



HOW TO...

BECOME A POINT-TO-POINT KEEPER (TRAINER)





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KEEPER.





WELCOME

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

Whether you dream of becoming a trainer under rules, a point-to-point keeper or have a professional career seeking an adrenaline fulfilling hobby then point-to-pointing is the sport for you.

The grassroots of national-hunt racing has long been the best starting place for trainer/keepers, a wonderful sport for the best of our amateurs to compete at a high level alongside embracing the true amateur wanting to just 'have a go'. Each of these can successfully compete against each other.

Whether you are starting with limited racing experience, have been in other equestrian disciplines or are from a racing family we will embrace you and help you with everything you need! Everything you need can be found on the GBPointing website or do not hesitate to ring the PPA office where one of the team will guide you in the right direction.

DID YOU KNOW?!



Unlike licenced trainers, there are **no requirements** to undertake the modular training programme, **no yard inspection** of facilities and **no need to prove financial eligibility!** Training point-to-pointers is largely unregulated and the trainer (officially known as a keeper) acts more as a private caretaker for the owner.

Point-to-Pointing is made up of many different types of keeper. Some of the **larger yards have up to 35/40 horses** and these professional establishments are run as a business ran by people making their living through the sport, but we **welcome all sizes of yards** and training just one horse is commonplace. Training a horse can be done in several ways, the need for gallops and facilities on site is a bonus but not a necessity. **Professionalism has increased in recent years but there a still several small yards and true amateurs competing at the top level.**



*Bea Coward is a perfect example of a trainer who does not have access to her own gallops - watch on our **GBPointing youtube channel** the yard tour we did with her to see if you could train from where you are.*

Whilst there are no requirements to gain the right to train a pointer there are a couple of **procedures to complete before you can run your horse**. A **hunt certificate** is a document which must be submitted to Weatherby's on the **Thursday before entries close**. This certificate can be found on the website and needs to be filled in, alongside the **signature of someone within the hunt, the owner and the keeper**.



FIND YOUR:

TRAINER

JOCKEY

RACING CLUBS & SYNDICATES

HORSES FOR SALE

BECOME A:

JOCKEY

OWNER

TRAINER

VOLUNTEER

SPONSOR

BREEDER

As the training process increases, the assistance of your intended **jockey will be helpful** and if you don't already have one in mind head to the **GBPointing website** for help.

The **Point-to-point planner** is a publication required for race planning, making entries and it contains useful information and this can be **purchased on the GBPointing website** via the **shop**

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Last season saw the introduction of the **Flu Vaccination App**. This is a straightforward process with a simple step by step guide but must be completed for your horse to run. Unresolved vaccination issues by 4pm the Thursday before race day will mean your horse is Not Qualified (NQ) and entry fees will not be refunded.

This can be found off **Home > Participants > Owners & Keepers/Trainers**.

Entries to race can be done either online on the GBpointing website or over the phone **by 12.30 on a Monday**.

This can be found off Home > Participants > Owners & Keepers/Trainers, where there is a link to enter or there is contact to the Point-to-point racing company / weatherbys.



ON THE
DAY OF THE
RACE.



Give yourself plenty of time beforehand, to allow time to gain your bearings, settle the horse, meet the jockey, walk the course and declare 1 HOUR before you race is due to start.



Unlike racing under-rules the horses are prepared in the horsebox and it is worthwhile to take a travelling companion if your horse is the type to get worked up. Often an old horse or a pony are seen in this role and as long as up to date with all vaccinations they are very welcome.

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The declaration process is simple, and you will find the relevant form on the GBPointing website. Fill in prior to arrival and head to the weighing room. This can be found off **Home > Participants > Owners & Keepers/Trainers > Race day**

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Declarations

To run an entered horse a completed declaration form must be handed in to the Declarations team at least 60 minutes before the race.

LINKS

 [DS07 Declaration to Run Form](#)

Locate your jockey who will have given in their license already, enabling you to declare and hand over the form to the people sat behind the desk.

Do not be afraid to ask questions – the point-to-point community is full of helpful people willing to help. Remember to enjoy!

TOP TIP It is always worth taking more water than you think you would need and a spare of everything!

