

## 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 British Horseracing Authority and The Pony Racing Authority. The Pony Racing Authority will administer Pony Racing under these Regulations and will exercise control over those taking part.

These Regulations - correct at the time of going to print and which may be subject to change by announcement on [www.pra.gb.com](http://www.pra.gb.com) - relate to any Pony Racing Authority recognised Pony Races with differences in Regulation colour coded as follows;

All Pony Racing Authority Recognised Pony Races  
Racecourse Series Pony Race  
Point-to-Point Pony Races

**Changes to Regulations this year appear in bold. Regulations that have been deleted no longer appear. Changes to Definitions have not been highlighted.**

In all instances the initials PRA refer to The Pony Racing Authority and the PRA Steward/Official/Organiser shall be appointed and publicised for each event by the host organisation. All such individuals are permitted to ensure these Regulations are complied with and have absolute authority from The Pony Racing Authority to act accordingly to ensure compliance and Regulation.

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## REGULATIONS

### RIDERS

- 1 (i) Riders wishing to participate in Racecourse Series Pony Races or Point-to-Point Pony Races must be registered annually with The Pony Racing Authority as a Member.
  - (ii) Riders must be aged;
    - (a) 11 – 15 years on 1st January 2010 to compete in Racecourse Series Pony Races
    - (b) 9 – 15 years on the day of their first Pony Race of the current season to compete in Point-to-Point Pony Races
  - (iii) Any Rider turning 16 during the Pony Racing season may continue to be eligible to Pony Race unless Declared to ride in a Point-to-Point race or a race run under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority.
- 2 No Rider may participate in more than one Pony Race on the same day.
- 3 (i) Since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 the Rider and Pony as a combination must have finished
  - (a) First to fourth in a Point-to-Point Pony Race or
  - (b) First to fourth in an Open Pony Club Race or
  - (c) Have attended a British Racing School or Northern Racing College Level 3 Pony Racing Training Day
- (ii) Riders must either have
  - (a) Been out with a recognised pack of Hounds, Draghounds or Bloodhounds a minimum four times and fairly hunted or

**(b) Have attended four working Pony Club Rallies together**

- 4 Riders competing in 138cm & Under races must weigh a minimum 8st. Riders competing in 148cm & Under races must weigh a minimum 8st 7lbs. There is no minimum weight for Point-to-Point Pony Races.
- 5 **Riders must attend the Official Briefing and Course Walk. Failure to attend may result in the Rider being withdrawn from the race and 10 points deducted from the Pony and Rider. Parents, legal guardians, owners nor any other persons are not permitted to participate in the course walk and their participation may result in the disqualification of the Rider from the race. (This Regulation will be imposed at the discretion of the Organiser).**
- 6 Riders may only compete in the 2010 Racecourse Series Pony Racing Finals on a Pony they have qualified in the current year.
- 7 Riders aged 14 and 15 years who have won or finished placed (1st – 4th) in five or more Pony Races may ride a qualified Pony not qualified by themselves. All Ponies must be qualified by a person eligible to participate in Point-to-Point Pony Races.
- 8 **Riders must attend the mandatory PRA De-Brief at the end of the day. Failure to attend, without prior permission from The PRA Steward for exceptional circumstances, may result in 10 points being deducted from the Pony and Rider.**

- 9 **Any Rider, or their connections, that are deemed to have breached PRA Regulations or acted in an inappropriate manner may have up to 10 points deducted from the Pony and Rider at the absolute discretion of The PRA Steward and PRA Board.**

## **PONIES**

- 10 All Ponies must be aged between 5 and 20 years. Stallions and colts are not permitted to run. No Pony may compete in more than one Pony Race on the same day.
- 11 **All Ponies aged 5 – 12 years competing in the Racecourse Series must be microchipped. Any Pony found not to be microchipped will not be permitted to run on the day, and future Entries will be declined until The PRA has evidence from The Joint Measurement Board Ltd. that the Pony has been microchipped. The Owner of any Pony found not to be microchipped is liable for a £150 fine.**
- (i) In the event that a Pony is found not to be microchipped it will be called for re-measurement in accordance with JMB Rules and at the measurement a microchip will be inserted.
- 12 **No Pony that has raced under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority including the Arab Racing Organisation may compete.**
- 13 **All Ponies must be entered and run under the name listed on its valid passport. Ponies are not**

permitted to use Racecourse Stables on the day of the Pony Race.

