



HOW TO...

BECOME A POINT-TO-POINT OWNER





BECOME
AN OWNER.





WELCOME, YOU ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON AN INCREDIBLY EXCITING CHAPTER.

Whether you dream of becoming the next Richy Rich, a point-to-point syndicate or racing club member or have an equestrian interest and want to see what racing is all about, then point-to-point is the sport for you.

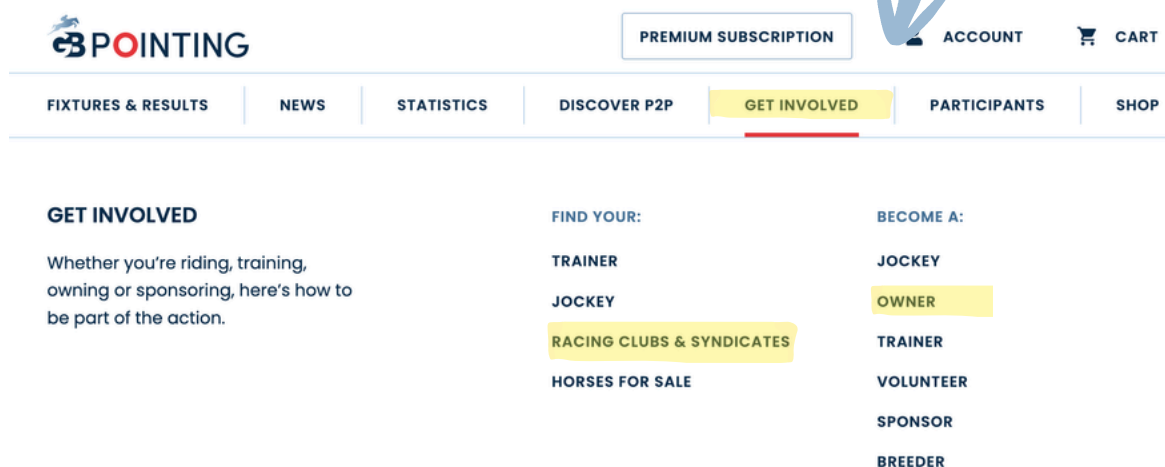
As the grassroots of national-hunt jump racing, point-to-pointing has long been the perfect starting place for anyone who loves racing and horses. It's a wonderful sport, embracing the true amateur ethos of those simply wanting to 'have a go', those with ambitions of challenging for championships, or others using it as a stepping stone for a professional career. Pointing allows each to successfully compete against each other on a weekly basis.

Everything you need can be found on the national GB Pointing website @ www.gbpointing.co.uk. or by ringing the PPA office on 01793 781-990 where one of the team will gladly help and guide you.

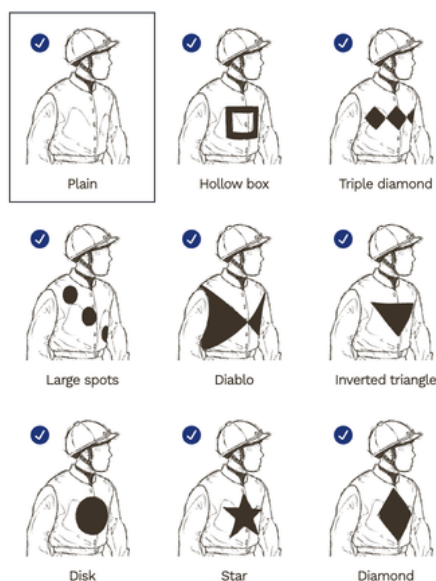
“We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”
- Walt Disney



The options for ownership within point-to-pointing are vast, while many like the **sole ownership** route there are **racing clubs/syndicates** and **shared ownerships** options available. Simply visit the GB Pointing website @ www.gbpointing.co.uk to help you on your way.



Unlike under-rules there is **no requirement to be a registered owner** unless you wish your horse to go hunter-chasing, but the process for that is easily instigated at anytime.



