



Regulations For Pony Races

Season 2007

Price: £5

FOREWORD

Pony Racing is held under the regulation of the Pony Racing Authority [PRA] and the allocation, cancellation and alteration of Pony Races is authorised at the discretion of the Horseracing Regulatory Authority [HRA] and the Pony Racing Authority. The Pony Racing Authority will administer Pony Racing under these Regulations and will exercise control over Riders and ponies taking part.

These regulations relate to any Pony Racing Authority recognised Pony Races with any differences in Regulation colour coded as follows;

All PRA recognised Pony Races
Racecourse Pony Racing Series
Point-to-Point Pony Races

In all instances the initials PRA refer to the Pony Racing Authority and the Official / Nominated Individual / Organiser shall be appointed and publicised for each event by the host organisation.

REGULATIONS

RIDERS

- 1 (i) Riders wishing to participate in the Racecourse Pony Racing Series must be registered annually with the PRA. From 01/01/08 all Riders competing in any PRA recognised Pony Race will have to register annually with the Pony Racing Authority.
(ii) Riders must be aged;
(a) 11 – 15 years on 1st January 2007 to compete in the Racecourse Pony Racing Series
(b) 9 - 15 years on day of the race to compete in Point-to-Point Pony Races
- 2 Riders must have finished first to fourth in a Point-to-Point Pony Race, first to fourth in a Pony Club Race Day Race or have attended three Pony Club Rallies since 1st July 2006 one of which must be in the current year and their District Commissioner must have witnessed the pony and rider participating together on at least one occasion.
- 3 Riders competing in 138cm & Under races must weigh a minimum 8st and Riders competing in 148cm & Under races must weigh a minimum 8st 7lbs. **There is no minimum weight for Point-to-Point Pony Races.**
- 4 Riders must attend the Official Briefing and Course Walk conducted by the British Racing School, Northern Racing College or nominated

individual. Parents, legal guardians nor any other persons are permitted to participate in the course walk and their participation in this will result in the disqualification of the Rider from the race.

- 5 Riders may only compete in a Pony Race on the pony they have qualified.

PONIES

- 6 All ponies must be aged between 5 and 20 years.
7 No pony may compete that has raced under the rules of any recognised turf authority.

- 8 All ponies competing in the Racecourse Pony Racing Series must hold a Joint Measurement Board Scheme Certificate (JMB Certificate) or a Life Height Certificate, a photocopy of which must be provided with the entry and the original presented on the day of the race. Failure to provide this at either stage will result in the entry being refused and/or the pony withdrawn from competing on the day.

(i) For ponies measuring between 136cm & 138cm and 146cm & 148cm in height, a valid JMB Certificate must be made available at Declaration.

- 9 On winning a Pony Race in the Racecourse Pony Racing Series a pony will carry a 7lb penalty for the rest of the Season. All ponies will carry the minimum weight at the Finals.

ENTRY & QUALIFICATION

- 10
- (i) Entries shall close at the time advertised. Failure to submit before the specified date will result in the entry being declined.
 - (ii) Only entries received on the Official Entry Form will be accepted.
 - (iii) Any entry which is received without the entry fee will be declined.
 - (iv) A race may be declared void at the discretion of the organisers if less than six entries are received by the time entries close.
 - (v) All entries must be accompanied with a copy of the pony's Joint Measurement Scheme Certificate (JMB Certificate) or Life Height Certificate and failure to provide this with any entry will result in the entry being declined. (See Regulation 8(i)).
 - (vi) Entries must be accompanied by a copy of the pony's passport and failure to provide this with any entry will result in the entry being declined.
 - (vii) The highest placed (first to third only) will qualify for the 2007 Racecourse Pony Racing Series Finals.
 - (viii) Entries will be accepted on the following basis:
 - (a) First Priority - entries submitted by the Master, Member, Subscribers of the Hunt / Pony Club staging the Pony Race.
 - (b) Second Priority - entries submitted by the Master, Member, Subscribers of

Hunts / Pony Clubs that hold their Point-to-Points on the venue where the Pony Race is being staged.

- (c) Third Priority - entries submitted by the Master, Member, Subscribers of the Hunts / Pony Clubs confined (as per Point-to-Point regulations) to the Hunt staging the Pony Race.
- (d) Entry forms completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian will include certification of the Rider and ponies' eligibility and suitability by either the Master or Secretary of the qualifying Hunt or the District Commissioner of the Pony Club.

