

## **PART 3 - RACING PROGRAMMES**

### **CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **20. The conditions of the race**

20.1 The conditions of a race must meet the following requirements.

20.2 The fees relating to any race stage and the total liability for runners must be in accordance with the scales laid down from time to time by the Authority.

20.3 The minimum Total Prize Fund in a race must not be less than that laid down from time to time by the Authority.

20.4 The Maximum Figure for a race must not exceed the Safety Factor.

20.5 The number of horses permitted to start the race must not exceed either the Maximum Figure or the Safety Factor.

20.6 Subject to Paragraph 20.8, no prize may be given to any Person otherwise than in accordance with Part 7.

20.7 The value of any prize not in money must be advertised unless it is a prize approved under Paragraph 20.8.

20.8 The Authority may approve the giving of additional prizes to Trainers, Riders, stable employees or breeders and any such prize

20.8.1 must be included in the conditions of the race, but

20.8.2 may not be included in the calculation for distribution of Prize Money provided for in Part 7.

#### **21. Conditions of the race: additional requirements for specific categories of race**

21.1 The conditions of a flat race must not contain

21.1.1 any restrictions as to training stables, or

21.1.2 in respect of any race that is not confined to Apprentice Jockeys or Amateur Riders, any riders' allowances other than those provided by Rule 140 (flat race allowances).

21.2 The conditions of a steeple chase, hurdle race or National Hunt Flat Race must not contain

21.2.1 any restrictions as to training stables, or

21.2.2 in respect of any race which is not confined to Conditional Jockeys, any riders' allowances other than those provided by Rule 141 or 142 (jump race allowances).

21.3 The conditions of a National Hunt Flat Race must provide

21.3.1 that the race is a Weight-for-Age Race which

21.3.1.1 is not less than one and a half miles,

21.3.1.2 is not more than two and a quarter miles,

21.3.1.3 is for horses which at starting have not run under any recognised Rules of flat racing, steeple chasing or hurdle racing, apart from in National Hunt Flat Races run under these Rules or in Irish National Hunt Flat Races or in French AQPS races;

21.3.2 that any rider must be one of the following

21.3.2.1 a Conditional Jockey,

21.3.2.2 an Overseas Rider whose authorisation by a Recognised Racing Authority corresponds to a Conditional Jockey's licence,

21.3.2.3 an Amateur Rider who holds a Category B permit to ride granted by the Authority,

21.3.2.4 an Overseas Rider whose authorisation by a Recognised Racing Authority corresponds to such a permit, and

21.3.2.5 if the race is deemed to be 'Open', a Jockey who holds a licence which allows him to ride in steeple chases, hurdle races or National Hunt Flat Races or an Overseas Rider whose authorisation by a Recognised Racing Authority corresponds

to such a licence.

## **22. Publication of race programme**

22.1 The conditions of a race must be published in The Racing Calendar before closing.

22.2 The advertisement before closing must also contain the following information

22.2.1 the dates or dates on which the meeting is to be held,

22.2.2 the dates for closing the races,

22.2.3 the time from which penalties for winning will be incurred,

22.2.4 the dates of any Scratching Deadlines

22.2.5 the dates determined in accordance with Part 6 for making confirmations of entry and declarations to run, and

22.2.6 such of the following information as is applicable

22.2.6.1 that all or certain specified races at the meeting are to be run on an All Weather Track,

22.2.6.2 when the weights for all early closing races will be published, and

22.2.6.3 that a Parade is intended for any race.

22.3 The conditions of any race must not be altered after publication except in accordance with Paragraphs 22.4 and 22.5.

22.4 The Authority may at any time before the start of a race approve the addition of more money to the race.

22.5 The Authority may approve the publication of such corrections as it considers appropriate in any case where

22.5.1 any part of the conditions of a race are omitted from the advertisement, or

22.5.2 the conditions of a race stated in the advertisement are incorrect.

22.6 **Parade** means the presentation in racecard order before a race of all runners mounted by their Riders and either led or cantered at intervals in front of the stand.

## **23. Cancellation of races with fewer than five entries or declarations**

23.1 A race may be cancelled if fewer than five entries are received at the Time of Entry or fewer than five declarations to run under Rule 89 are received by The Racing Calendar Office.

For these purposes, an entry or declaration for a horse which is not qualified at the respective time shall be disregarded.

23.2 Paragraph 23.1, in respect of fewer than five declarations, will be applied in accordance with the Authority's policy on race cancellations, as issued from time to time.