Choosing your colours is a fun process and if you visit the **BHA website** you can design them online. Similarly to not having to be a registered owner, you don't need to register colours. Once you have decided on your colours any racing tack shop can make them up for you. Likewise, if you want to, you can run in your favourite sweatshirt with a pink hat silk, so long as you have the correct body protection and helmet.

POINT-TO-POINT DECLARATIONS FORM

2026-27 SEASON

To be handed in to the Declarations team on arrival at the racecourse
no later than 60 minutes before the time of the race.



I declare the undermentioned horse is a runner in accordance with Regulation 111 of the BHA Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeplechases and/or Flat races. I also agree to be bound by said Regulations.

Racecourse/Meeting _____ Race Date _____

Race Number _____ Horse number _____
(at entry)

Race Name _____ Horse Name _____
(including Div if done at entry) (including Country Code)

HEADGEAR TO BE WORN



BLINKERS



VISOR



CHEEK
PIECES



EYE
COVER



EYE
SHIELD



HOOD



TONGUE
STRAP



RED
HOOD*

If the tongue strap cannot be fastened or is shed on the way to start, horse should:

☐

RUN

☐

BE WITHDRAWN

*RED HOOD MUST BE REMOVED AT START AND NOT WORN IN THE RACE

Name of Declarer _____ Rider Name _____

Horse Penalty _____ Weight to be ridden _____

Rider Allowance/Penalty _____

Changes in colours since entry

BODY, SLEEVES AND CAP

(State 'SAME' or new colours)

In case of divisions, if jockey double booked

STATE WHETHER HORSE WILL BE WITHDRAWN OR ALTERNATIVE RIDER: _____

DECLARATION

I can confirm that I wish to declare the above horse as stated and that I am authorised to do so.

Signed _____

(Owner or Authorised Keeper -
electronic signature accepted)

Print Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

To be completed by the person making the declaration &
returned to them signed by the Declarations Clerk

Name & Number of Race _____

Horse's Name & Number _____

Signed (by Declarations Clerk) _____



Once you have decided who trains the horse, yourself or your chosen keeper (trainer), the only thing left is to complete the **Hunt Certificate form** which allows your horse to run in point-to-points.

It cost's around £350 to register, is easy to fill in and can be found on the **website (HOME > PARTICIPANTS > OWNERS & KEEPERS/TRAINERS)**.

HEADLINE UPDATES

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP/KEEPER/TRAINER

HUNTER CERTIFICATE

WEATHERBYS E-PASSPORT VACCINATIONS APP

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026/27

- Enhanced ten race 0-110 Rated series.
- Improved fifteen race £250,000 GB Pointing bonus for 4-&-5-year old Maiden series.
- Expanded fifteen race "hands and heels" series for novice riders with national championship winner.
- For helmet and body protector requirements [click here](#) for more information.
- Please be aware of BHA Regulations and Instructions 2026/2027 season changes.

You only need to register once for the whole season, but it must be done by **Thursday at Noon** to be **eligible to enter** for a meeting whose entries close the following Monday. Details are on the form. **BANK HOLIDAYS** entries change so please check The Planner.



Images by Tom Milburn

The journey in getting your horse fit enough to race is as enjoyable as raceday itself. Your keeper will encourage you to immerse yourself in the action including yard visits and mornings on the gallops. It is a wonderful community and this way lets you meet other owners and also follow the journey of their horses.

TOP TIP It is a commonly known fact that the minute you get to a point-to-point in winter months it will be ten degrees colder than it was at home! Tights/leggings, gloves and a bobble hat are a necessity!

On raceday your keeper will do the hard work meaning you can **enjoy the day**. You can immerse yourself in the action in the lorry park and lend a hand if you like! **All areas are accessible and you can take your friends and family, a good picnic and a pair of wellies!**

2026/27 HUNTER CERTIFICATE (HC1)

Administered by Weatherbys on behalf of the British Horse Racing Authority (BHA).