EQUIPMENT

- 11 There will be a mandatory tack check which all ponies and Riders participating on the day will be required to attend.
- 12 Ponies must be turned out with well fitted and properly maintained saddlery. Badly fitting or unsafe tack may result in a pony being withdrawn and prevented from starting.
- 13 No pony shall enter the parade ring or run in shoes which have protrusions on the ground surface other than calkins or studs on the hind limited to 3/8" in height. The parent / legal guardian is responsible for ensuring that their pony is shod in accordance with the requirements of the PRA Regulations.

- 14 The following are not permitted in any recognised Pony Race – bandages, whips, spurs, nickel bits, nickel stirrup irons, blinkers, hoods, eyeshields, eyecovers, visors, sheepskin cheek pieces, ear plugs, nasal strips, tongue ties, jewellery and watches.
- 15 Racing saddles excluding the girth, irons and leathers measuring less than 16” (40.6cm) in length (from front arch to cantle) and weighing less than 5lbs (2.8kg) are not permitted.
- 16 Only racing boots with racing irons or jodhpur boots/riding boots with safety irons may be worn.
- 17 Jodhpur boots must have a smooth, thin sole and well defined cut heel.
- 18 A surcingle is mandatory. A neck strap is also mandatory unless a hunting breastplate or martingale is worn.
- 19 Only bits which meet the approval of a Veterinary Surgeon will be permitted.
- 20 Reins must be stitched to or fastened by a buckle to the bridle. They must not be attached by a billet.
- 21 Every pony running shall carry a number cloth provided by the organiser and the parent / legal guardian is responsible for ensuring it is worn so that the number is clearly visible and is the correct one for the pony. Parent / legal guardians are also responsible for ensuring that their ponies’ are properly saddled when they leave the parade ring.

- 22 Silks / racing colours are to be provided by the competitors.
- 23 It is the parent / legal guardian's responsibility to ensure the child and pony equipment meets the specifications required to compete.
- 24 No form of advertising or sponsorship will be permitted either on the pony, its rider, its clothing, or its attendants.

SKULL CAPS

- 25 (i) No Rider shall be mounted nor shall they ride in any race unless wearing a correctly fitted and fastened skull cap of a pattern approved by the PRA and that the skull cap must be fastened at all times whilst mounted. The sole responsibility for the wearing of and the serviceable condition of the skull cap is that of the parent/legal guardian.
- (ii) Only skull caps that satisfy all the requirements laid down below are approved for use by a Rider;
- (a) PAS 015:1994, EN 1384:1996, BS EN 1384:1997 (all must carry BSI Kitemark) or;
- (b) Snell E2001 with the official Snell label and number or;
- (c) AS/NZS 3838:1998, or AS/NZS 3838:2003
- have a CE mark and a quality symbol, the BSI Kitemark, the SAI Global symbol of the official Snell label with number
 - be in a serviceable condition

(iii) Skull caps must not have a chin cup, cradle or draw lace.

(iv) The chin strap must pass under the jaw and be attached to the harness by a quick release buckle. Metal hooks are not permitted.

(v) The skull cap must be of the correct size for the individual Rider.

(vi) As skull caps are designed for “single impact only” any skull cap which has been subjected to a severe impact or has been worn by a Rider suffering concussion should be replaced.

BODY PROTECTORS

26 Body protectors must conform to EN 13158:2000, BS EN 13158:2000 or SATRA Jockey Vest Standard Document M6 Issue 3.

27 Body Protectors may not be modified in any way and must be in a serviceable condition.

MEDICAL CARDS & PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

28 The parent / legal guardian and Rider involved with any PRA recognised Pony Race must abide by the Pony Racing Regulations or will become a disqualified person. (Regulations 67-73).

29 (i) It is the parent / legal guardian’s sole responsibility to ensure that their child is fit to ride.

(ii) Riders must be in possession of a Medical Card or Armband which must be presented for inspection to the nominated Official when declaring the pony to run on the day, and be worn at all times when mounted. In the event of a Medical Card not being available a fine of £25 will be imposed on the day and the Rider will not be permitted to take part.

(iii) The welfare and safety of the Rider participating in the Pony Race is the sole responsibility of the parent / legal guardian whilst at the venue and should the Rider fall whilst riding it will be the parent / legal guardian's responsibility to present the Rider to the Medical Officer on duty on the day.

