
	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	3	29	29	28	28	27	26	24	23	22	21	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6	5	5
	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	3	30	30	29	29	28	28	26	25	24	23	22	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	5
	4	4	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	3	32	32	31	31	30	29	28	27	25	25	24	22	20	18	16	14	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	6
	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

I.N.H.S. RULES

SCALES OF WEIGHT FOR AGE

Expressed as the number of pounds that is deemed the average horse in each group falls short of maturity at different dates and distances

Steeplechases		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Age	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs
Two Miles	4yrs	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	6
	5yrs	4	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Two Miles and a Half	4yrs	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
	5yrs	6	4	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Three Miles	4yrs	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
	5yrs	8	6	4	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

I.N.H.S. RULES

SCALES OF WEIGHT FOR AGE

Expressed as the number of pounds that is deemed the average horse in each group falls short of maturity at different dates and distances

Hurdle Races		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	Age	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs
Two Miles	3yrs	---	---	---	---	22	21	20	19	18	17	16	15
	4yrs	13	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1	---	---
	5yrs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Two Miles and a Half	3yrs	---	---	---	---	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
	4yrs	15	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1	---
	5yrs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Three Miles	3yrs	---	---	---	---	26	25	24	23	22	22	21	20
	4yrs	18	17	15	13	11	9	7	6	5	4	2	1
	5yrs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

N.B. I.N.H. Flat Race Scale to be the same proportion as that for Hurdle Races

MINIMUM VALUES

APPENDIX D

HURDLES/BUMPERS	2025 MINIMUM VALUES
Hurdles - Grade 1	€80,000
Grade 2/Grade 2 Novice & age-restricted	€45,000/€37,500*
Grade 3/Grade 3 Novice & age-restricted	€37,500/€30,000*
Listed	€22,500
Conditions	€17,000-€15,500
Winners (of 1/2)	€13,500-€11,500
Maidens	€12,000-€10,000
Claimers	€10,000
Grade 3/Listed Handicaps	€100,000-€45,000*
0-140+/Open Handicaps	€22,000
130 Benchmark Handicaps	€16,000
120 Benchmark Handicaps	€14,500
110 Benchmark Handicaps	€11,500
0-100 Handicaps	€10,000
Bumpers - Maiden	€10,000
Winners of 1	€11,000
Winners of 2	€12,000

CHASES	2025 MINIMUM VALUES
Grade 1	€80,000
Grade 2/Grade 2 Novice & age-restricted	€45,000/€37,500*
Grade 3/Grade 3 Novice & age-restricted	€37,500/€30,000*
Listed	€22,500
Conditions	€17,000-€15,500
Novices (Winners of 1/2)	€15,500-€12,500
Beginners	€12,500-€11,000
Grade 3/Listed Handicaps	€100,000-€45,000*
0-140+/Open Handicaps	€22,000
130 Benchmark Handicaps	€16,000
120 Benchmark Handicaps	€14,500
110 Benchmark Handicaps	€11,500
0-100 Handicaps	€10,000
Hunters (High Quality)	€13,500
Hunters	€10,000

FLAT	2025 MINIMUM VALUES
Group 1	€300,000*
Group 2	€120,000*
Group 3	€50,000
Listed	€37,500
Winners - 2yo/3yo/3yo+	€17,000
Winners -4yo+	€14,500
Maidens - 2yo/3yo/3yo+	€12,000
Maidens - 4yo+	€11,000
Claimers	€10,000
Premier Handicaps	€100,000-€45,000*
0-100/Open Handicaps/Nurseries	€22,000
90 Benchmark Handicaps	€16,000
80 Benchmark Handicaps	€13,000
70 Benchmark Handicaps	€11,500
0-60 Handicaps	€10,000

***These include sponsorship**

N.B. These are minimum values and many will be increased by the addition of sponsorship funds

APPENDIX E

Guide to Prizemoney Calculations from 01/01/2021 for a RACE

Note	% Applied	Sequence	Key	Example €	Final Split	Effective %
OWNER & ASSOCIATED FUNDS						
			A	€10,000.00		
			B	(€600.00)	€600.00	6.00%
			C	€9,400.00		
	3.00%	of A	D	(€300.00)	€284.40	2.84%
	1.70%	of D	D1		€5.10	0.05%
	3.50%	of D	D2		€10.50	0.11%
	0.10%	of A	E	(€10.00)	€10.00	0.10%
	1.00%	of A	F	(€100.00)	€100.00	1.00%
			G	€8,990.00		89.90%
	10.00%	of G	H	(€899.00)		8.99%
	10.00%	of G	J	(€899.00)		8.99%
			K	€7,192.00	€7,192.00	71.92%
TRAINER & ASSOCIATED FUNDS						
			H	€899.00		8.99%
	13.00%	of L	M	(€116.87)	€116.87	1.17%
	5.00%	of L	M1	(€44.95)	€44.95	0.45%
	1.60%	of L	M2	(€14.38)	€14.38	0.14%
	0.20%	of L	M3	(€1.80)	€1.80	0.02%
	0.20%	of L	M4	(€1.80)	€1.80	0.02%
	1.00%	of L	N	(€8.99)	€8.99	0.09%
	(2) 3.00%	of L	O	(€26.97)	€26.97	0.27%
			P	€683.24	€683.24	6.83%
JOCKEY & ASSOCIATED FUNDS						
			J	€899.00		8.99%
	2.0%	of Q	R	(€17.98)		
	2.0%	of Q	R1	(€17.98)	€17.98	0.18%
			S	€863.04		8.63%
	11.00%	of S	T	(€94.93)	€94.93	0.95%
	9.00%	of S	T1	(€77.67)	€77.67	0.78%
			U	€690.43		6.90%
	(4) 1.50%	of U	V	(€10.36)	€10.36	0.10%
			W	€680.08	€680.08	6.80%
	(5),(6) 10.00%	of W (or U)	W1	(€68.01)	€68.01	0.68%
	23.00%	of W1	W2	(€15.64)	€15.64	0.16%
			X	€596.43	€596.43	5.96%
					€9,982.02	99.82%
VALET						
			V	€10.36	€10.36	0.10%
AGENT						
			W1	€68.01	€68.01	0.68%
			W2	€15.64	€15.64	0.16%

Note 1 - Costs to Run includes Entry, Forfeit, and Declaration fees (excluding Bookage).
Horses entered at second entry stage or supplementary stage are deemed to have entered at first entry stage for the purposes of calculating cost to run.
Cost to run is calculated as 0.9% of Race Value for Races of a value less or equal to €20,000 and as 1.0% of Race Value for Races of a value greater than €20,000

Note 2 - Above calculations will vary where trainer is a Restricted or Foreign Licence holder.

Note 3 - In races confined to Qualified Riders, Ladies races and Bumpers, the deduction at J above will not apply.

Note 4 - The deductions at V will apply provided the rider has lodged the appropriate authorisation appointing a Jockeys' Valet with the IHRB.

Note 5 - The deductions at W1 and W2 will apply provided the rider has lodged the appropriate authorisation appointing the Agent with the IHRB.

Note 6 - The Agent deduction at W1 will be calculated as 10% of W if the rider has an appointed Jockey's Valet. If the rider does not have an appointed Jockey's Valet the calculation will be 10% of U.