

REARRANGEMENT ABANDONMENT PROTOCOL JANUARY 2026

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BACKGROUND

Any abandonment is a disappointment for so many in the sport, not least the organising committee. Such committees are advised to have financial contingencies in place as it is not always practical to rearrange fixtures, due the decreasing horse population, fixture congestion and/or objection from other fixtures – in addition to the need to be financially viable.

We (The PPSA Committee through the Chair) must deal with applications to rearrange as quickly as possible, so therefore must appraise the situation promptly, ensuring all factors are considered and each interested party is consulted.

ACTION

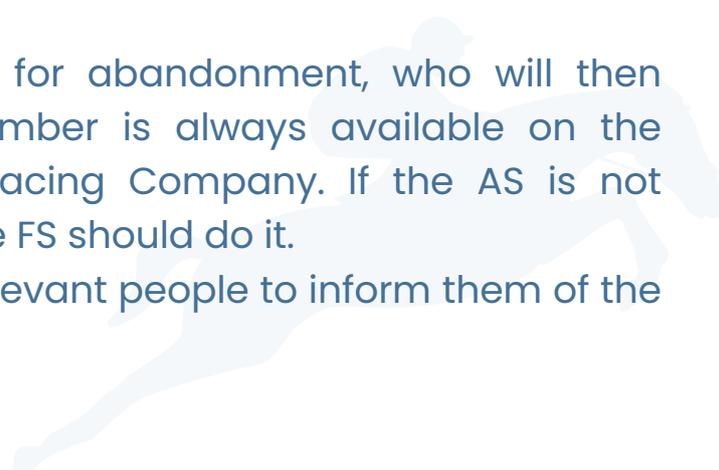
Any Fixture wishing to rearrange **MUST** keep their Area Secretary (AS) fully updated.

First and foremost, the Fixture Secretary (FS) **MUST** inform gbpointing.co.uk that their meeting has either been abandoned or postponed, as this will let those wishing to attend know at the earliest opportunity. Information must be up to date and accurate.

If the meeting has been **ABANDONED**, the Fixture Secretary (FS) must always:

Contact their AS, giving the reason for abandonment, who will then inform the PPA office (a mobile number is always available on the voicemail) and the Point to Point Racing Company. If the AS is not available to contact the office then the FS should do it.

·The PPA office will then contact the relevant people to inform them of the abandonment.



ACTION

If the meeting is hoping to POSTPONE (Re-arrange) the FS must always:

As an initial action, contact your area secretary/the PPA/PPRC, announcing the “intention” to postpone – NO date must be either suggested or given until the following has been carried out:

- The FS must contact the AS to determine a suitable postponement date.
- The AS must check that the date:
 1. Is possible within their Area.
 2. That the surrounding areas which the new date may affect have no objections, through the relevant Area Secretaries.
 3. The Area Secretary must seek approval from the PPA and PPSA Chairman in writing, copying in the relevant Area Secretaries.
 - 4.
- When approved, the PPSA Chairman will inform the AS, who can then inform the FS.
- The PPA office will officially announce the new date to all concerned.
- The new date can then be advertised on gbpointing.co.uk and other means of publicity.

OBJECTIONS

If one area objects to a suggested date, the objection should be put in writing to the PPSA Chairman and the 2 Vice Chair (the executive). If the objection involves the area of any of the three executives, they should step down and appoint a third Area Secretary from a suitably distant area to join the ‘panel’. If there is only a Chair and Vice-Chair in post, they should appoint a third Area Secretary to make a panel of three. The three should then make a decision based on facts and evidence provided by the Area Secretary for each meeting (to include distance, other fixtures and any other relevant facts). That decision will be final. This process should take place quickly after the abandonment and published as soon as approved by the BHA/ PPA.

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Notes guiding how a decision will be made following an objection:

The only factors that ultimately contribute to a decision are as follows:

1. Any objection must be reasonable and not based solely on a lower profit expectation.
2. The travel time between the courses involved.
3. The effect on runners and jockeys at the meetings (common entries, etc.)
 1. If a neighbouring area objects to a rearrangement on behalf of a fixture taking place on the same day as the proposed new date, provided it is reasonable, it is likely to be upheld. The free weekend day could be offered as an alternative.
 5. A meeting wishing to postpone to a weekend where a neighboring area does NOT have a fixture is likely to be permitted.
 6. All negotiations will be conducted through the Area Secretary. This does not preclude the meeting contacting the Chairman of the PPSA to make a case, but all final decisions will be communicated through the Area Secretary.
 7. The final decision will be made by the Chairman of the PPSA (or Vice Chairman where appropriate), though the PPA may express an opinion as to the benefit to the sport as a whole of a rearrangement to assist the Chairman in coming to a decision.
 8. In the event a meeting wishes to postpone more than 10 days in advance of the meeting and there is insufficient evidence provided of the need to postpone then a National Course inspector may be asked to visit the course. If the meeting wishes to abandon this will not be required.

·For any committee wishing to re-arrange; PPA / BHA final approval is always required. (PPA will always liaise with the BHA on behalf of the fixture via the PPSA).