- 30 The parent / legal guardian shall be fined and responsible for paying the fee of any fine imposed upon their pony and / or Rider for any breaches of the Pony Racing Regulations.

PONY IDENTIFICATION AND VACCINATION

- 31 (i) No pony shall be permitted to take part in any PRA recognised Pony Race unless accompanied by its current valid Vaccination Certificate and Passport.

(ii) Every pony must have a valid Vaccination Certificate, which undeniably relates to that pony, completed, signed and stamped on each line by a Veterinary Surgeon, who is not the

owner of the animal. It must state that the pony has received two injections for primary vaccination against Equine Influenza given no less than 21 days and no more than 92 days apart. (Only these first two injections need to have been given before the pony may compete). In addition, a first booster injection must be given no less than 150 days and no more than 215 days after the second injection of the primary vaccination. Subsequently, booster injections must be given at intervals of not more than one year apart (anniversary injections are acceptable eg. 1st March each year), commencing after the first booster injection. None of these injections must have been given within the preceding seven days, including the day of the Pony Race.

- 32 (i) A Passport will not be regarded as being completed as required under the Pony Racing Regulations if any record of vaccinations against Equine Influenza is altered in any way. An incorrect entry must be deleted and a new entry made, signed by the Veterinary Surgeon who was responsible for giving the vaccination.
- (ii) The owner of any pony which enters the racecourse on the day on which a PRA Pony Race under the Pony Racing Regulations shall be guilty of an offence when either:
- that pony has not been vaccinated as required for which a fine of £25 will be imposed on the day
 - the vaccination section of the Passport has not

been endorsed as required or the said document is not available for inspection as required for which a fine of £25 will be imposed on the day

(iii) If there is a breach of Regulation 31(ii) the pony will not be permitted to run on the day.

(iv) It shall be the responsibility of the parent / legal guardian to ensure that when any pony enters the racecourse on the day on which a PRA Pony Race is held that its Passport is available for inspection at any time while it is on that property. It is also the responsibility of the parent / legal guardian of a pony to ensure at all times vaccinations required under the Pony Racing Regulations have been correctly administered and properly entered on the Passport.

DECLARATIONS

- 33
- (i) The maximum number of runners in any Pony Race shall be 12 (excluding the Finals), **10 in Point-to-Point Pony Races.**
- (ii) Should a ballot take place Riders will be notified by the PRA Secretary at least 10 days before the fixture that they will not be taking part.
- (a) A balloting procedure will be adopted if necessary with nominated Reserves. In exceptional circumstances the races may be divided at the discretion of the organisers

(iii) Should a ballot take place two Reserves will be notified and invited to compete should any withdrawals prior to the day occur.

(iv) Ponies and Riders must be declared as having arrived at the venue with the Nominated Official at the time appointed. Competitors will be informed of this in writing prior to the meeting.

NON-RUNNERS

34 If a pony has been Declared to run but is to be withdrawn as a Non-Runner the parent / legal guardian must notify the host racecourse and Secretary of the PRA as soon as possible in advance of the day or on the day notification must be given to the Clerk of Scales / PRA Official.

(a) Connections of ponies that have been entered and have been balloted to run but are not going to start must inform the organisers by 5pm the day before the race is due to take place so that nominated Reserves can be informed in order to ensure at least 10 runners in each race.

WEIGHING OUT

35 (i) The parent / legal guardian is responsible for ensuring that the pony carries the correct weight

in accordance with the Pony Racing Regulations and for ensuring that the pony as named at the time of entry is the pony that runs in the race.

(ii) When weighing out the Rider must put into the scale and include in their weight everything that the pony is to carry or has carried, except the skullcap, goggles, breastplate or breastgirth, neck strap, rings, plates and anything worn on the pony's legs. In addition, when weighing out the number cloth will also be excluded from the scale but must be presented to the Clerk of Scales at the time.

(iii) The Rider's weight is to include the Body Protector.

WEIGHING IN

36 All Riders must present themselves to be weighed by the Clerk of the Scales immediately after the race.

37 (i) Immediately after pulling up, the Riders of the first four ponies in each race must ride their ponies to the place appointed for unsaddling. The ponies shall remain at the appointed place until ordered to be taken away. The other Riders may dismount within a reasonable distance.