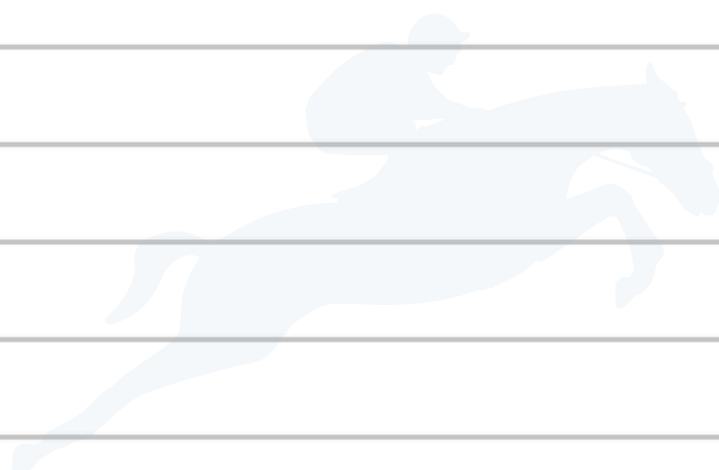
KEEPER KIT LIST



- ☐ Water
- ☐ Buckets
- ☐ Scraper
- ☐ Sponge
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Sweat rug
- ☐ Thermatex
- ☐ Grooming kit

- ☐ Colours
- ☐ Non slip
- ☐ Pads

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Declaration form



KEEPER KIT LIST



- ☐ Bridle
- ☐ Chifney
- ☐ Breast girth/breastplate
- ☐ Lead up rope
- ☐ Paddock sheet
- ☐ Roller
- ☐ Boots
- ☐ Carrier bag for filthy kit
- ☐ Spares of everything

TOP TIPS bring white towels as they are very helpful for running down legs to find blood if any small unseen cuts and also a thin turnout sheet for those rainy days.



OFFICIAL CHANGE OF KEEPER FOR POINT-TO-POINT RACING

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE HORSE'S PASSPORT IS NOT REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY THIS FORM

SECTION 1 – HORSE DETAILS

Horse's Name Year Of Foal
 Sire Dam
 Passport Number Sex: Horse ☐ Gelding * Mare ☐
* If horse gelded since issue of passport please notify and return passport.

SECTION 2 – OWNER DETAILS

* Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Other:
 Surname * Forename(s) *
 Address *

 County * Postcode *
 Daytime Tel (Indicate if home/work) Mobile
 Email

SECTION 3 – NEW KEEPER DETAILS *Mandatory

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Other:
 Surname Forename(s)
 Address

 County Postcode
 Daytime Tel (Indicate if home/work) Mobile
 Email

SECTION 4 – KEEPER'S DECLARATION

Please read Note 1 at the bottom of the form before signing.

I agree to be bound by the BHA 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 keeper update will not be registered if no previous signature is registered.

Signed (Keeper) Date

This season, for the first time, the PPA will provide a directory of keepers on the new national website at gopointing.com. Please tick the box if you wish to give permission for your name, full postal address, mobile telephone number and email address to appear in the directory. ☐

SECTION 5 – 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			
County		Postcode	
Daytime Tel (Indicate if home/work)		Mobile	

DATA PROTECTION:

The Point-to-Point Authority and their agents Weatherbys respect the rights to privacy of all its clients. By completing this form you agree that any information that you provide may be held by the PPA or Weatherbys Thoroughbred Ltd, including inter computer records and that this information may be properly disclosed to other agencies registered to receive information in connection with the management regulation and integrity of Point-to-Point racing and for legislative requirements under the Horse Passport Regulations.

SECTION 6 – DECLARATION

I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the particulars contained in this application are accurate. I understand that the ownership record is for administrative purposes only and does not infer legal title of the aforementioned horse.

Signed		Date	
Horse owner or trainer (please delete as applicable)			

**Please return this form to Equine Services Administration,
Weatherbys, Sanders Road, Wellingborough, Northants, NN8 4BX. Email: huntercerts@weatherbys.co.uk**

Note 1 - 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.

Amendment to Regulations

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.



GOOD
LUCK.