Issued under the Rules of Racing and BHA Point to Point Regulations.

This Certificate does not come into force before 31st October 2026.

The Hunter Certificate deadline, together with payment, is by 12noon on the Thursday

for entries closing the following Monday. (See Note 1 Page 5).

To be returned to: Equine Services Administrations, Weatherbys, Sanders Road, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 4BX (Email: huntercerts@weatherbys.co.uk).

Where highlighted below – e-signatures are acceptable.

BRITISH HOUND
SPORTS ASSOCIATION



HORSE'S NAME:			YEAR OF FOALING:
Colour:	Sex:	Sire:	Dam:
Name of a horse previously owned by the Owner/Partnership Note: This is to reduce the risk of duplication of Owner and Keeper records			

Please note, some horses are eligible for Hunter Steeplechases but not Point-to-Point Steeple Chases (Please see the Running Requirements Code of the Rules of Racing and Regulation 34 of the Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases)

In accordance with Regulation 42 no Owner shall make use of an assumed name for the purpose of entering or running horses unless it is incorporated into one of the following titles:

"The Family" "The Friends" "The Partners" "The Partnership" "The Group" "The Club".

Any such assumed name must not be offensive and must not have any commercial implications. Any horse entered under an assumed name, which in the opinion of the BHA is offensive or has commercial implications shall be in breach of this Regulation and be required to re-register under an acceptable name. If you intend to race in a partnership name please indicate the name in the box below:

Race card Namestyle Please note this is the ownership namestyle that will be displayed against a horse's entry. Eg. GB Pointing Partnership	
LEAD OWNER (if club/syndicate/partnership)	Title: Forename: Surname: Date of birth:
OWNER'S CONTACT DETAILS	Address: Postcode: Tel No(s): Email:
OWNER'S COLOURS (provide full description of colours)	
HUNT	
WILL THE KEEPER MAKE ENTRIES ONLINE?	Yes ☐ No ☐ If no box is ticked the keeper will be automatically assigned.
FAMILY LINK WITH KEEPER In accordance with the Regulations, if the Keeper is licensed under Rules, then they must own the horse or there must be a family link between the Keeper and the ownership.	Keeper is one of the following Partner/spouse, parent, child, sibling Yes ☐ N/A ☐
OWNER'S DECLARATION Please read 'Regulations and Conditions' attached to this form, <u>before</u> signing as your signature will be binding. E-signature accepted.	
Signed (Owner): Date: Please note that THE ABOVE-NAMED OWNER must sign the Certificate. Signatures of agents will not be accepted.	
All other owners must be listed in the Additional Owner Details Section. The first named Owner shall receive confirmation of receipt of this Certificate. By signing this declaration, I also confirm that the above-named horse has been residing in Great Britain for at least 7 clear days prior to the date entered on this form.	

HORSE'S NAME:

ADDITIONAL OWNER DETAILS

NAME	POSTAL ADDRESS (please state postcode)	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			

HORSE'S NAME:**KEEPER'S NAME & ADDRESS**

(Person appointed by the Owner to be responsible for horse under Point-to-Point Regulations)

This Section does NOT need to be completed if Owner is maintaining responsibility.

Title: Forename:

Surname: Date of birth:

Address:

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Postcode: Tel No(s):

Email:

KEEPER'S DECLARATION – Please read Note 10 in the 'Regulations and Conditions' attached to this form before signing.

I agree to be bound by the Rules of Racing and BHA Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases currently in force and acknowledge that where an Owner has left any horse(s) in my care as the Keeper I become the person responsible thereafter

(as if the Owner) for complying with the Rules of Racing and Point-to-Point Regulations.

If the Keeper has already signed another HC1 for the current Season, please state the horse as a further signature is not necessary. The HC1 will not be registered if no previous signature is registered.