23.3 But Paragraph 23.1 does not apply, in respect of fewer than five entries or fewer than five declarations, to

23.3.1 any Pattern Race, any Listed Race, any race which closes more than 6 days before running or the final race in a Race Series, or

23.3.2 more than one race at any race meeting.

## **24. Mixed meetings, matches, private sweepstakes or novelty races**

24.1 In respect of any meeting at which flat races are to be run as well as steeple chases, hurdle races or National Hunt Flat Races

24.1.1 Chapters 2 and 3 of this Part shall apply to the programme of the meeting in so far as possible,

24.1.2 no more than eight races may be run on any one day at the meeting unless the Authority directs otherwise, and

24.1.3 the complete programme must be submitted to the Authority for its approval.

24.2 Rule 27 shall apply for the purposes of Paragraph 24.1.2.

24.3 In respect of any meeting at which any Match, Private Sweepstakes or Novelty Race run under these Rules is to be included in the programme

- 24.3.1 the conditions of the race and any other special arrangements must be submitted to the Authority for its approval, and
- 24.3.2 the conditions and arrangements for any Novelty Race must be published in The Racing Calendar.

## **CHAPTER 2 - PROVISIONS APPLYING TO FLAT RACES ONLY**

### **25. Application of Chapter 2**

- 25.1 This Chapter contains provisions which are additional to those in Chapter 1 of this Part and which apply to the racing programme for any meeting for which flat races are advertised.
- 25.2 The provisions in this Chapter apply to all such races, unless the Authority directs otherwise.

### **26. Minimum requirements as to races to be included in a flat race programme**

- 26.1 In each day's programme of racing, there must be two races of a mile or upwards of the minimum aggregate distance of two miles and a half.
- 26.2 Where the programme is held on or after January 1st in any year but before the end of the week immediately preceding that in which the Epsom Derby Festival is held, the daily programme of races to be run must include at least one type of Maiden Race open to three years old.
- 26.3 Where the programme is held at or after the start of the week that follows the Doncaster St Leger Meeting but before the end of The Flat Season, the daily programme of races to be run must include at least one race of between six to eight furlongs restricted to Maiden or Novice two years old.
- 26.4 From the start of the Flat Season until the end of the year, each racecourse to stage three Maiden or Novice Races for every two days' racing.
- From January 1st to the day before the start of the Flat Season, each racecourse to stage one Maiden or Novice Race for every day's racing.
- 26.5 Any programme of races to be run must consist of at least six races and these must include, unless the Total Prize Fund exceeds £100,000 for that day, a minimum of two of those races potentially liable to division under Rule 102.
- 26.6 For a programme of seven races, at least two races which are potentially liable to division must still be programmed but only one shall be permitted to divide at the time determined in accordance with Part 6 for making declarations to run.
- 26.7 The Authority shall seek the agreement of the Racecourse Managing Executive if, in exercise of its general powers under Part (A)2, the Authority proposes to waive the application of Paragraph 26.6 to a particular meeting.

### **27. Maximum number of races in a flat race programme**

- 27.1 No more than seven races may be programmed on any one day at any one meeting, with the exception of meetings offering in excess of £135,000 in prize money.
- 27.2 No more than eight races may be run on any one day at any meeting.
- 27.3 If the number of races potentially liable to division could produce more than eight races
- 27.3.1 the Authority shall nominate an order of precedence for division after those races have closed, and
- 27.3.2 subject to Paragraph 27.2, those races shall be divided in that order where, at the time determined in accordance with Part 6 for making declarations to run, the number of horses declared to run in any such race is eighteen or more.

- 27.4 Any remaining races will be subject to elimination in accordance with Rules 102 and 103.

### **28. Restrictions on division of flat races**

- 28.1 No flat race shall be permitted to divide at an Evening or Twilight meeting during the period when Evening Meetings on turf are programmed.
- 28.2 A flat race shall be permitted to divide only if it falls within a race category listed in Schedule 3.
- 28.3 In respect of the period which starts on January 1st and ends immediately before the start of The Flat Season, no more than one race shall be permitted to divide at an All Weather Track meeting for flat races.
- 28.4 Evening meetings and Twilight meetings are those meetings designated as such by the Authority where the

first race is programmed to start on or after 3.00p.m.

## **29. General restrictions on flat races**

29.1 No yearling may run in a flat race.

29.2 No horse may carry less than 8st in a flat race unless

29.2.1 a rider's allowance is claimed as provided in Rule 140, or

29.2.2 in a race confined to Apprentice Jockeys, as provided in the conditions of the race.