(ii) It shall be a breach of the Pony Racing Regulations for a Rider to dismount before reaching a place appointed for that purpose, unless they can satisfy the Stewards and Officials that they were justified by the circumstances.

(iii) If a Rider does not present themselves to be weighed in, their pony shall be disqualified on the day, unless the Stewards and Officials are satisfied that the Rider was justified in not doing so by reason of illness, accident or other extraordinary circumstance, that they weighed out at not less than their correct weight and that the proper weight was carried throughout the race.

38 (i) When weighing in a Rider shall include in their weight everything that the pony has carried in the race except as provided in Regulation 35(ii).

(ii) If a Rider weighs in at 2lb or more over the weight at which they weighed out the pony shall be disqualified.

(iii) If a Rider weighs at 1lb or more under the weight at which they weighed out the pony shall be disqualified.

(iv) If a pony carries less than the weight they should carry during the race they shall be disqualified on the day.

39 When the Riders have weighed in to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Scales at not less than the weight at which they weighed out, the Stewards and Officials shall authorise the announcement of “weighed in” provided the Judge has announced and confirmed his decision to the Clerk of the Scales on all placings. After the announcement has been made no alteration shall be made.

SADDLING

- 40 (i) The parent / legal guardian is responsible for seeing that their ponies leave the paddock properly saddled. Particular care should be taken to ensure that the full number on the saddle cloth is visible.
- (ii) The Starter will report to the Stewards all cases where he considers a pony has been improperly saddled.

DEAD-HEATS

- 41 When ponies finish in a dead-heat both ponies and Riders will be deemed as winners.

THE RACE

- 42 (i) All ponies running shall be saddled at the appointed place and brought in to the Parade Ring a reasonable time before the signal to mount is given for the race in which they are engaged.
- (ii) No Rider may participate more than once on the same day.
- (iii) No pony may compete in more than one race on the same day.
- (iv) If a pony runs the wrong side of a course marker or flag, his Rider shall turn back and ride the course correctly from such point of the race,

or they shall pull up. They shall not otherwise continue in the race or the pony shall be disqualified on the day and the Rider shall be guilty of an offence.

43 Ponies measuring 138cm & Under will race over a minimum flat distance of four furlongs.

44 Ponies measuring 148cm & Under will race over a minimum flat distance of six furlongs.

45 Distances of a minimum 4 furlongs. Race distances will vary according to the geography and layout of each Point-to-Point course. Recommended distances between 7 and 9 furlongs.

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE PONY RACING AUTHORITY

46 The Executive Members of the PRA, at the discretion of the HRA, have power at their discretion to authorise Pony Racing fixtures and fees, to cancel such fixtures and to make any alterations to them from time to time that they consider necessary.

47 The Executive Members of the PRA have power, at their discretion;

- (i) to authorise acceptance of entries or to instruct that they are to be refused.
- (ii) to authorise the publication of Pony Racing Regulations and to make any alterations to them from time to time that they consider necessary.

- (iii) to make enquiry into and deal with any matter relating to all PRA approved Pony Racing. For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that this power includes the power to enquire into and adjudicate upon conduct that has already been considered by Stewards and Officials of Pony Races, no matter what has been the decision or action of such Stewards and Officials.
 - (iv) to exercise any other powers conferred upon them by these Regulations and to take any such action as they consider necessary for the purpose of carrying out or putting into effect these Regulations.
- 48
- (i) When any person subject to the Pony Racing Regulations has, in the opinion of the Stewards, Organisers or Officials committed any breach thereof or is guilty of an offence or is otherwise liable to a penalty under the Pony Racing Regulations the Executive Members of the PRA have power at their discretion to impose upon such person any one or more of the following penalties in addition to any other sanction or penalty provided for under these Regulations, namely
 - (a) Impose a fine not exceeding £1000
 - (b) Declare them a Disqualified Person from PRA events
 - (c) Disqualify a pony
 - (d) Issue a caution
 - (ii) The Executive Members of the PRA have power if good cause is shown or when any person has committed any breach of the Pony Racing

Regulations to withdraw or suspend their participation, to caution them as to their future conduct in races or to ask them to attend a course in remedial training at the British Racing School, Northern Racing College or Scottish Racing Academy. Failure to comply may result in them being prevented from future participation.