Signed (Keeper): Date:

☐ Please tick the box if you DO NOT wish to give your name, training address, mobile telephone number and email address to appear in the directory of Keepers on the National point-to-point website gbpointing.co.uk

HORSE WHEREABOUTS

If the horse is not kept on the premises of the Owner or Keeper, please provide details of where the horse is kept as required by Regulation 1 (xiii).

Address:

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Postcode: Tel No(s):

DATA PROTECTION

The Owner/Keeper agree that the information provided by me/us may be held by the Point-to-Point Authority Limited, British Horseracing Authority, Weatherbys or the Point-to-Point Racing Company. All respect the privacy of individuals and are compliant with the General Data Protection Act (GDPR) 2018. Your details may be properly disclosed to other agencies registered to receive such information in connection with the management, regulation and integrity of horseracing.

A copy of the Point-to-Point Authority privacy policy can be viewed on the downloads page of the National Website gbpointing.co.uk

HUNTER CERTIFICATE REGISTRATION FEE AND HUNT SUBSCRIPTION: £349 (VAT incl)

to be paid when Certificate is lodged with Weatherbys ☐

£1 of this fee will be donated to the Retraining of Racehorses.

£184 is the Hunt subscription which will be passed to the BHA for onward distribution to the qualifying Hunt.

Please remember to add all additional costs from left hand side

Please select payment method:

Total payable:
(the sum of the fees)

POINT-TO-POINT HORSE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME (HSS1): £75 (VAT incl) ☐

*Please provide the HSS1 form with the hunter certificate application. See page 6, section 9 for the Regulations and Conditions.

☐ Please debit one of the following accounts:

PPORA OWNER MEMBERSHIP 2026/27: £30 ☐ **YOU ONLY NEED TO SUBSCRIBE ONCE**

The PPORA is a voluntary committee of knowledgeable, passionate, people in point to pointing, providing a service to its members. By ticking the box in you are consenting for your postal address, your email address and phone number to be shared with the PPORA who will use this information in line with their Data Policy which can be found at www.ppora.co.uk

Weatherbys

Account No:

BHA

Account No:

PPORA membership becomes current from the date on which the Hunter Certificate is issued. In the case of multiple ownership, membership will be allocated to the person named in the Owner's Section of this form. Please read the 'Regulations and Conditions' attached to this form for important information regarding PPORA Club Members' Race Eligibility.

Bank Transfer:

Account name: Weatherbys Ltd -
Hunter Cert Collection Account

Account number: 13011429

Sort code: 60-93-03

Ref:
(please put horse name as reference)

CHEQUES ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED

To pay by card please call 01933 304 808

POINT-TO-POINT RACING COMPANY PUBLICATIONS:

If you wish to purchase a planner please visit GBpointing.co.uk

The following section requires the signature of the Hunt



OWNER'S NAME:	HORSE'S NAME:
HUNT:	QUALIFICATION: (State if Master, Member, Subscriber or Farmer)
HUNT OFFICIAL DECLARATION I/we certify that the above-named owner is a Master, Member, Subscriber or Farmer for the current season with the Hunt Electronic signatures will be accepted. Signed: Name (Block Capitals):..... Date: PLEASE NOTE: Signature of any Hunt Official will be accepted.	

REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS

(OWNERS SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING)

1. REGISTRATION OF HUNTER CERTIFICATE - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY (e-signatures are accepted)

By signing and submitting the Hunter Certificate for registration, signatories certify that:

- a) The details of age, sex and pedigree are correct and that the horse's name is registered under the Rules of Racing.
- b) The Hunt Declaration on the Certificate is correct and that the horse is owned by a Master, Member, Subscriber or Farmer with the said Hunt and is qualified to be entered for any Hunter Steeple Chase run under the Rules of Racing and any race run under the Point-to-Point Regulations for which it is eligible.
- c) The horse has been residing in Great Britain for 7 clear days prior to the lodging of the Certificate, and will continue to reside in GB for the purposes of running in point-to-point races and Hunter Chases thereafter.
- d) I/We agree to be bound by the Rules of Racing and the BHA Point-to-Point Regulations or part thereof currently in force.