29.3 No flat race may be run over less distance than five furlongs.

29.4 No flat race may be run over a distance in excess of two miles and six furlongs.

29.5 For the period starting on January 1st and ending on July 31st in any year, there must not be

29.5.1 more than two flat races confined to two year olds races in a programme of six races, or

29.5.2 more than three such races in a programme of seven races.

29.6 On or after August 1st in any year, there must not be more than three flat races confined to two year olds in any programme.

29.7 Subject to Paragraph 29.8, no two-year old may run

29.7.1 before The Flat Season commences in any year,

29.7.2 more than five furlongs before the Saturday prior to the York May Meeting,

29.7.3 more than six furlongs before Derby Day,

29.7.4 more than seven furlongs before August 1st,

29.7.5 in a Handicap Race before July 1st,

29.7.6 in a Handicap Race with older horses.

29.8 No two-year old which, in the period starting on July 1st and ending on December 31st in any year, was foaled in the southern hemisphere may run

29.8.1 before September 16th;

29.8.2 more than five furlongs before November 1st;

29.8.3 more than six furlongs, or in a Handicap Race, at any time.

29.9 No three-year old, which, in the period starting on July 1st and ending on December 31st in any year, was foaled in the southern hemisphere may run

29.9.1 more than seven furlongs before February 1st;

29.9.2 more than eight furlongs before March 1st;

29.9.3 more than nine furlongs before April 1st;

29.9.4 more than ten furlongs, or in a Handicap Race with older horses, before July 1st.

29.10 Subject to Rule 29.11, no horse may carry more than 12st in a flat race.

29.11 No account will be taken of

29.11.1 a Rider's allowance claimed in accordance with Rule 140, or

29.11.2 a weight allowance claimed in accordance with the conditions of a race.

## **30. Classified stakes races and rating related maiden races: previous experience**

30.1 This Rule applies to any Classified Stakes or Rating Related Maiden Race, and the conditions specified in this Rule must be met up to and including the Saturday immediately before closing.

30.2 No horse may run in the race unless

30.2.1 the horse has run at least three times in a flat race in Great Britain, or

30.2.2 if race in question is a Classified Stakes, the requirements in Paragraph 30.3 or 30.4 are met in respect of the horse, or

30.2.3 if race in question is a Rating Related Maiden Race, the requirements in Paragraph 30.4 are met in respect of the horse.

30.3 The requirements of this Paragraph are that the horse

- 30.3.1 has won a flat race run in Great Britain after running in only one or two such races, and
- 30.3.2 otherwise satisfies the race conditions.

30.4 The requirements of this Paragraph are that the Handicapper is prepared to allot a Handicap Rating to a horse which

- 30.4.1 is trained in Great Britain, and
- 30.4.2 has run at least three times in a flat race run either in Ireland or under the rules of a Recognised Racing Authority.

### **31. Handicap flat races other than nursery handicaps: previous experience**

31.1 This Rule applies to any flat race Handicap, other than a Nursery Handicap, and the conditions specified in this Rule must be met up to and including

- 31.1.1 if the race closes more than six days before running, the Saturday immediately before the publication of the weights in The Racing Calendar, and
- 31.1.2 otherwise, the Saturday immediately before closing.

31.2 In the case of a Heritage Handicap or a Handicap Race with a Total Race Value of £45,000 or more, no horse may run in the race unless the Handicapper is prepared to allot a Handicap Rating to the horse and

- 31.2.1 it has run at least three times in a flat race in Great Britain, or
- 31.2.2 it is trained in Great Britain and has run at least three times in flat races run under the rules of any one or more Recognised Racing Authorities, or
- 31.2.3 the requirements of Paragraph 31.4 are met in respect of the horse.

31.3 No horse which is trained in Great Britain, which is three-years-old or upwards may run in any other Handicap Race unless the Handicapper is prepared to allot a Handicap Rating to the horse and the horse

- 31.3.1 has run at least three times in flat races run under the rules of any one or more Recognised Racing Authorities, or
- 31.3.2 has won twice in flat races run in Great Britain and/or Ireland with at least one of the wins being in Great Britain.

