



## THE RACING EXCELLENCE HANDS AND HEELS JUMPS SERIES 2017-2018

The Racing Excellence Hands and Heels Jumps Series is specifically designed to assist in the education and training of young jockeys. It is important therefore that these conditions are adhered to by Riders and their Trainers so that the maximum benefit can be obtained.

The special conditions set out below apply to all races in the 2017-2018 Hands and Heels Jumps Series, which will be held at the following meetings:

19/08/17	Market Rasen
26/08/17	Cartmel
12/09/17	Worcester

Further dates to follow, which can be found on the Racing Excellence website.

1. All races will be for Conditional Jockeys and Amateur Riders who have not ridden more than 10 winners under the Rules of Racing or the Rules of any recognised Racing Authority prior to August 16th, 2017. In addition, Amateur Riders must not have reached their 26th birthday, prior to the first race in the Series.
2. Horses should be suitable for very inexperienced riders, and therefore privileges will not be allowed. Stewards will NOT grant permission to any Trainer for their horse to proceed to the start either before the signal to mount is given or purposely last. Horses must therefore not proceed to the start at a walk or trot.
3. Every Rider must carry a whip. The whip may be pulled through from one hand to the other as often as necessary. **A Rider must not hit their horse with the whip either with their hands on or off the reins except as provided in Paragraph 6. A rider must not wave their whip.** In exceptional circumstances the Rider may use the whip for safety reasons only.
4. If a Rider uses their whip as prohibited in paragraph 3 above, it will be regarded as Improper Riding (see Rule (B)54) and the British Horseracing Authority have recommended to Stewards that they impose a minimum suspension of 7 days
  - i) In the case of Conditional Jockeys, on those birth days when a Conditional Jockeys' race is programmed to take place, or
  - ii) In the case of Amateur Riders, in accordance with Schedule (B)1.This suspension will not count towards the total number of days suspended during the current rolling twelve-month period.
5. If a Rider is suspended for using their whip in one of these races they will be stripped of existing points and receive no further points in the series, but will be able to continue riding in the series unless one of the races falls on a suspension day. In the case of a second offence occurring the British Horseracing Authority have recommended to Stewards that they impose a minimum suspension of 14 days and the rider will be prevented from riding in the remainder of the series.
6. In Hurdle and Steeple Chase races the whip may be used down the shoulder in the backhand position, with both hands on the reins when approaching an obstacle, i.e. within four or five strides of take-off.
7. Prior to the race the Jockey Coach will brief Riders on the conditions of the race.
8. All Riders are required to attend a **mandatory course walk** with the Jockey Coach and/or a Senior Jockey 90 minutes prior to the race. If a Rider is unable to make this course walk they must obtain prior dispensation (see below). If a Rider is unable to walk the course because they are riding in an earlier race, or leading a horse up they will be expected to walk the course prior to this, but must let Michelle Douglas know that they will be doing this. Failure to walk the course without contacting Michelle Douglas in advance will result in the Rider losing all riding skills and professionalism points for the race in

question. Repeat offences may result in the Rider being prevented from riding in the remainder of the series.

For prior dispensation from the mandatory course walk Riders should contact Michelle Douglas 0207 1520020 or 07342 949616.

9. After the race, the Rider of every horse will be required to report to the Stewards' room where they will be talked through the race by the Jockey Coach and/or a Stipendiary Steward. This is a **mandatory requirement** and failure to attend this debrief may result in the British Horseracing Authority preventing the Rider from taking part in the remaining races in the series. Special permission to miss the debrief may be granted from the Stipendiary Steward on the day for any Rider who has to leave straight after the race to travel to another meeting. The Jockey Coach may also contact Riders after the race meeting to further advise them on their riding.
10. If the Stewards impose a suspension on a Rider for any other riding offence, 10 points will be deducted from the Rider's total points in the series, but the Rider may continue to ride in the series and receive points. A second offence would mean the Rider will be stripped of existing points and, although they will still be able to ride in the rest of the series, they will receive no further points.
11. The British Horseracing Authority are generously providing a prize to the winner of the series; the winner will be the Rider who accumulates the most points in the series.
12. The points table for the series can be viewed on the Racing Excellence website.