

Point-to-Point Regulation amendments 2026/27

Definitions (p. 52, 56 & 57)

“Conditions Point-to-Point Steeple Chase” is a race open to any horse which satisfies the conditions of the race and which at starting, other than for the final of a national Conditions Series, has not won **a total of** two Hunter Chases or Open Point-to-Points **in any combination within the current season**; or three Conditions Point-to-Point Steeple Chases **within the current season**.

“Hunt Members Point-to-Point Steeple Chase” is a race for horses certified by an authorised signatory of a Hunt affiliated to a Point-to-Point Area to be the property of Masters, Members, Subscribers or Farmers of that Hunt authorised to stage the meeting and if so desired, additional Hunt(s) up to an overall total of **six**. No hunt may be involved in more than one Hunt race.

“Organising Committee” is the Corporate Entity or Committee that has applied for and been granted a Point-to-Point Fixture under Part 6 of these Regulations.

“Riders Qualification Certificate” is that document **administered** by the Point-to-Point Authority **and issued by the British Horseracing Authority** providing that the Master / Secretary of the Hunt is satisfied that the Rider is a Master, Member, Subscriber, Farmer or their respective spouses or children, or a person who has paid to the Hunt the cap for one days hunting. This certificate is verification that the Rider has paid the required premium in respect of the Point-to-Point Riders Insurance scheme for the current season. The British Horseracing Authority may require applicants to undergo a riding assessment **and/or a fitness test** to achieve this certificate.

Regulation 34 (p.81)

34. No Horse shall be eligible to be entered or run in a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase or Flat Race in the current Point-to-Point Season which:-
- (i) Is less than 4 years old.
 - (ii) On or after October 1st, **2026** has won any race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority other than:-
 - (a) A Steeple Chase run between March 1st, **2027** and June 1st, **2027** which is confined to Amateur Riders;
 - (b) A Hunters’ Steeple Chase; or
 - (c) The Grand Military Gold Cup or the Royal Artillery Gold Cup.
 - (iii) During any of the 28 consecutive days prior to **the date of a Meeting** for which the horse is being entered, has run in any race run under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority other than:-
 - (a) A Steeple Chase or National Hunt Flat Race run between March 1st, **2027** and June 1st, **2027** which is confined to Amateur Riders;
 - (b) A Hunters’ Steeple Chase; or
 - (c) The Grand Military Gold Cup or the Royal Artillery Gold Cup

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- (iv) During any of the 28 days prior to the date of a Meeting for which the horse is being entered.

 - (a) has been in the care of a trainer licensed under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority unless the horse is, or was at the time the property of himself, his spouse, civil partner, co-habitant of the trainer by reason of a personal relationship, parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, sisters (or the Executors of such persons), free of all lease or other joint arrangement, except partnerships between such persons.
 - (b) has been in the care of a person holding a permit to train under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority unless the horse is or was at the time the property of himself, his spouse, civil partner, co-habitant of the trainer by reason of a personal relationship, parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, sisters (or the Executors of such persons), free of all lease or other joint arrangement, except partnerships between such persons.
- (v) On or after October 1st, 2024, it has won a Class 1 (which includes all Grade Races) or Class 2 Steeple Chase, or the foreign equivalent, which was not confined to Amateur Riders.
- (vi) On or after October 1st, 2025 it has been placed first, second or third in a Grade 1 or Grade 2 Steeple Chase in Great Britain or Ireland or in any other Steeple Chase run outside Great Britain or Ireland which in the opinion of the Authority is the equivalent of a Grade 1 or Grade 2 Steeple Chase.
- (vii) Has been disqualified or is not qualified to Regulations 150, 151 or 152.
- (viii) Following adherence to Regulation 34 (iii) and (iv), runs in a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase and then subsequently returns into the care of a licensed trainer or a person holding a permit to train.
- (ix) During the current season has run in one or more races under the Point-to-Point Regulations and subsequently run in any race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority other than:
 - (a) A Steeple Chase or National Hunt Flat Race run between March 1st, 2027 and June 1st, 2027 which is confined to amateur riders;
 - (b) A Hunters Steeple Chase; or
 - (c) The Grand Military Gold Cup and the Royal Artillery Gold Cup

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Regulation 50 (p.88)