31.4 No horse which is trained outside Great Britain, which is three-years-old or upwards may run in any other Handicap Race unless the Handicapper is prepared to allot a Handicap Rating to the horse and the horse

- 31.4.1 has run at least three times in flat races run in Great Britain and/or Ireland, or
- 31.4.2 has run at least three times in flat races run under the rules of any one or more Recognised Racing Authorities and either the Handicapper is prepared to allot a Handicap Rating of 90 or more, or the horse has already run in a Handicap flat race in Great Britain.

### **32. Nursery handicaps: previous experience**

32.1 This Rule applies to any flat race Nursery Handicap, and the conditions specified in this Rule must be met up to and including

- 32.1.1 if the race closes more than six days before running, the Saturday immediately before the publication of the weights in The Racing Calendar, and
- 32.1.2 otherwise, the Saturday immediately before closing.

32.2 No horse trained in Great Britain may run in a Nursery Handicap unless the horse is two-years old, the Handicapper is prepared to allot a rating and

- 32.2.1 it has run at least three times in a flat race in Great Britain and/or Ireland, or
- 32.2.2 it has won twice in a flat race in Great Britain and/or Ireland with at least one of the wins

being in Great Britain.

32.3 No horse trained outside Great Britain may run in a Nursery Handicap unless the horse is two-years old, the Handicapper is prepared to allot a rating and

32.3.1 it has run at least three times in a flat race in Great Britain, or

32.3.2 it has won twice, in a flat race in Great Britain.

### **33. Further provision about previous experience required by Rule 30, 31 or 32**

33.1 This Rule applies for the purpose of determining whether a horse has run in the number of races required by Rule 31 or 32.

33.2 No account is to be taken of

33.2.1 any Match,

33.2.2 any Private Sweepstakes other than the Newmarket Challenge Whip,

33.2.3 any walk-over, or

33.2.4 any race run in Great Britain or Ireland where the horse does not finish, or

33.2.5 subject to Paragraph 33.4, any race in respect of which

33.2.5.1 Disciplinary Action was taken against the Rider in Case 1 set out in Rule (B)58.2 (intentional failure to ensure horse is run on its merits), or

33.2.5.2 the Handicapper makes a determination under Paragraph 33.3.

33.3 The Handicapper may decide that no account is to be taken of any race where Disciplinary Action was taken against the Rider

33.3.1 in Case 2 set out in Rule (B)58.3 (failure to obtain its best possible placing but no intentional disregard of requirement to run horse on merits), or

33.3.2 in Case 3 set out in Rule (B)58.4 (failure to ensure horse is run on its merits in circumstances not covered by Case 1 or Case 2).

33.4 Where any appeal under Part (A)7 (appeals) against Disciplinary Action is successful, the run of the horse in respect of which such action was taken may once again be taken into account for the purposes of Rule 30 or 31, but only with effect from the date of the appeal decision.

33.5 The Handicapper may in any case decline to allot a Handicap Rating if, in his opinion, he does not have sufficient information upon which to allot one.

### **34. Handicap flat races: top and bottom weights**

34.1 The top weight in a Handicap flat race shall not be less than

34.1.1 for a Nursery Handicap, 9st 7lb or such other top weight as is specified in the conditions of the race,

34.1.2 for a Heritage Handicap confined to three years old, 9st 7lb,

34.1.3 for any other Heritage Handicap not within Paragraph 34.1.2, 9st 10lb or such other top weight as is specified in the conditions of the race, or

34.1.4 for all other races, the weight specified in the conditions of the race, or (in a race where differential top weights are specified to take account of the weight-for-age allowance) the weight applicable to the highest rated horse entered.

34.2 The bottom weight in a Handicap flat race shall not be less than

34.2.1 the bottom weight specified in the conditions of the race, or

34.2.2 if no such weight is specified, 8st.

34.3 In any Handicap flat race, the original weights may go down to weights below the permitted bottom weight.

34.4 Any horse rated below 46 entered in a Handicap flat race shall be allocated an original weight which corresponds with a Handicap Rating of 45.

## **35. Handicap flat races: weight adjustments at scratching deadline or at confirmation**

35.1 This Rule applies where

35.1.1 the race is a Handicap flat race that closes more than six days before running, and

35.1.2 at the relevant time, the highest original weight that remains engaged is less than the race maximum determined in accordance with Rule 34,

and, for these purposes, **the relevant time** is the time determined in accordance with Part 6 for any Scratching Deadline or for making confirmations of entries.

35.2 The highest original weight remaining engaged at the relevant time shall be raised to the race maximum, and all other entries equally.

