

GUIDELINES FOR DISPENSATION

Any Organiser who wishes advice as to how to request exemption, or whether or not their event requires exemption, should speak to or email Lyn Williams on 07900 052920/ lwilliams@britishhorseracing.com or contact the Point-to-Point Authority office at info@p2pa.co.uk

Horses' and Riders' Participation at Unrecognised Meetings

Any horse that runs at an unrecognised meeting (or in any individual race) for which exemption has not been received is no longer qualified to run under either the Rules of Racing ('Rules') or the Point-to-Point Regulations ('Regulations'). Similarly, any person who owns, trains or rides a horse at an unrecognised meeting is liable to be declared a disqualified person for up to 12 months.

Schooling races/trials on point-to-point courses

Schooling races/trials taking place **on non-race days do not require approval** from the BHA or PPA. However we strongly recommend you ensure the appropriate medical, veterinary and insurance cover is in place.

Schooling races/trials taking place **on race days do require BHA and PPA approval** under special dispensation. Additionally:

- All horses must be vaccinated against equine influenza in accordance with Regulation 36b
- Safety Factors should be no more than 2 below that of a Maiden
- The first fence should be a wide one as you would expect for a p2p
- CoCs should consider dolling off ground for any future race meetings
- Number cloths should be used so that a loose horse can be identified
- It must be made clear to the public that this is not a race and no betting can take place on the race
- You should always ensure the ground will recover in time for the next fixture on the course
- Jockeys may not remount having fallen off until they have been checked by a doctor
- Fence Attendants should remain in place whilst schooling is in progress
- Doctors, paramedics, ambulances (both human and equine) and vets should all be present
- Riders are not required to hold a current RQC
- Doctors, paramedics and ambulance crews should be notified (and confirmation received from them that they are fully indemnified) if Riders are being allowed to take part who do not hold a current RCQ

Events at Point-to-Point Meetings (i.e. on race day) such as Charity Races, Pony Races, Cross-Country Rides & Hunt Scurries

Hunt Organisers must notify the PPA at least two months in advance of any other equine event that is scheduled to take place at their Point-to-Point fixture. Any such event must take place in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Hunt Organisers are responsible for these races and it is essential that they carry out a comprehensive risk assessment; taking particular account of participants' ability and the horses with which they are paired
- Medical and Veterinary arrangements must comply with minimum requirements outlined in the BHA Instructions for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases. Checks must be carried out with the Medical Team to ensure that they are properly indemnified to oversee such events bearing in mind the Riders may not have a current RQC
- Coordination of participant movements to ensure there is no disruption to the day's racing
- Responsibility must be taken for dealing with queries concerning the race on the day and variations of conditions from BHA regulated races
- Details of the race, if provided in the race card must make it clear that this is not a race run under the Regulations and an announcement should be made to this effect
- Communication with the Local Inspector and, if necessary, the BHA Inspector should take place to agree a suitable Safety Factor, distance and ensure the surface is suitable such as the bypass areas which must adhere to the established Safety Factor. Please note that neither the Local Inspector nor the BHA Inspector are responsible for inspecting or reporting on aspects regarding the race
- No on course betting or cash prizes
- All horses that enter the property used or controlled by the Stewards of the Meeting on the day of racing must be vaccinated against equine influenza in accordance with Regulation 36. The vaccinations must be recorded correctly in the passport but, unless running in a Point-to-Point Race, there is no requirement for the vaccinations to be loaded on the Vaccination App in advance
- Stewards at Point-to-Point courses are not obliged to officiate at these particular races and therefore they should be asked ahead of the Meeting
- The race must take place either at the end of the card or before the first race provided, sufficient time is allowed for any delays before the first Point-to-Point race on the card.

Races involving minors/children

- Chaperoning of the children at all times by either a parent, nominated Pony Club, Pony Racing Authority or Hunt Committee representative
- Separate Changing facilities from the adult riders
- Tack/equipment should be checked by the nominated Pony Club or Hunt Committee representative
- Doctors or Medics must be pediatric qualified

Events outside of Point-to-Point Meetings (i.e. on non-race days)

Any meeting (or race) in which there is a crossover of Point-to-Point horses and/or owners, trainers/keepers or riders should request exemption from the restrictions written into the Rules and Regulations. Such requests must be made to the BHA (Lyn Williams 07900 052920 lwilliams@britishhorseracing.com) at least two months ahead of the intended race day. Meetings (or races) which receive an exemption are run outside the Rules and Regulations and the results do not count for any purpose on horse's or rider's career records.

Cross-country Rides and Hunt Scurries generally take place at equestrian and/or hunting linked events. These 'races' usually have historical significance and are isolated, in that they take place annually and there is no associated race series or associated career form for either horses or riders. Exemption for such events will usually be granted on a rolling basis so as, unless the format of the event changes significantly, it will not be necessary to seek dispensation on an annual basis.

Charity Races and equestrian events looking to feature several races must seek dispensation annually from the BHA.