14 All Ponies must hold a valid annual Pony Registration Certificate (PRC) registered with the Chief PRA Steward. All PRC's must be accompanied by a clear photograph of the Pony, a complete copy of the Pony's passport and, if applicable, valid JMB Height Certificate.

(i) PRCs must be received by post or in person by the Chief PRA Steward no later than 12 noon on a Monday in order to be eligible to enter in races whose Entries close the following Friday.

(ii) Any changes to the information provided on the PRC during the course of the season must be notified in writing to the Chief PRA Steward by the Owner within five working days.

(iii) Once registered with a PRC, Ponies are not permitted to run in any race that is not recognised or authorised by The PRA.

15 Since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 the Pony and Rider as a combination must have finished

(i) First to fourth in a Point-to-Point Pony Race or

(ii) First to fourth in an Open Pony Club Race or

(iii) Have attended a British Racing School or Northern Racing College Level 3 Pony Racing Training Day

(iv) Ponies must either have been out with a recognised pack of Hounds, Draghounds or Bloodhounds a minimum four times and fairly hunted or have attended at

least four working Pony Club Rallies together with a qualified Rider.

- 16 (i) All Ponies competing in Racecourse Series Pony Races must hold a valid Joint Measurement Board (JMB) Scheme Certificate or a JMB Full 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 may result in the Entry being refused and/or the Pony withdrawn from competing on the day.
- (ii) For Ponies measuring between 136cm & 138cm and 146cm & 148cm in height, a photocopy of their valid JMB or Full Height Certificate must be provided with the Entry and the original presented on the day of the race. Failure to provide this at either stage may result in the Entry being refused and /or the Pony being withdrawn from competing on the day.
- 17 For each race won in the 138cm & Under Racecourse Series a Pony will carry a cumulative 3lb penalty and for each race won in the 148cm & Under Racecourse Series a Pony will carry a cumulative 5lb penalty. The maximum penalty a 138cm & Under pony may carry is 12lbs and the maximum penalty a 148cm & Under pony may carry is 15lbs. All Ponies will carry the minimum weight at The Finals.
- 18 Ponies entered do so under the condition that they may be routinely tested for microchipping and/or for prohibited substances, in line with procedures within British Horseracing Authority**

**Rule C3 57 under these Regulations at any time when on site at a host Racecourse or Point-to-Point whether declared to run or not.**

- 19 No Pony shall be eligible to be entered or run in Pony Races that is trained by a person holding a permit or licence to train under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority except in the circumstances of the legal parent or guardian of the Rider being such an individual.**
- 20 Any Pony that is disqualified from a race by The PRA will have 10 points deducted from the current season.**

### **PONY HEIGHTS**

- 21 Ponies must measure 138cm & Under or 148cm & Under on the day of the Pony Race, referable to the height restrictions that apply to the race in which the Pony is entered.**
- 22 Any Pony may be subject to a formal re-measurement at the request and absolute discretion of The PRA (or, under the terms of its Rules, the JMB) at any time during the Pony Racing season by written notice from either The PRA or JMB and sent by First Class post to the address of the Owner (“the notification letter”). For the avoidance of doubt it will not be a defence for the Owner to claim that the notification letter was sent to the incorrect address provided that the notification letter was sent to the Owner’s address provided to The PRA on the PRC.**