## **36. Handicap flat races: weight adjustments at declaration to run**

36.1 With regard to any Handicap flat race, an assessment shall be made in accordance with this Rule and Rule 36A, at the time determined in accordance with Rule (F)89 for making declarations to run, in order to determine the weight adjustments required by this Rule.

36.2 Subject to Rule 36A, if

36.2.1 the highest weight that remains declared to run (whether it is an original weight or a weight adjusted under Rule 35 but ignoring penalties) is less than the weight maximum specified in the conditions of the race, or

36.2.2 in respect of any Handicap which is not confined to Amateur Riders, the highest weighted horse in receipt of a weight-for-age allowance that remains declared to run (whether it is an original weight or a weight adjusted under Rule 35) is less than the weight maximum specified in the conditions of the race for a horse of that age, or

36.2.3 in respect of any Handicap which is not confined to Amateur Riders, the highest weighted horse in receipt of a weight-for-age allowance that remains declared to run (whether it is an original weight or a weight adjusted under Rule 35) is less than 9st 7lb,

the weights shall be raised by the lowest amount necessary to ensure compliance with the weight maximum specified in either Paragraphs 36.2.1, 36.2.2 or 36.2.3 and the weights of all other declared runners will be raised equally.

36.3 Any penalty incurred since the date stated in the conditions of the race shall then be added

36.3.1 to the final weights, as increased under Rule 35 and Paragraph 36.2, or

36.3.2 if no such increase was made, to the original weights.

36.4 If the weight of a horse (including any penalties) is still below the lowest permitted weight after any increase required by Paragraphs 36.2 and 36.3, its weight shall be raised to the lowest weight permitted in accordance with Rule 34 which where applicable, shall be the bottom weight specified in the conditions of the race for a horse of that age.

36.5 In respect of any Handicap flat race which is not confined to Amateur Riders, if the horse with the lowest weight that remains declared to run has a weight (including any penalties) of more than 9st 2lb after any increase required by Paragraphs 36.2, 36.3 and 36.4, its weight shall be lowered to either

36.5.1 9st 2lb, or

36.5.2 to the minimum weight to be carried by any horse as stated in the race conditions (whichever is the higher) and all other declared runners lowered accordingly.

36.6 Where a penalty is incurred after the time for making declarations to run, it shall be calculated on the original weight

36.6.1 including any increase under Rule 35 and Paragraphs 36.2 and 36.7 and any decrease under Paragraph 36.5, but

36.6.2 excluding any increase under Paragraph 36.4.

36.7 Where the raising of weights is necessary, horses rated 1lb or 2lb above the upper rating limit of the race

should initially be disregarded for the purposes of initial raising of the weights. Once the weights have been raised, based upon the horses rated within the rating range of the race, the weights of these additional horses shall be raised accordingly. However, if the top weight (excluding penalties) remaining engaged in the race is therefore raised above 10st 7lb or 12st in races confined to Amateur Riders, the top weight will be lowered to a maximum of 10st 7lb or 12st in races confined to Amateur Riders and all other weights lowered accordingly.

36A.1 In determining, for the purposes of Rule 36, the highest weight remaining declared to run, any horse declared to run under Part 6, having also been declared as a reserve as provided for in Rule 99A shall be disregarded.

36A.2 But the weight of any horse disregarded by virtue of Paragraphs 36A.1 and 36.7 shall be increased by adding to its weight the amount by which the weights of the race are raised in accordance with Rule 36, without limit by the conditions of the race or otherwise.

## **CHAPTER 3 - PROVISIONS APPLYING TO STEEPLE CHASES, HURDLE RACES AND NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACES**

### **37. Application of Chapter 3**

37.1 This Chapter contains provisions which are additional to those in Chapter 1 and which apply to the racing programme for any meeting for which steeple chases, hurdle races or National Hunt Flat Races are advertised.

37.2 The provisions in this Chapter apply to all such races, unless the Authority directs otherwise.

### **38. Minimum requirements as to races to be included in a jump race programme**

38.1 There must be at least one Steeple Chase in each day's programme.

38.2 For every two days' racing, there must be at least three Novice or Maiden or Juvenile Weight-for-Age Hurdle Races, excluding Selling Races, Claiming Races and Novice Handicap Hurdle Races.

38.3 For every three days' racing apart from mixed meetings, there must also be at least

38.3.1 one National Hunt Flat Race, and

38.3.2 one race restricted to Fillies and/or Mares only, and

38.3.3 one Novice or Maiden or Beginners' Weight-for-Age Steeple Chase or one Novices' Handicap Steeple Chase classified as Class 1, 2 or 3 in accordance with Schedule (F)2.