(iii) The Executive Members of the PRA have power to exclude or cause or order to be excluded for any period or for an indefinite period from any premises on the day used for PRA approved Pony Racing any person whether or not subject to the Pony Racing Regulations whose conduct they in their absolute discretion consider to be such as to make the presence of such person undesirable in the interests of racing even though such person is not and has not been declared a Disqualified Person by the HRA

(iv) The Executive Members of the PRA may at their discretion consider any video-recording, transcript, notes of evidence, statements or other material.

STEWARDS & OFFICIALS OF MEETINGS

- 49 The host racecourse shall appoint at least two Stewards and one PRA Official for each meeting, including a Chairman.
- 50 The Stewards and Officials have full power:
- (i) To alter placings in accordance with Regulation 60.

(ii) To impose a fine not exceeding £1,000 and to disqualify a pony or Rider for breaches to these Regulations

(iii) To ensure when in attendance that Pony Racing is run in accordance with these Regulations at the meeting and, in exceptional circumstances, to vary the arrangements concerning the running of any Pony Race at the meeting as they think fit and to give all necessary instructions for that purpose.

(iv) At any time to order an examination by such person or persons as they think fit of any pony entered for a race or which has run in a race. Where such examination includes the taking of samples for subsequent analysis the samples may be of any body fluid, tissue, excreta, hair or skin scrapings or of all or any of the same at the discretion of the person conducting the examination and may involve the removal of implants.

(v) To order the withdrawal from a race any pony that has been declared to run where they have reason to be concerned about the medical or physical condition of the pony provided that they shall have first sought and obtained the opinion of a Veterinary Surgeon at the meeting who shall have recommended a withdrawal on such grounds.

(vi) To order any pony to be routinely checked for its microchip ID to confirm its identity.

(vii) When they consider that through any cause a pony is or will be unable to start without there being an unacceptable delay to the start of the

race they shall at once notify the Clerk of the Scales and the Starter that the pony is withdrawn.

(viii) To immediately disqualify any Rider that has taken the wrong course.

(ix) To immediately disqualify any Rider that either carries the incorrect weight or weighs in incorrectly.

51 When in the opinion of the Stewards and Officials any person subject to these Regulations has committed any breach thereof they have power at their discretion to recommend to the Executive Members of the PRA that a fine not exceeding £1000 be imposed when in the opinion of the Stewards and Officials;

(i) there is reasonable suspicion that a person has committed a breach of the Pony Racing Regulations or

(ii) any person has committed any breach of these Regulations and in their opinion some fine or punishment ought to be imposed upon such person or

(iii) any person present at the meeting whether or not subject to these Regulations has misconducted themselves

CLERK OF THE SCALES

52 The Clerk of the Scales shall

(i) Weigh the Riders in accordance with the Pony Racing Regulations.

(ii) Cause to be displayed on the screen or number board or have announced alterations to the following information published in the official racecard,

(a) declared ponies

(b) colours

(iii) Furnish the Starter with a list of runners.

(iv) Should a pony be withdrawn, at once cause to be stated an announcement over the public address system that the pony is withdrawn which indicates whether such pony has come under Starter's Orders. They shall also immediately report to the Stewards and/or Officials where the pony is withdrawn by order of the Starter.

(v) **In all cases weigh in the Riders.**

(vi) Should an Objection be lodged or an enquiry be called for, at once order an appropriate announcement over the public address system.

JUDGE

- 53 (i) One Judge, or an authorised substitute, shall be appointed and must occupy the place designated by the Stewards as the Judge's box when the first pony passes the winning post or the race will be void. They must remain in that place until such time as all the ponies which are in a position to complete the course have passed the winning post and their decision in this matter shall be final. No pony which passes the

winning post after the Judge has left the box shall be placed.

(ii) The Judge must announce their decision immediately, or after consulting any authorised photographic evidence, where relevant, and shall determine the winner according to that part of the pony's head, excluding the ears, which is first past the winning post, the remaining placings being determined in a similar manner, and subject to the Pony Racing Regulations to disqualify ponies and to alter placings, such decision shall be final.

(iii) The Judge shall at the close of each day's racing sign and send a report of the result of each Pony Race to the Secretary of the Pony Racing Authority or hand the results to the PRA Representative in attendance.

STARTER AND STARTING

54 (i) The Starter shall obtain a list of runners for each Pony Race from the Clerk of the Scales.

(ii) (a) Every pony shall be at the Start ready to start at the appointed time

(b) Ponies may not be led to the start.