- 23 If requested to present a Pony for re-measurement it is the responsibility of the Owner to comply. The Owner is solely responsible for ensuring that the PRC held by the Chief PRA Steward for each Pony owned by the Owner contains accurate information. Accordingly, it is the Owner's responsibility to notify the Chief PRA Steward in writing of all changes (including of address) and other changes of Ownership throughout the Pony Racing season in accordance with Regulation 14(ii).
- 24 Failure to comply with a notification letter will result in the Pony's disqualification from the current Pony Racing season. In the event that a Pony subject to a notification letter has not been presented for any reason whatsoever for re-measurement by The JMB within 20 working days of the date of the notification letter the Pony will automatically be disqualified from all recognised PRA Pony Races during the current season.
- (i) Ponies will be formally re-measured in accordance with the Joint Measurement Board Ltd. Rules subject to the absolute requirement under these Regulations that the Owner complies with Regulation 24. For the avoidance of doubt Regulation 24 takes precedence over the Rules of the JMB Ltd.

- 25 Any Pony that has its JMB Height Certificate withdrawn by the JMB or is formally re-measured at the request of The PRA or JMB and subsequently found to be above height with respect to the height restriction applicable to the race in which it was running will be disqualified from that category and the Owner liable for a £150 fine to The PRA at the discretion of The PRA Board. For the avoidance of doubt, if a Pony running in 138cm races is found to be above that height then it will be entitled to run in 148cm races during the current season.

#### **ENTRY & QUALIFICATION**

- 26 The parent / legal guardian / nominated representative, Rider and Owner involved with any PRA recognised Pony Race must abide by the Pony Racing Regulations. Failure to do so may result in Entries being declined by The PRA Board and the individual becoming a disqualified person. (Regulations 88 - 93).
- 27 (i) Entries shall close at 10:30am on the day of closing or as otherwise advertised. Failure to submit before then may result in the Entry being declined.
- (ii) Entries may only be made on the Official Entry Form and will only be accepted with the full Entry Fee. Entries may only be made by post or in person. Faxed or emailed Entries will not be

accepted. Entries that are incomplete or incorrectly completed will be declined, amendments are not permitted to be made by either The PRA or Organisers - a new Entry will need to be submitted.

**(iii) Each Entry must be accompanied by a non-refundable £15 Entry Fee payable to The Pony Racing Authority. Any Pony whose Entry Fee is returned to The PRA or Organisers as unpaid shall immediately be prevented from running and future Entries declined until full payment has been received, in addition to a £15 administration fee payable to The PRA.**

(iv) The Pony name on the Entry Form must match the name on the Passport and / or valid JMB Certificate.

(v) A race may be declared void at the discretion of the organisers if less than six Entries are received by the time Entries close.

(vi) No Entry may be changed or Pony substituted following close of Entries.

(vii) All Entries must be accompanied with a photocopy of the Pony's valid Joint Measurement Board Scheme Certificate (JMB Certificate) or Full Height Certificate. Failure to provide this will result in the Entry being declined. (See Regulation 16(ii)).

(viii) 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.

(ix) Ponies will accumulate points for finishing placed in Racecourse Series Pony Races with the top 15 only qualifying for the 2010 Racecourse Series Pony Racing Finals. 10 points will be awarded per win, 7 points for second, 5 points for third and 3 points for fourth. Ponies may only be Ridden in The Finals by a Rider that has accumulated its points during the current Racecourse Series. **In the event of a tie for points, the Pony finishing highest placed in its races will be eligible for The Finals.**

(x) 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 Pony's eligibility and suitability by either the Master or Secretary of the qualifying Hunt or the District Commissioner of The Pony Club. (Regulation may vary according to Point-to-Point Area).

## EQUIPMENT

- 28 There will be a mandatory tack check for all Ponies and Riders participating on the day.
- 29 Ponies must be turned out with well fitted and properly maintained saddlery. If in the opinion of The PRA Steward or the Organisers a Pony is turned out in badly fitting or unsafe tack it may result in the Pony being withdrawn and prevented from Starting.
- 30 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 Owner is responsible for ensuring that their Pony is shod in accordance with the requirements of The PRA Regulations.
- 31 The following are not permitted – bandages, blinkers, eyecovers, ear plugs, eyeshields, hoods, jewellery, nasal strips, nickel bits, nickel stirrup irons, prickers, sheepskin cheek pieces, spurs, tongue ties, visors, watches and whips. Any Rider deemed by The PRA or Organisers to have used their reins in the manner of a whip, or to otherwise strike or encourage a Pony, may be disqualified from the race and have 10 points deducted from them and the Pony they were riding at the time of the offence.