50. No person shall ride:

- (i) Until they have attained the age of 16.
- (ii) Unless they hold a Riders' Qualification Certificate (RQC), for the current Point-to-Point season upon the form issued by the Point-to-Point Authority and obtainable upon application to the Hunt Secretary of which the Rider is a Master, Member, Subscriber, Farmer, or their respective spouses or children, or a person who has paid to the Hunt the Cap for one days hunting, and have paid the insurance premium, and administrative fee in respect of the Point-to-Point Riders' Insurance scheme. If the Rider is to ride in any race for which their RQC does not state their eligibility, they must submit written proof signed by the relevant Hunt Secretary stating their qualification to ride. It shall be the responsibility of the Rider to ensure that their RQC is lodged with the Declarations Clerk when a declaration to run is made under Regulation 111(i) for the horse which they are to ride. Riders must also be in possession of a Medical Record Book (MRB) issued by the British Horseracing Authority, or the Irish Turf Club, and this must also be lodged with the Declarations Clerk when a declaration to run is made. In the event of the RQC not being available, the Rider will be required to sign a declaration stating that they hold an RQC. In the event of the MRB not being available, the Rider shall not be permitted to ride. A replacement MRB is obtainable, **with a corresponding charge**, from the PPA Office.
- (iii) **An RQC holder will be bound by the BHA Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases for 12 months from the date of issue or until such time as an RQC for the following Season is taken out, whichever is the sooner.**

N.B. A Rider may only hold one RQC issued by the Point-to-Point Authority and one MRB. The MRB is the property of the British Horseracing Authority and **MUST** be retained for the duration of a Rider's career.

Regulation 55 (p. 90)

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- (i) Riders who have had a fall must report to the (S)RMO in the Weighing Room immediately. Unless there are exceptional circumstances a fine of £70 will be imposed on any Rider who fails to comply with this requirement.
 - (ii) A Rider who has fallen must be passed fit by the (S)RMO before riding again on the same day.
 - (iii) A Rider who has been declared unfit to ride by a (S)RMO and given a Red Entry may not ride in a race until they are passed fit to ride by The British Horseracing Authority Chief Medical Adviser. For lesser injuries and illnesses a rider may be given an Amber Entry which requires them to be assessed by an (S)RMO at their next race meeting.
 - (iv) A Rider who has suffered a concussion at a Point-to-Point meeting will be given a Red Entry and must complete the Concussion Rehabilitation program managed by

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the BHA. They can only be passed fit to ride again by the British Horseracing Authority Chief Medical Adviser.

- (v) A Rider must report to the BHA Chief Medical Adviser within seven days or before riding again, whichever is the sooner, any injury or serious illness (requiring medical attention) sustained outside of riding at a Point-to-Point meeting.

Regulation 60(i) (p.92)

- 60 (i) With the authority of the British Horseracing Authority, upon application made to the Point-to-Point Authority under Regulation 62, Point-to-Point Steeple Chases may be held by:

- (a) A Hunt, or two or more adjoining Hunts, being Foxhounds, Deerhounds, Harriers or Draghounds (Masters being Members of their respective Associations). In the case of Foxhounds, Deerhounds, Harriers, Draghounds or Bloodhounds, if the races are to be held in a country hunted by Foxhounds, the written permission of the Master of such Foxhounds must accompany the application.

A Hunt or two or more Hunts may apply for fixtures either in the name of the Hunt or one of the Hunts or alternatively using a generic such as "...Races" providing the Hunt or Hunts are identified on the application form under Regulation 62.

Regulation 61(ii) (p.93)

- 61 (ii) Alternatively, Hunt Point-to-Point Steeple Chases may be held under the control of the Masters of the Hounds and of a Committee appointed by them.

Regulation 61(iv) (p.93)

- 61 (iv) The above mentioned Corporate Entity or Committee shall:-
 - (a) Be responsible for compiling a race programme in accordance with Regulation 70.
 - (b) Ensure that the names of the Stewards, indicating Chair, the Senior Veterinary Surgeons (SPVS), and the Senior Racecourse Medical Officer (SRMO) are sent to the Point-to-Point Authority at least 6 weeks in advance of the scheduled date of the meeting.
 - (c) Ensure that all Pre-Raceday medical documentation required under the Point-to-Point Instructions (Section 10) is submitted to the BHA Chief Medical Adviser (CMA) at least 6 weeks in advance of the scheduled date of the meeting.