38.4 The programme of races must consist of at least six and no more than eight races except outside British Summer Time when there will be no more than seven races.

38.5 Where a National Hunt Flat Race is run on a racecourse which has steeple chase and hurdle race courses

38.5.1 the National Hunt Flat Race may appear as part of a six race programme if the race is deemed to be 'open', but

38.5.2 if it is not deemed to be 'open', there must be at least seven races in the programme.

### **39. Maximum number of races in a jump race programme**

39.1 No more than seven races may be programmed on any one day at any one meeting, with the exception of meetings offering in excess of £135,000 in prize money.

39.2 No more than eight races may be run on any one day at any meeting.

39.3 The number of races from those potentially liable to division that shall be permitted to divide at the time for declaration to run under Rule (F)89 will be

39.3.1 where six races have been programmed

39.3.1.1 no more than two races during British Summer Time, and

39.3.1.2 only one race outside British Summer Time.

39.3.2 where seven races have been programmed

39.3.2.1 only one race during British Summer Time, and

39.3.2.2 no race outside British Summer Time.



39.4 Outside British Summer Time, where seven races have been programmed, no race potentially liable to division shall be permitted to divide at the time determined in accordance with Part 6 for making declarations to run.

39.5 During British Summer Time if the number of races potentially liable to division could produce more than eight races, or

39.6 Outside British Summer Time the number of races potentially liable to division could produce more than seven races,

39.6.1 the Authority shall nominate an order of precedence for division after those races have closed, and

39.6.2 subject to Paragraph 39.2, those races shall be divided in that order where, at the time determined in accordance with Rule(F)89 for making declarations to run, the number of horses declared to run in any such race is eighteen or more.

39.7 Any remaining races shall be subject to elimination in accordance with Rules 102 and 103.

39.8 No race will be permitted to divide at an Evening Meeting or Twilight Meeting.

#### **40. Restrictions on division of jump races**

40.1 No hurdle race, steeple chase or National Hunt Flat Race shall be permitted to divide at an Evening Meeting or Twilight Meeting.

40.2 A hurdle race, steeple chase or National Hunt Flat Race shall be permitted to divide only if it falls within a race category listed in Schedule 3.

40.3 Evening Meetings and Twilight Meetings are those meetings designated as such by the Authority where the first race is programmed to start on or after 3.30p.m.

#### **41. General restrictions on jump racing**

41.1 No horse may run in

41.1.1 a hurdle race until May 1st of the year in which it is three years old,

41.1.2 a steeple chase until July 1st of the year in which it is four years old, or

41.1.3 a Hunters' Steeple Chase until January 1st of the year in which it is five years old.

41.2 No horse may carry less than 10st in a hurdle race, steeple chase or National Hunt Flat Race unless

41.2.1 a rider's allowance is claimed as provided in Rule 141 or 142, or

41.2.2 if the race is confined to Conditional Jockeys, as provided in the conditions of the race.

41.3 No horse may run in a National Hunt Flat Race

41.3.1 unless the horse is trained by a Person who is authorised (whether by licence, permit or otherwise) to train for steeple chases, hurdle races and National Hunt Flat Races,

41.3.2 if it has previously run in a total of four races, each of which was a National Hunt Flat Race run under these Rules, an Irish National Hunt Flat Race or a French AQPS Race, except that a horse may run in a fifth and in a sixth National Hunt Flat Race if both of such races are Pattern Races.

41.4 No steeple chase or hurdle race may be run over a distance of less than two miles.

41.5. Once it has run in a Hunters' Steeple Chase, a horse under the care of a Licensed trainer may not run in any steeple chase other than a Hunters' Steeple Chase, the Grand Military Gold Cup and the Royal Artillery Gold Cup, during that same Hunters' Steeple Chase Season.

41.6 With regard to Hunters' Steeple Chases

41.6.1 no race may be run before January 1st of any season,

41.6.2 the qualification in any race is limited to the particular period specified in the Hunters' Certificate, and

41.6.3 no horse may be entered for or start in a race if

41.6.3.1 within 15 months prior to the start of the Hunters' Steeple Chase Season it has won a Class 1 or Class 2 steeple chase in Great Britain which was not confined to Amateur Riders, or any other steeple chase run outside Great Britain which was not confined to Amateur Riders and which in the opinion of the Authority is the equivalent of a Class 1 or Class 2 steeple chase, or

41.6.3.2 within 15 months prior to the start of the Hunters' Steeple Chase Season 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.