- 32 Racing saddles and race exercise saddles must measure no less than 16” (40.6cm) from front arch to cantle, weigh a minimum 3lbs and must include saddle, stirrup leathers, stirrup irons, girth and surcingle. Racing saddles must be used with a racing breastplate or breastgirth. Any Rider attempting to weigh with or use any saddle that contravenes Regulations may have 10 points deducted from them and the Pony they are declared to ride on the day and will not be permitted to ride unless weighed out with a saddle that meets the requirement of Regulation 32.**
- 33 Saddle savers are not permitted. At the discretion of The PRA and / or Oganiser, Owners may be requested to remove pads if deemed unnecessary.**
- 34 Footwear must either be correctly fitting racing boots with racing irons or Jodhpur boots / riding boots with safety irons. A combination of either will not be permitted. Jodhpur boots must have a smooth, thin sole and well defined cut heel. All footwear must have a thin sole and well defined cut heel.
- 35 An overgirth (surcingle) and neck strap are mandatory as is an Irish martingale unless using a running martingale.
- 36 Only bits which meet the approval of a Veterinary Surgeon will be permitted. Hackamore bits are not permitted.
- 37 Reins must be stitched to or fastened by a buckle to the bit. They must not be attached by a billet.

- 38 Every Pony running shall carry a number cloth provided by the organiser and the Owner is responsible for ensuring it is worn so that the number is clearly visible and is the correct one for the Pony. The Parent / legal guardian or nominated representative is responsible for ensuring their Pony is properly saddled when it leaves the parade ring.
- 39 Silks / racing colours are to be provided by the competitors.
- 40 It is the parent / legal guardian / nominated representative and owner's responsibility to ensure the Rider and Pony's equipment meets the specifications required to compete.
- 41 No form of advertising or sponsorship is permitted on the Pony, its rider or its attendants other than the race sponsor.

### **SKULL CAPS**

- 42 (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. 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, which must not be modified in any way, is that of the parent/legal guardian/nominated representative. Any Rider found to be mounted on any part of the venue not wearing a correctly fitted and fastened skull cap will be disqualified.

- (ii) Only skull caps that satisfy all the requirements laid down below are approved for use by a Rider;
- (a) **PAS 015:1998, 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 with the SAI Global symbol.**
- (iii) **Skull caps must not have a chin cup, cradle or draw lace and must be in a serviceable condition. The skull cap must be of the correct size for the individual Rider and may not be modified in any way.**
- (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) 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**

- 43 **Body protectors must conform to EN 13158:2000 or BS EN 13158:2000 or BS EN 13158:2009**
- 44 Body Protectors may not be modified in any way and must be in a serviceable condition.
- 45 Body cages are not permitted.

## **MEDICAL CARDS / PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

- 46 (i) It is the parent / legal guardian or if applicable nominated representative's sole responsibility to ensure that their child is fit to ride on the day.
- (ii) Riders must be in possession of a Medical Armband and Medical Record & Achievement Book which must be presented for inspection to The PRA Steward or nominated Official when declaring the Pony to run on the day, and the Medical Armband be worn at all times when mounted. In the event of either not being available an instant fine of £25 will be imposed on the day and the Rider may 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 or nominated representative whilst at the venue and should the Rider fall whilst riding it is their responsibility to present the Rider to the medical officer on duty on the day immediately after the Race/fall.
- 47 All Riders must be declared on the day by their parent / legal guardian or nominated representative confirming in writing they are the individual responsible for the Rider on that day.