(c) Permission must be obtained from the organisers if the parent, legal guardian or nominated person signed by the parent or legal guardian wishes to lead the pony to the start and remain there. Arrangements must be made in good time so as not to hold up the

running of the race. Such ponies must be led in at the back of the field.

(iii) All Riders who arrive at the Start must immediately place themselves under the control of the Starter where girths will be checked by an Official and tightened as necessary.

(iv) The ponies must be started by the the Starter, or the authorised substitute, and all races shall be started by Flag.

(v) After the Starter has called out the names of the runners he shall give all orders necessary for securing a fair start as far as possible, in a line, but they may be started at such a reasonable distance behind the Start as the Starter thinks necessary.

(vi) The Starter has full power to remove an unruly pony and, should they do so, must place it at such distance to one side of or behind the other runners that it cannot gain any advantage itself or cause danger to, or prejudice the chances of the other ponies and Riders engaged in the race. Should an unruly pony cause undue delay it may be “left”.

(vii) Should the Starter consider that through any cause a pony is or will be unable to start at the appointed time or so soon thereafter as the Starter is ready to start the race they shall at once notify the Clerk of the Scales that the pony is withdrawn.

(viii) Misconduct by a Rider at the start is an offence under the Pony Racing Regulations and the Starter shall report to the Stewards and

Officials any Rider whom they consider to have been guilty of misconduct at the start or who has refused to obey the commands of the Starter. For the avoidance of doubt misconduct includes a Rider attempting to line up or take a position for the start before being instructed to do so by the Starter. *Note: It is emphasised that the example described above is not an exhaustive definition of misconduct as other circumstances may result in the Starter reporting a Rider.*

(ix) (a) Should the Starter consider that a fair start has not been effected they shall declare it a false start. The Starter may also declare a false start when a pony has broken away before the race has been declared “Off”. Whenever a false start has been declared the Starter shall order the Riders by means of the recall flag, to return to the Starting Post.

(b) Unless at least one Rider returns to the Starter after the recall flag has been raised for a false start the race shall be void.

(c) Should only one Rider return to the Starter and satisfy him as to his having obeyed the recall flag, the pony shall be considered as having walked over for the race. Should more than one return, the race shall be started again as soon as the course is clear.

(d) Following the recall flag ponies which complete the course shall not be considered as having obeyed the recall flag and shall be withdrawn by the Starter.

(e) Should the Starter declare a false start and the recall flag not be raised, the race shall be void, unless all the ponies pull up before completing the course.

(x) The Starter's decision on all matters covered by Regulation 54(ix) (a) – (e) shall be final.

55 (i) It is the Parent / legal guardian's responsibility to properly school their ponies for the start

(ii) No owner, parent / legal guardian or pony attendant will be allowed upon the Course at the Start, without the permission of the Starter.

(iii) The signal for the start is the lowering of the flag. The person responsible for giving the signal is the Starter, and a Rider guilty of an attempt to anticipate the signal will be dealt with severely. Riders are warned against setting their pony going when they think a start will take place.

DISQUALIFICATION OF PONIES

56 (i) Where a pony has been the subject of an examination and the result of an Analysis of any Sample is positive, the pony and its trainer / owner shall be disqualified for the race in question and for the entirety of the current Pony Racing season.

57 A pony may be disqualified from its race on account of its Rider carrying the incorrect weight, taking the wrong course or through dangerous riding.

- 58 A pony is not qualified to be entered or to start for any Pony Race:
- (i) If it has run at any Meeting other than under these Pony Racing Regulations
 - (ii) If it has been declared disqualified or suspended within the past 12 months
- 59 A pony is not qualified to start for a race:
- (i) If it has not been duly entered for the race
 - (ii) If it has not been declared a runner
 - (iii) If it has not been vaccinated in accordance with Regulation 31(ii) or if the details of such vaccination are not correctly recorded on its Passport
 - (iv) If its Rider has not weighed out
 - (v) If the correctly endorsed Passport has not been produced
 - (vi) If it has received any vaccination against equine influenza within the seven days previous to the race
 - (vii) If it is found to exceed the height allowed
 - (viii) If it contravenes Regulations 6-8

RIDING OFFENCES

- 60 (i) When a pony or its Rider has caused interference
- (a) by dangerous riding (60iv1) in any part of a race the pony shall be disqualified on the day
 - (b) by careless (60iv2) or improper riding (60iv3) or by accident in any part of a race the

pony shall be placed behind the pony or ponies with which it has interfered if the Stewards and Officials are satisfied that the interference improved its placing in relation to the pony or ponies with which it interfered. If they are not so satisfied they shall overrule the objection and order that the placings shall remain unaltered.