41.7 Subject to Rule 41.8, no horse may carry more than 13st in a steeple chase, hurdle race or National Hunt Flat Race.

41.8 No account will be taken of

41.8.1 a Rider's allowance claimed in accordance with Rule 141 or 142, or 41.8.2 a weight allowance claimed in accordance with the conditions of the race.

## **42. Jump handicap or classified races: previous experience**

42.1 This Rule applies to any of the following races

- 42.1.1 a Handicap Steeple Chase,
- 42.1.2 a Handicap Hurdle Race,
- 42.1.3 a classified Steeple Chase, or
- 42.1.4 a classified Hurdle Race.

42.2 The conditions specified in this Rule must be met up to and including

- 42.2.1 if the race closes more than six days before running, the Saturday immediately before the publication of the weights in The Racing Calendar, and
- 42.2.2 otherwise, the Saturday immediately before closing.

42.3 Subject to Paragraph 42.5, a horse may run in the race if

- 42.3.1 it has run at least three times in a steeple chase or hurdle race in any of Great Britain, Ireland and/or France, or
- 42.3.2 it has run at least twice in a steeple chase and/or hurdle race in any of those countries and, on each occasion, has been placed in the first four, or
- 42.3.3 it has run fewer than three times in a steeple chase and/or hurdle race in any of those countries but, having won such a race, is not a Novice or Juvenile in the type of race entered.

42.4 Subject to Paragraph 42.5, a horse may also run in a race classified in accordance with Schedule 2 as Class 1, 2 or 3 if

- 42.4.1 the horse has run at least three times in a steeple chase and/or hurdle race run under the rules of any one or more Recognised Racing Authorities,
- 42.4.2 it is not a Novice or Juvenile in the type of race entered, and
- 42.4.3 a notification in respect of the horse has been sent to The Racing Calendar Office in accordance with Rule 79.

42.5 A Novice or Juvenile may run

42.5.1 in a Class 1 or 2 Handicap steeple chase only if

- 42.5.1.1 it has run at least three times in a steeple chase in any of Great Britain, Ireland and/or France, or
- 42.5.1.2 in the case of a Class 2 Handicap steeple chase, it has run in at least two steeple chases in any of those countries and, on each occasion, has been placed in the first four;

42.5.2 in a Class 3, 4 or 5 Handicap steeple chase not restricted to Novices only if

- 42.5.2.1 it has run in at least one steeple chase in Great Britain, Ireland or France, or
- 42.5.2.2 it has run in at least one Novices' Handicap steeple chase in Great Britain, Ireland or France

in addition to meeting the requirements in Paragraph 42.3

42.5.3 in a Class 1 or 2 Handicap hurdle race only if it has run at least three times in a hurdle race in any of Great Britain, Ireland and/or France.

42.6 In determining whether a horse has run in the number of races required by this Rule, no account is to be taken of

42.6.1 any Match,

42.6.2 any walk-over,

42.6.3 any National Hunt Flat Race, or

42.6.4 subject to Paragraph 42.8, any race in respect of which

42.6.4.1 Disciplinary Action was taken against the Rider in Case 1 set out in Rule (B)59.2 (intentional failure to ensure horse is run on its merits), or

42.6.4.2 the Handicapper makes a determination under Paragraph 42.7.

42.7 The Handicapper may decide that no account is to be taken of any race where Disciplinary Action was taken against the Rider

42.7.1 in Case 2 set out in Rule (B)58.3 (failure to obtain its best possible placing but no intentional disregard of requirement to run horse on its merits), or

42.7.2 in Case 3 set out in Rule (B)58.4 (failure to ensure horse is run on its merits in circumstances not covered by Case 1 or Case 2).

42.8 Where any appeal under Part (A)7 (appeals) against Disciplinary Action is successful, the run of the horse in respect of which such action was taken may once again be taken into account for the purposes of this Rule, but only with effect from the date of the appeal decision.

42.9 The Handicapper may in any case decline to allot a Handicap Rating if, in his opinion, he does not have sufficient information upon which to allot one.

### **43. Jump handicap races: top and bottom weights**

43.1 The top weight in a Handicap Steeple Chase or Hurdle Race shall not be less than 11st 12lb or such other top weight as is specified in the conditions of the race.