- 48 **The parent / legal guardian shall be responsible for paying any fine imposed upon them or their Rider for any breaches of PRA Regulations.**

## **PONY IDENTIFICATION AND VACCINATION**

- 49 (i) No Pony shall be permitted to take part in any PRA recognised Pony Race unless
- (a) Accompanied by its current valid Vaccination Certificate (which must be handed to The PRA Steward or Organiser on the day for inspection)**
  - (b) Accompanied by its Passport and valid JMB Height Certificate (the originals of which must be handed to The PRA Steward or Organiser on the day for inspection)**
  - (c) It has a Pony Registration Certificate (PRC) registered with the Chief PRA Steward in accordance with Regulation 14.**
- (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.

50 (i) A Passport will not be regarded as being completed as required under The PRA 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 a PRA Pony Race shall be guilty of an offence when either:

- That Pony has not been vaccinated as required for which there is an instant a fine of £25 which 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 there is an instant fine of £25 which will be imposed on the day

(iii) If there is a breach of Regulation 49(ii) the Pony will not be permitted to run on the day.

**(iv) It shall be the responsibility of the owner 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 Owner of a Pony to ensure at all times that vaccinations required under the Pony Racing Regulations have been correctly administered and properly entered on the Passport.

### DECLARATIONS

51 (i) The maximum number of runners in any Pony Race shall be 12 (excluding The Finals), 10 in Point-to-Point Pony Races.

**(ii) If a ballot has taken place and a subsequent Non-Runner declared to The PRA every effort will be made for a balloted Pony to get a run. Information will only be given about balloted Ponies to their registered Owner.**

(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) Ponies and Riders must be declared as having arrived at the venue with The PRA Steward or Nominated Official at the time appointed. Competitors will be informed of this in writing prior to the meeting and failure to Declare by the stipulated time may result in the Rider and Pony being withdrawn.

(iv) All Riders must be declared on the day by their parent / legal guardian or nominated representative confirming they are wholly responsible for the Rider on that day.

### NON-RUNNERS

52 (i) If a Pony has been Declared to run but is to be withdrawn as a Non-Runner the Owner must notify The Chief PRA Steward as soon as possible in advance of the day or on the day notification must be given to The PRA Steward. The Owner of any Pony that is declared to run and that has not been notified as a Non-Runner to The PRA will be fined £25.

(ii) Any persons declaring a Pony as a Non-Runner must honestly answer the questions of The PRA when notifying them.

(iii) Any Pony and / or combination Declared to run and announced as a Non-Runner on at least two occasions may have future Entries declined at the discretion of The PRA Board.

(iv) The Owner of a Pony that has been entered, and after any balloting procedure is officially due to run, but is subsequently not going to start must inform the organisers immediately and no later than 5pm the day before the race is due to take place so that nominated Reserves can be informed in order to ensure a maximum of 10 runners in each race.

## **WEIGHING OUT**

- 53 (i) The parent / legal guardian is responsible for ensuring that the Pony carries the correct weight in accordance with PRA 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) To compensate for Riders being required to wear body protectors the weight of all Riders shall be calculated at 2lbs less than the weight which is registered on the scale.

## **WEIGHING IN**

- 54 All Riders must present themselves to be weighed by the Clerk of the Scales immediately after the race.
- 55 (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. All Riders competing in the race must present themselves to be weighed by the Clerk of the Scales at once. 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 PRA Regulations for a Rider to dismount before reaching a place appointed for that purpose, unless they can satisfy The PRA Steward or 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 PRA Steward or 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.

56 (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 53(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 in at 1lb or more under the weight at which they weighed out the Pony shall be disqualified.

57 When 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

**58 (i) The Owner is responsible for seeing that their Pony leaves 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 PRA Steward all cases where he considers a Pony has been improperly saddled.

## DEAD-HEATS

59 When Ponies finish in a dead-heat both Ponies and Riders will be deemed to be winners.

## THE RACE

60 The PRA Steward or Official representative in association with the Clerk of the Course and organisers may at any time abandon a race at their discretion.