TO BE ENTERED IN A POINT-TO-POINT STEEPLE CHASE (other than Hunt Members races held under Regulation 72) the Certificate must be registered by noon on a Thursday to qualify the horse for entry for meetings whose entries close the following Monday. Please note earlier registration dates for meetings staged during the Christmas period. Please refer to the National Planner.

TO BE ENTERED IN HUNTER STEEPLE CHASES the Certificate must be registered by noon the day before entries close (normally 6 days prior to the race meeting except for race meetings on a Saturday, which will normally close 5 days prior).

However, it should be noted that registration will not occur on a Saturday, Sunday or Bank Holiday, Good Friday or Christmas Day but by noon on the first day thereafter that the Equine Services Office is open for business. No Certificate will be registered without prior payment.

2. REGISTRATION OF HORSE NAME

This Certificate cannot be registered until the Name of the Horse is registered under the Rules of Racing. If you are in any doubt as to the identity of this Horse, please email naming@weatherbys.co.uk

N.B. There is no necessity for either Names registration or Hunter Certificate registration to be affected if horses are to be entered and run solely in Hunt Members races but owners must submit the Hunter Certificate to the Point-to-Point Secretary with their entry for this race.

3. HORSES AGE (15 or over)

A HC will not be registered for any horse born prior to 1st January 2012 without a accompanying statement from a veterinary surgeon confirming that the horse is 'suitable to race and not at increased risk of catastrophic injury'.

4. PASSPORTS

Owners/Keepers must ensure that the Passport for every horse running in a Hunter Steeple Chase or Point-to-Point Steeple Chase is available for inspection on the day. Any horse whose identity cannot be verified from its passport (microchip and markings) will not be allowed to run.

5. HUNTER CHASES

For entry in Hunter Steeple Chases (not Point-to-Point Steeple Chases) all owners must be registered as an Owner with the BHA and have Racing Colours officially registered with the BHA under the Rules of Racing.

6. VACCINATIONS FOR HORSES

Owners/Keepers must ensure that every horse running in a Hunter Steeple Chase or Point-to-Point Steeple Chase is: correctly vaccinated in accordance with the Rules of Racing and Point-to-Point Regulations; that the vaccinations are correctly recorded in the respective horse's passport; and that the vaccinations have been correctly loaded onto the BHA Vaccination App, and been approved by the BHA, in advance. Horses must, as a minimum, have had two primary injections given between 21 and 60 days apart, and where sufficient time has elapsed a first booster given not less than 120 days and not more than 180 days after the second primary injection. Thereafter they must receive further boosters at intervals of not more than 6 months apart. Where any horse's vaccination programme has lapsed, a new course of vaccinations must be commenced and the two primary injections given before the horse can race.

VACCINATION APP REQUIREMENTS

No entry will be accepted for a Hunter Steeple Chase unless the horse's vaccinations have been loaded onto the Vaccination App and been approved by the BHA in advance.

Every horse entered into a point-to-point must have their vaccinations loaded onto the Vacc App and been approved by the BHA by 4pm on the Thursday before running. **NO HORSE WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE DECLARED OR RUN UNLESS ITS VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE BHA.**

Advice or guidance on how to use the Vaccination App can be obtained from the Equine Services Team either via email at vaccapp@weatherbys.co.uk or by phoning 01933 304808

7. OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Unless the horse has been placed in the care of a Keeper, the Owner will always be the person responsible for the care and training of the horse, and the ongoing compliance with the Rules and Regulations. Where the horse is placed with a Keeper the responsibility passes to the Keeper (as if the Owner) unless the Keeper can show that any breach was the result of an action by the Owner, to which they were not a party, in which case the responsibility will remain with the Owner.

