

## **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.