61 (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) If a Pony runs the wrong side of a course marker or flag, the 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.

**62 Ponies measuring 138cm & Under will race over a minimum flat distance of five furlongs.**

- 63 Ponies measuring 148cm & Under will race over a minimum flat distance of six furlongs.
- 64 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 for 138cm & Under races and 7 and 12 furlongs for 148cm & Under races.
- 65 All prizes will be in kind and no prize money is permitted.
- 66 **The Pony and Rider must form a suitable and competent combination on the day of the race. If, at the discretion of The PRA Steward, Organisers or Racecourse Official they fail to comply they may be withdrawn on the day and The PRA may refuse future Entries for the combination.**

### **THE PONY RACING AUTHORITY BOARD**

- 67 The PRA Board, at the discretion of the British Horseracing Authority, have power 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.
- 68 The PRA Board 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.
- 69 (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 these Regulations The PRA Board has 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) Disqualify or discipline a Rider, including a warning on future conduct and issue a caution
  - (e) Deduct up to 10 points per incident from any Pony

**(ii) The PRA Board have power either 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 or to ask Riders to attend a course at the British Racing School or Northern Racing College. Failure to comply may result in them being prevented from future participation.**

(iii) The PRA Board 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 British Horseracing Authority.

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

## **STEWARDS & OFFICIALS OF MEETINGS**

- 70 (i) The host venue shall appoint one Steward to watch each Pony Race with the Clerk of the Course and PRA Steward. An official representative from the British Racing School or Northern Racing College shall attend each Start.

(ii) The organiser along with the area representative shall arrange for a minimum of two Stewards to act during the pony races.

71 The Stewards and Officials have full power:

(i) To alter placings in accordance with Regulation 79.

(ii) 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. In the event of this happening a written report must be forwarded to The Pony Racing Authority or Point-to-Point Authority informing them of the changes made on the day and the reasons.

(iii) 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.

(iv) 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.

(v) To order any Pony to be routinely checked for its microchip or Passport to confirm its identity.

(vi) 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.

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

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

**72 When an Enquiry is called by The PRA Steward / Organiser and / or Racecourse Steward only the following shall be permitted to attend the Enquiry – the Rider, one Parent / Legal Guardian and one individual responsible for the Pony – in addition to the Organisers and Stewards of the meeting.**

**73 Where, following an Enquiry held under Regulation 72, in the opinion of the Stewards or Officials any person subject to these Regulations has committed any breach thereof The PRA Steward or Organiser has the power at their discretion to;**

**(i) Issue a warning and formal letter of warning**

**(ii) Disqualify a Pony**

**(iii) Impose a deduction of points**

**(iv) Impose a fine**

**(v) Refer the matter to The PRA Board**

## CLERK OF THE SCALES

- 74 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 and 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 specifically 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

- 75 (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. The Judge 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 and tongue, which is first past the winning post. The remaining placings shall be determined in a similar manner and, subject to The PRA Regulations to disqualify Ponies and to alter placings, such decision shall be final.

(iii) The Judge or PRA Steward shall at the close of each day's racing sign and send the full result of each Pony Race to The Pony Racing Authority. Results for races staged on Point- to-Point Courses will be given to the Point-to- Point Pony Racing Secretary, who will forward it to the Secretary of the Point-to-Point Authority by 5:00pm on the Monday following the Pony Races or 5:00pm the following day.

### **STARTER AND STARTING**

- 76 (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. Failure to do so will, save in exceptional circumstances, result in the withdrawal of that Pony by the Starter, PRA or Racecourse official.

**(iii) Any Rider in the opinion of the Starter, PRA Steward or Organisers that causes a delay to the Start or acts with improper conduct at the Start will have 10 points deducted from them and the Pony they were riding on the day.**

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

(b) Express permission from the organisers must be sought on the day by the parents of children who do not wish them to go down to the start unaccompanied. The organisers will then make suitable arrangements.