Owners that continue to take responsibility and act for themselves are strongly advised to consult the current Regulations and, before making entries, to check all relevant details contained in the Point-to-Point Race Planner. They should also ensure that any third party acting on their behalf at a meeting is familiar with and aware of their responsibilities under Regulations 111(i), 141 (i), 115 (iii) & (v) and 118.

Further copies of the Point-to-Point Planner can be obtained from The Point-to-Point Racing Company, Sanders Road, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 4BX Tel: 01933 304795.

Owners are informed that should any of their horses running in Point-to-Point races consistently fall, unseat or show unruly behaviour they may have their Hunter Certificate suspended for the remainder of the season. The performance of all horses is monitored, and Owners will be contacted if a Hunter Certificate suspension is being considered.

8. Owners should note that where a horse moves to a new Keeper, a Change of Keeper form must be completed and, if the Keeper has not already done so, the Keeper signed to agree to be bound by the Rules and Regulations.

The form can be found on the point-to-point website under Guides and Downloads.

9. ENTRIES

It should be noted that the ability for a Keeper to make entries is an extension of the powers given to the Keeper by the Owner, so as the Keeper can act on their behalf; it does not prevent an Owner from continuing to make their own entries by other means or acting for themselves at a meeting.

10. DEFRA HORSE PASSPORTS REGULATIONS

Under EU Regulations, to be considered valid by DEFRA, a horse passport must contain certain pages including the declaration pages necessary to declare whether the horse is destined for human consumption – or not. Failure to have a valid passport for a horse is an offence under these regulations. We strongly advise you to check for the presence of the necessary pages within the passport. A fee of **£24** will be due to Weatherbys for each set of pages issued. The BHA advise that horses are declared not for human consumption to allow a full range of medicines to be used.

11. POINT-TO-POINT AUTHORITY HORSE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME (HSS)

In order to enjoy the benefits of the HSS, the business name of the sponsor (maximum 45 characters including spaces) must be added to this Hunter Certificate or subsequently registered with a HSS1 form. The business name may NOT appear in any racecard nor on any paddock sheet until this registration is confirmed (in a letter from Weatherbys) and the appropriate fee (**£75** inc. VAT) has been paid. If you would like to register a multi-horse sponsorship – which has differing price bands depending on the number of horses sponsored – you will need to complete a HSS2 form (available to download at www.gbpointing.co.uk) and return to the Point-to-Point Authority. **Please note** – you cannot be removed from the single-horse scheme (HSS1) once registered and no refund to the fee will be made if you subsequently register a multi-horse sponsorship (HSS2), which has slightly different conditions. For further detailed information on the scheme, please refer to Appendix L of the BHA Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases or visit <https://gbpointing.co.uk/participants/owners-and-keepers/#bha-regulations>

12. KEEPER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

By signing the Declaration and taking a horse into their care and training, the Keeper is accepting responsibility for compliance with and any possible breaches of the Rules and Regulations under the name of the 'Owner'. Where the Keeper can show that any breach was the result of an action by the Owner, and that they were not a party to the breach, the responsibility will remain with the Owner and any disciplinary action will be taken against the Owner.

DEFINITIONS

'Keeper' is a person to whom an Owner has passed the care and training of their horse and who, as the Keeper, becomes responsible for compliance with the Point-to-Point Regulations for Steeple Chases as if the Owner. No action will be taken against the Keeper where it can be shown that any breach of the Regulations was the result of an action of the Owner, to which the Keeper was not a party, in which case the Owner will be responsible.

13. PPORA RACES 2026/27 HORSE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

No horse shall be eligible to run in a PPORA Club Members' Point-to-Point Steeple Chase unless the owner is EITHER a current Life, Honorary, or 2026/27 Owner or Rider member of the PPORA by declaration of the horse on the day of racing. For full details of how to satisfy this Race Condition, including an explanation of how PPORA membership requirements apply to horses entered or running in joint or assumed names, and how to become a member of the PPORA, please refer to the PPORA website: www.ppora.co.uk or pporacommittee@gmail.com.



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