

Weighing out and declarations

22. Weighing out procedure

22.1 The Riders for each race must be weighed out in accordance with these Rules.

22.2 Each Rider must be weighed for a particular horse at the appointed place.

22.3 The weighing must take place

22.3.1 not less than a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the race, or

22.3.2 if this is not possible due to the late running of the preceding race, not more than five minutes after the Clerk of the Scales has weighed in the winner of that race, or

22.3.3 if the Stewards specify a later time under Rule 4.2.1, by that time

22.4 No Rider may be weighed out for any race unless the Declaration Sheet for the horse has been verified in accordance with Rule 23.

22.5 The Clerk of the Scales will not allow a Rider to be weighed out for a horse where he has been informed by the Stakeholder that any of the following have not been paid

22.5.1 any stake or any arrears in respect of any horse belonging to the same owner or standing in his name,

22.5.2 the Rider's fee or any fee due in respect of an Amateur Rider,

22.5.3 any payment due to the Professional Riders Insurance Scheme,

22.5.4 any arrears claimed under these Rules,

22.5.5 any VAT payable on or in connection with any of the matters specified in Paragraphs 22.5.1 to 22.5.4.

22.6 The Clerk of the Scales will not allow a Rider to be weighed out for any race unless he is wearing a safety vest which conforms to a standard approved by the Authority (see Rule (D)36 (safety vests, skull caps and saddles)).

22.7 Rule (D)42 (weighing out) specifies requirements applying to a Rider on weighing out, including the items he must include in the scale.

22.8 Overweight will be rounded down to the nearest 1lb unit.

22.9 Subject to Paragraph 22.1, to compensate for being required to wear a safety vest, the weight of a Rider on weighing out will automatically be allowed at 3lbs less than the weight that is registered on the scale (factored into the calibration of the Weighing Room scales).

22.10 During the months of December, January and February, to compensate for wearing a safety vest and extra clothing, the weight of the Rider on weighing out for a flat race will automatically be allowed at 4lbs less than the weight that is registered on the scale (factored into the calibration of the Weighing Room scales).