(d) Ponies, if led, must start at the back of the field and will be required to be at the Start at the appointed time.

(iv) An Official representative shall attend the Start to assist the Starter.

(v) 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.

(vi) The Ponies must be started by the Official Starter, or the authorised substitute, and all races shall be started by Flag with a Advance Flag Operator / recall man.

(vii) After the Starter has called out the names of the runners he shall give all orders necessary for securing as fair a 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.

(viii) 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”.

(ix) Should the Starter consider that through any cause a Pony is or will be unable to start at the appointed time or 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.

**(x) 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 and/or attendant 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 and any form of misconduct may result in the deduction of points to the Pony and Rider. 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 or their connections.**

(xi) (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.

(xii) The Starter’s decision on all matters covered by Regulation 76 (i) - (xi) (a) – (e) shall be final.

**77 (i) It is the Owner’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 prior permission of the Starter.**

**Misconduct at the start is an offence under the Pony Racing Regulations and the Starter shall report to the Stewards and Officials any person whom they consider to have been guilty of misconduct at the start or who has refused to obey the commands of the Starter. A deduction of points to their associated Pony and Rider may also be imposed.**

(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 guilty of an offence.

### **DISQUALIFICATION OF PONIES**

- 78 Where a Pony has been the subject of an examination and the result of an Analysis of any Sample is positive, the Pony and Rider shall be disqualified for the race in question. Furthermore the Owner shall be guilty of an offence and will be required to pay a mandatory fine of £250 to The PRA.
- 79 A Pony shall be disqualified from its race on account of its Rider carrying the incorrect weight or not weighing in, taking the wrong course or through dangerous riding.
- 80 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 49(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 10-20.

## **RIDING OFFENCES**

**81 (i) When a Pony or its Rider has caused interference**

**(a) By dangerous riding (81)(iv)(1) in any part of a race the Pony shall be disqualified on the day**

**(b) By careless (81)(iv)(2) or improper riding (81)(iv)(3) 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, improper riding or unseemly behaviour 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 PRA Board 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, improper riding or unseemly behaviour (for the avoidance of doubt the reference to unseemly behaviour extends to a person attending a PRA race meeting) they may be referred to The PRA Board. 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.

**4) Unseemly behaviour – when in the opinion of the PRA Steward or an Official Representative a Rider or their connections have been rude, aggressive, disrespectful or disobedient to fellow competitors or organisers or who has behaved in an aggressive or unfair manner to their Pony**

(v) No child may be mounted on a Pony other than in the Parade Ring before the race and during the race itself. Failure to comply may result with immediate disqualification.

### **FAILURE TO OBTAIN THE BEST POSSIBLE PLACING**

- 82 (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 80(i) may 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**

- 83 (i) Any Objection to a Pony Race must be lodged on the day to the Official representative with a £50 deposit and submitted in writing within 72 hours of the event to The Pony Racing Authority 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.
- 84 Any objection drawn to the Official representative's attention on the day shall be dealt with on the day by the Stewards and/or Official representative in attendance and where necessary referred to The PRA Board.

### **APPEALS**

- 85 Any Owner or Rider of a Pony in a race the subject of an objection shall be entitled to appeal to The PRA Board once the outcome of the objection has been announced.
- 86 The appellant shall lodge a Notice of Appeal with The PRA Board within seven days. On all occasions when an Appeal is lodged a non-refundable deposit shall be made at the same time of £250.**
- 87 (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

Pony Racing Authority such written evidence and representation as they wish to be considered. The PRA Board may request the Stewards and Officials whose decision is subject to appeal to submit written evidence.

(iii) The Appeal shall be considered by The PRA Board and the appellant may or may not be required to be present.

### **PROHIBITED PRACTICES AND DISQUALIFICATION OF PERSON**

- 88 Any person who has been declared a British Horseracing Authority disqualified person shall be prevented from taking part in PRA events.
- 89 A person disqualified under the PRA Regulations may not necessarily become a British Horseracing Authority disqualified person.
- 90 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 British Horseracing Authority Rule (A) (27)), 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.
- 91 Any person may be declared a disqualified person or otherwise penalised who:

- (i) Gives, 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. And any such act shall constitute a breach of these Regulations.