(ii) The Rider of any pony who, in the opinion of the Stewards and Officials, has been guilty of dangerous, careless or improper riding at any time whilst on the racecourse and whether before or after any race shall be guilty of an offence.

(iii) When in the opinion of the Stewards / Officials any Rider has committed any breach of or been guilty of any offence within these Regulations they shall have the power to recommend to the Executive Members of the PRA to impose a fine to the Rider not exceeding £1000 or to suspend them from riding in PRA Pony Racing for any period.

(iv) When in the opinion of the Stewards / Officials any Rider is guilty of dangerous, careless or improper riding they may be referred to the Executive Members of the PRA and asked by them to attend a course in remedial training at the British Racing School, Northern Racing College or Scottish Racing Academy. For the purpose of this Regulation the following definitions apply:

1) Dangerous riding - A Rider is guilty of dangerous riding if they cause serious interference by:

(a) purposely interfering with another pony or Rider, or;

(b) riding in a way which is far below that of a competent and careful Rider and where it would be obvious to such a competent and careful Rider that riding in that way was likely to endanger the safety of a pony or Rider.

2) Careless riding - A Rider is guilty of careless riding if they fail to take reasonable steps to avoid causing interference or cause interference by inattention or misjudgement, including when manoeuvring for position.

3) Improper riding – whether mounted or dismounted includes forms of misconduct in the course of riding such as riding that would be dangerous as defined above but for the fact that it did not cause serious interference.

FAILURE TO OBTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE PLACING

- 61 (i) Every pony which runs in a race shall be run on its merits and ridden to obtain the best possible place.
- (ii) It shall be the duty of the parent / legal guardian to ensure that adequate instructions to achieve the best placing be given to the Rider of any pony in their care.

(iii) Any Rider guilty of contravening Regulation 61(i) shall be disqualified from competing in any PRA Pony Race for a period no less than 21 days from the day the offence was committed.

DISPUTES, OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

- 62 (i) Any Objection to a Pony Race must be made in writing within 72 hours of the event to PRA Secretary clearly stating by whom the objection is made and signed by them, when the event took place and the reason for the objection being placed.
- (ii) An Objection cannot be withdrawn once lodged.
- 63 Every objection drawn to the Officials' attention on the day shall be dealt with on the day by the Stewards and/or PRA Representative in attendance and where necessary referred to the PRA Executive.

APPEALS

- 64 Any owner or Rider of a pony in a race the subject of an objection shall be entitled to appeal to Executive Members of the PRA once the outcome of the objection has been announced.
- 65 The appellant shall lodge a Notice of Appeal with the PRA Secretary within seven days. On

all occasions when an Appeal is lodged a non-refundable deposit shall be made at the same time of £25.

- 66 (i) The Notice of Appeal must be signed by the appellant and state the grounds of appeal in general terms.
- (ii) In the event of an appeal by submission of written evidence the appellant must within seven days of the Notice of Appeal being lodged submit to the PRA Secretary such written evidence and representation as they wish to be considered. The Executive Members of the PRA may request the Stewards and Officials whose decision is subject to appeal to submit written evidence.
- (iii) The Appeal shall be considered by the Executive of the PRA and the appellant may or may not be required to be present.

PROHIBITED PRACTICES AND DISQUALIFICATION OF PERSON

- 67 Any person who has been declared a disqualified person shall be prevented from taking part in any PRA events.
- 68 A person disqualified under the PRA Regulations may not necessarily become an HRA disqualified person.
- 69 Ponies entered do so under the condition that they may be routinely tested for prohibited substances, in line with procedures within HRA Instruction C3, under these Regulations.