43.2 The bottom weight in a Handicap Steeple Chase or Hurdle Race shall not be less than

43.2.1 the bottom weight specified in the conditions of the race, or

43.2.2 if no such weight is specified, 10st.

43.3 In any Handicap Steeple Chase or Hurdle Race, the original weights may go down to weights below the permitted bottom weight.

### **44. Jump handicap races: weight adjustments at scratching deadline or at confirmation**

44.1 This Rule applies where

44.1.1 a Handicap Steeple Chase or Hurdle Race is advertised for a meeting, and

44.1.2 at the relevant time, the highest original weight that remains engaged is less than the race maximum determined in accordance with Rule 43,

and, for these purposes, the relevant time is the time determined in accordance with Part 6 for any Scratching Deadline or for making confirmations of entries.

44.2 Subject to Rule 46, the highest original weight remaining engaged at the relevant time shall be raised to the race maximum, and all other entries equally.

### **45. Jump handicap races: weight adjustments at declaration to run**

45.1 With regard to any Handicap Steeple Chase or Hurdle Race, an assessment shall be made in accordance with this Rule and Rule 46, at the time determined in accordance with Part 6 for making declarations to run, in order to determine the weight adjustments required by this Rule.

45.2 Subject to Rule 46

45.2.1 in respect of a race that closes more than six days before running, if the highest weight that remains declared to run, whether it is an original weight or a weight adjusted under Rule 44 (but ignoring penalties), is less than the race maximum determined in accordance with Rule 43; or  
45.2.2 in respect of a race that does not close more than six days before running, if the highest weight that remains declared to run is less than the race maximum determined in accordance with Rule 43,

the highest weight shall be raised to the race maximum, and all other declared runners equally.

45.3 Any penalty incurred since the date stated in the conditions of the race shall then be added

45.3.1 to the final weights, as increased under Rule 44 and Paragraph 45.2, or  
45.3.2 if no such increase was made, to the original weights,

but no penalty may increase a horse's weight above 12st 7lb in any race and no penalty may be added where the original or final weight is equal to or above that weight.

45.4 If the weight of a horse (including any penalties) is still below the lowest permitted weight after any increase required by Paragraphs 45.2 and 45.3, its weight shall be raised to the lowest weight permitted in accordance with Rule 43.

45.5 In respect of any Handicap Jump race other than races confined to Amateur Riders, if the horse with the lowest weight that remains declared to run has a weight (including any penalties) of more than 11st after any increase required by Paragraphs 45.2, 45.3 and 45.4, its weight shall be lowered to either

45.5.1 11st, or  
45.5.2 to the minimum weight to be carried by any horse as stated in the race conditions,

whichever is the higher, and all other declared runners lowered accordingly.

45.6 Where a penalty is incurred after the time for making declarations to run, it must be calculated on the original weight

45.6.1 including any increase under Rule 44 and Paragraphs 45.2 and 45.7, but  
45.6.2 excluding any increase under Paragraph 45.4.

45.7 Where the raising of weights is necessary, horses rated 1lb or 2lb above the upper rating limit of the race should initially be disregarded for the purposes of initial raising of the weights. Once the weights have been raised, based upon the horses rated within the rating range of the race, the weights of these additional horses shall also be raised accordingly. However if the top weight (excluding penalties) remaining engaged in the race is therefore raised above 12st 7lb, the top weight will be lowered to a maximum of 12st 7lb and all other weights lowered accordingly.

## **46. Rules 44 and 45: supplementary**

46.1 In determining, for the purposes of Rules 44 and 45, the highest weight remaining declared to run, the following horses shall be disregarded

46.1.1 any horse declared to run under Part 6 in respect of which the Trainer has advised The Racing Calendar Office that the engagement is at a non-preferred meeting as provided for in Rule 98, or

46.1.2 in respect of a race that is a Class 1 Handicap Race, any horse which at the time determined under Part 6 for making declarations to run

46.1.2.1 has run in a race within the immediately preceding 24 hours, or  
46.1.2.2 is already declared to run in another race which has not been abandoned.

46.1.3 any horse declared to run under Part 6 which has also been declared as a reserve as provided in Rule 99A

46.2 But the weight of any horse disregarded by virtue of Paragraph 46.1 shall be increased by adding to its

weight the amount by which the weights of the race are raised in accordance with Rule 44 or 45, without limit by the conditions of the race or otherwise.

#### **24A. Race Programme policy**

All race programmes must comply with any additional race programme policy issued by the Authority from time to time.