NOTE: A charge of £500 may be made for any documentation submitted less than 6 weeks before the meeting and no meeting will be allowed to take place where the medical documentation has not been received and approved by the CMA before the day of entries for the meeting.

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Regulation 75 (p.100)

75. Penalties for winning may be imposed at the discretion of the Corporate Entity or Committee except:

(i) In all Open Steeple Chases before 1 March the following penalty for three wins between 1 October 2025 and 30 September 2026 must be imposed: 5lbs for the winner of:

(a) three or more Steeple Chases, Hurdle Races or Flat Races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority, or

(b) two or more Steeple Chases, Hurdle Races or Flat Races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority and one or more Open Point to Point Steeple Chase.

(ii) In Mens Open Steeple Chases (optional), Ladies Open Steeple Chases (optional), and all Mixed Open Steeple Chases, where the weight is 11st 7lb, the following penalties for wins on or after October 1st, 2026 must be imposed:

Regulation 76 (p.101)

ALLOWANCES

76 Except in Maiden Races, Flat Races and races restricted to Novice Riders or where otherwise stated in the Conditions of the race, Riders who, prior to the Thursday before the date of a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase, have not ridden more than a combined total of 10 winners under the Rules of Racing, the Rules of a recognised Racing Authority, the Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases or Arabian Horse Races shall receive 5lbs.

Regulation 77 (p.101)

77 (i)(a) The total prize money or other prize, save with the express permission of the British Horseracing Authority, shall be as follows:

Open (Men's, Ladies' or Mixed) £600 - £2,000

Hunt Members' and Flat Races £0 - £1,200

Any other race £480 - £1,200

Any prize offered for individual placings must be no less than the entry fee plus 50%

Regulation 114 (p.110)

114 (iv) The Owner is responsible that the horse carries the correct weight in accordance with the conditions of the race. The Owner is required to declare any penalty incurred after the date of entry or the weight their horse will carry or the colours to be worn by the Rider if either is different from that appearing on the race-card to the Clerk of the Scales before the Rider weighs out. Failure to make this declaration will render the Owner liable to a fine of not less than £60.

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- (v) The Rider is responsible for ensuring that they claim any allowance due to them under Regulation 76.

APPENDIX CC (p. 182) New

SAFEGUARDING

To be read in conjunction with Chapter M ('Safeguarding') to the BHA Rules of Racing. Any complaint, investigation and possible disciplinary action will be conducted in accordance with Chapter M.

No Person may:

- a. engage, or attempt or threaten to engage, in conduct that directly or indirectly harms the physical and/or mental welfare and/or safety of one or more Young Persons or Adults at Risk, and/or
- b. pose a risk of harm to the physical and/or mental welfare and/or safety of one or more Young Persons or Adults at Risk ('Prohibited Conduct').

NOTE:

- *'Harm' is not a narrow concept, and can mean different things in different contexts. Reference should be made to the BHA Safeguarding Policy.*
- *It is not necessary for Prohibited Conduct to take place or arise in the context of racing and/or related activities. For example (and without limitation), in the event that a Person has been convicted or cautioned for, charged with, or arrested for any offence that concerns harm to one or more Young Persons or Adults at Risk (whether or not those Young Persons or Adults at Risk participate in racing), that may form the basis of action under these Safeguarding Rules as a result of that Person posing (or potentially posing) a risk of harm (regardless of whether or not the relevant offence, or alleged offence, took place in the context of racing and/or related activities).*
- *The BHA recognises that, as in many activities, sexual relationships can develop within the sport of horseracing. However, an adult in a position of trust – meaning where an adult (1) has contact with a Young Person or Adult at Risk, (2) has a role that carries an expectation of trust, and (3) is in a position to exercise authority, power or control over the Young Person or Adult at Risk (as perceived by the Young Person or Adult at Risk) – must not engage in inappropriate sexual activity with a Young Person or Adult at Risk who they employ, care for, etc. (including not grooming a Young Person or Adult at Risk for sexual activity when that person no longer qualifies as a Young Person or Adult at Risk). A sexual relationship between an adult in a position of trust and someone over whom the adult has (or had) a position of trust will often be a breach of trust and an abuse of the relevant adult's position. Inappropriate sexual relationships may result in an investigation or proceedings under these Safeguarding Rules, whether or not the relationship results in the commission of a criminal offence.*