**(vi) In the opinion of The PRA Board contravenes Regulation 81(iv)(4)**

92 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 may be declared a PRA disqualified person for a period of twelve months.

**93 A British Horseracing Authority or PRA disqualified person, so long as their disqualification continues, shall not enter, run, train, own 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

**“British Horseracing Authority” (BHA)** is the style under which the British Horseracing Board will govern and regulate horseracing from the Appointed Day pending and/or after a change of its name to British Horseracing Authority Limited, and consequently British Horseracing Authority means the entity incorporated under the Companies Act and registered under registration number 2813358.

**“Combination”** is the Pony and Rider together

**“Competent Combination”** is a Pony suitable to the rider’s ability, experience and confidence on the day of the race that is not putting at risk its rider, or others, nor causing an unacceptable delay to the Pony Race.

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

**“Joint Measurement Board Ltd”** is a national scheme for the measurement of horses and ponies for the purpose of description and classification of such horses and ponies for competition.

**“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.

**“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 PRA Regulations.

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

**“Medical Record & Achievement Book”** is the booklet containing information relating to the Riders health and any falls whilst Pony Racing.

**“Microchip”** means a microchip approved by the JMB Ltd.

**“Nominated Representative”** is the adult appointed by the parent / legal guardian wholly responsible for their child on the day of the race.

**“Novice Rider”** is a person who, up until the 1st January 2010 has not ridden a total of no more than three winners in any recognised pony race.

**“Official”** includes where the context allows all Officials of the Pony Racing Authority and British Horseracing Authority in connection with the business of Pony Racing.

**“Organisers”** are the individuals responsible for running the raceday and Pony Races.

**“Owner”** is the individual named as the Owner on the Pony Registration Certificate (PRC) lodged with the Chief PRA Steward.

**“Passport”** is the approved diagrammatic document of identity of a Pony issued by a recognised Vet and must

include the Pony's official name, year of foaling, markings, vaccinations and medication.

**“Point-to-Point Authority”** is a limited company incorporated in England and Wales and to whom certain Point-to-Point administrative functions have been formally delegated by the British Horseracing Authority within its powers.

**“Pony”** includes a mare or gelding aged 5 to 20 years measuring 148cm & Under.

**“Pony Race”** 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 9-15 years and as a governing body to provide orders, rules and regulations for the organisation of Pony Racing generally.

**“Pony Registration Certificate (PRC)”** is the documentation held by the Chief PRA Steward detailing each Pony and its registered Owner.

**“Pony Racing Season”** runs from 1st January until 30<sup>th</sup> December of the current year.

**“PRA Board”** are the people appointed by The PRA and British Horseracing Authority to manage and supervise Pony Racing.

**“PRA Steward”** is the person appointed by The PRA Board oversee the running of Pony Racing.

**“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 British Horseracing Authority Schedule (C)6 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.

**“Responsible Adult”** is the adult who has been given authority by the parent / legal guardian to act on their behalf for the Rider on the day of the race.

**“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.

**“Surcingle”** must be fastened by a leather strap and buckle.

**“Unruly Pony”** is any Pony that in the opinion of an Official representative or Racecourse Official is considered to pose a threat to the safety of any Rider or other individuals. For the avoidance of doubt this includes any Pony that rears, kicks out, bolts, panics, is reluctant or generally unruly at any time whilst on the host venue.

**“Valid Joint Measurement Board (JMB) Height Certificate”** is a Certificate that has been issued by any official JMB Measurer that is dated in the current year. For the avoidance of doubt a Valid JMB Height Certificate must be dated 1st January 2010 onwards in order for the Pony to compete in 2010 Pony Races. For further information and clarification visit [www.thejmbonline.com](http://www.thejmbonline.com)

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