- 70 Any person who administers or attempts to administer or allows or causes to be administered or connives at the administration to a pony of a Prohibited Substance (in accordance with HRA Instruction C1) with intention to affect the racing performance of that pony in a race or with knowledge that its racing performance in a race could be affected shall be guilty of a breach of these Regulations and may be declared a PRA disqualified person.
- 71 Any person may be declared a disqualified person or otherwise penalised who:
- (i) Gives or offers, or promises directly or indirectly any bribe in any form to any person having official duties in relation to a race or pony, or to any owner, parent / legal guardian, Rider, representative, or other person having charge of, or access to, any pony; or
 - (ii) Wilfully enters or causes to be entered for any race or causes to start in any race a pony which they know or believe to be not qualified;
 - (iii) Is convicted of any criminal offence in relation to racing in this or any other country; or
 - (iv) Does not pay any sums due under these Regulations or under conditions of races run under them;
 - (v) Knowingly runs a pony under a secondary identity that has raced previously not under Pony Racing Regulations.
- And any such act shall constitute a breach of these Regulations.

- 72 Any person who owns, trains or rides a pony in any Pony Race not authorised by the PRA or any person who acts in any official capacity in connection with such an unauthorised meeting will be declared a PRA disqualified person for a period of twelve months.
- 73 An HRA or PRA disqualified person, so long as their disqualification continues, shall not enter, run, train or ride a pony in any PRA event held under these Regulations. If any entry made by a person disqualified be mistakenly or inadvertently accepted, the same shall, despite such acceptance, be void and the pony shall not be qualified to be entered or to start.

DEFINITIONS

“Disqualified Person” is a person who has been declared a disqualified person under the PRA Regulations, HRA Rules of Racing, HRA Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeplechases or HRA Regulations for Arabian Horse Racing or who is a disqualified person by virtue of such Rules or such Regulations and will be considered a disqualified person for PRA events. Any such person will therefore be prevented from taking part in any PRA events.

“Executive Members” are the people appointed by the PRA and HRA to manage and supervise pony racing.

"HRA" means the division of the Jockey Club known as the Horseracing Regulatory Authority which the Jockey

Club has formed to undertake all relevant functions connected with regulation of horseracing including all matters now or in the future contained or to be contained in the Rules of Racing and includes any board or committee or individual or individuals to whom the Board of the HRA has delegated duties, powers or functions in accordance with the authority of the Jockey Club, which shall be presumed in the absence of proof to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the HRA's regulatory powers do not extend to the regulation of PRA pony races.

“Medical Armband” is that document available from The Pony Club (Tel: 02476 698 300) indicating the medical history and allergies of Riders competing in Pony Races under the PRA Regulations.

“Medical Officer” is any registered practitioner engaged by the Organisers to provide medical cover for the Riders.

“Official” includes all Officials of the PRA in connection with the business of Pony Racing.

“Organisers” are the individuals responsible for running the raceday and pony races.

“Maximum Number of Runners” is the maximum number of ponies which can be started safely in a race as determined by the Racecourse and Inspector of Courses.

“Passport” is the approved diagrammatic document of identity of a pony issued by a recognised Vet.

“Pony” includes a mare or gelding aged 5 to 20 years.

“Pony Race” is a race in which any pony runs with any other pony in competition for any prize of any kind or nature whatsoever for the purposes of deciding the

results at which more than 20 persons (not including the participants of the pony race) are present save that events at horse shows or gymkhanas which are restricted to children under 18 years of age, or which involve a substantial element of chance or skill unconnected with horse-riding, shall not be considered pony races.

“Pony Racing Authority [PRA]” means the Authority established to represent and oversee the running of all Pony Racing events and meetings in Britain for children aged 11-15 years and as a governing body to provide orders, rules and regulations for the organisation of pony racing generally.

“Prohibited Substance” means a substance originating externally whether or not it is endogenous to the pony which falls in any of the categories contained in the List of Prohibited Substances set out in HRA Instruction C1 as amended from time to time. “Substance” includes the metabolites of the substance and the isomers of the substance and metabolites.

“Recognised Pony Race” is a pony race authorised by the PRA which has been granted a fixture.

“Rider” is a person of the relevant age and qualification to compete in a Pony Race.

“Sample” in relation to a pony means a quantity of body fluid, tissue, excreta, hair or skin scrapings or items in contact with any part of the pony taken at the discretion of the person conducting the examination and may involve the removal of implants. For the avoidance of doubt this includes Samples which have been stored having previously been reported as negative.

“Steward” means a Steward or Stewards appointed by

the Organisers, or their duly appointed deputy or deputies.

“Veterinary Surgeon” is a registered veterinary surgeon engaged by the Organisers to provide veterinary cover.

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